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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
320 East Hastings Street,
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11:00 A. M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1974

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

First Sunday of Advent

The Praise of God

Organ Prelude

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Hymn: 14 (668) "O sing a new song to the Lord

Prayer of Invocation

Unison Reading 753 Benedictus (Old Hymnary)

The Gloria

Quartet: "Fum, Fum, Fum"

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The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 21: 1-13

Hymn: 100 "O love, how deep! how broad! how high!"

Sermon: "Did He Come? Or Is He To Come?"

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Our Response to God's Word

Prayer

Soloist: Tom Mawson — COME THOU REDEEMER

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering - Dedication Prayer - Doxology

The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 395 (54 - Vs. 1,2,4,5) Tune: Richmond

Hark! the glad sound!"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

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WELCOME - We extend a sincere welcome to all who are visiting with us today. An informal Coffee Hour will be held immediately after both Services in the Gym-Hall, and all are invited.

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(B)

Organist
Harry Stothers

7:00 P. M.

EVENING BROADCAST ON CKWX
(Heard at 8:00 p. m.)

Organ Prelude
The Call to Worship
Hymn: 395 (54 Vs. 1,2,4,5) Tune: Richmond
"Hark! the glad sound! the Saviour comes"
Prayer of Invocation
Quartet: "Hark The Glad Sounds!"
The Reading from Scripture: Luke 1: 46-55
Soloist: Tom Mawson
Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)
Quartet: "How Far Is It To Bethlehem?"
Sermon: "Mary's Song Of Revolution"
Rev. Glen Baker
Prayer
Hymn: 177 (Tune: Duke Street) "Sing we a song"
Benediction and Choral Amen
Organ Chimes and Voluntary

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(Off the Air)

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church
Hymn: 107 "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine"
Blessing and Organ Postlude

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TODAY Rev. R. A. Burrows is preaching at Hastings United Church.

WALK IN TO SERVE

NEXT SUNDAY, December 8th, the Morning Service will be conducted by Rev. Bill Robinson. Rev. Roy Stobie will be preaching at the 7:00 p.m. Broadcast Service.

11:00 A. M. - FINNISH LANGUAGE SERVICE - Rev. O. Jokisaari

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PrayerOUR FATHER

Can you make our constant & recurring
battles worth while?

inner - ~~personal~~
outer - social

Can your spirit keep us faithful.

jobs
each other.

through Failures } we of others
Behaviors } They of us.

Can you connect us with your living
& active word?

especially { Principles & Powers
Nations.
Multi National combines & structures.

complexity of all of us.

- Specious remedies.

LIVING WORDS AT WORK

• It's YOUR WORLD - and we go about it
without connecting: -
WE BLINK ONCE - And are ~~Amazed~~ at how ^{we lay} ~~upheld~~ ^{been}

I suppose it is because the information
has never stuck.

But every time I got to preach during
Advent - I point out.

As if it was fresh news
How the early church seems to have
understood the meaning of the
Advent season.

The Early Church - accumulated
& then proclaimed Christian Calendar
- Dividing the year up into a cycle of festivals
and seasons, - Advent, Christmas
Epiphany - Pentecost Trinity. — SET Reading
ADVENT - STARTS OUT THE CHRISTIAN
YEAR

THING THAT I KEEP POINTING OUT.
FRESH NEWS. →

ADVENT SEASON - Selected as many Readings
which refer to X's Coming Again
as to the anticipation of his Nativity.

THINK OUT LOUD - WHY I DON'T FIND THIS
OBSERVATION TIRE SOME.

1. I like being surprised by the Christian calendar
— fine idea - one attempt to keep X's straight
instead of confused.

(a) Cycle - minimal practical Doctrines.

(b) Lectures & readings from Bible

Supposing we observed the Calendar

(2)

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ADVENT
4 weeks

Xmas
12 days

(2) Season of Preparation For Nativity - NOT NATIVITY

different purely commercial
social calendar - celebrate Xmas
for a month - before 25

→ advent for a month

Xmas for 12 days

appropriate - Nativity was all about

SURPRISED EVERYONE

Getting ready for a surprise

Supposing we observed the
WAY one calendar did

Confusion

(3) Incongruous - saying about season of ADVENT

- The way you get ready for
Christmas - is to celebrate

that Christ hasn't been born yet
ie. supposed to come in an Advent

- like A sonar hasn't been
borne

Perhaps the more appropriate
use of the Advent season - IS

the anticipation of his coming again
rather than his Nativity

Parasitoid theme - N.T. Xmas

Coming again
2nd coming

I grew up ignoring

years of ordained
ministry

Letters
Parables
Teaching of Jesus

same time

having the experience -

it thought I was saved the last time -
turned out I wasn't -

- well maybe I will be for real the
next time

family cycle - less seriously each time

Celebrating Advent.

Like Christmas never happened.

fruitless cycle. - This time maybe it
will stick →

N.T. Dreams for Luke.

a piece of my salvation has happened.
- about to happen again.

Deep & central element in the Historic Faith

Not just that: — MAGIC LINE ~~SAVED~~

✓ Never Happening without SIN.

✓ TOO MUCH TO EXPECT. →

✓ Wrong to promise it count on it.

✓ "Good that I would —
and that I wished I didn't —"
in Pauline Words; not set in position.

Before his conversion →
after his conversion no more of
this problem.

Constant = recurring Battle —

any & every victory — is by Grace.

✓ Identified Before & after his Conversion —
Before — zeal to be blameless

AFTER — gave that up

Xn - this is Sin Debt will
NOT remain.

But again - No old man around
just a sinner at some time.
Most justice - Do most damage.

Innocent - who thinks he can move without
sin - ~~summer~~ ~~that~~ I am
helping & saving. saving.

← This Understanding of Advent - makes.
All seasons one Advent Season
in the Xn life. →

About to meet senior again at any instant.

That's what will keep your soul.
