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WEST POINT GREY UNITED CHURCH
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1991 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to this living community of faith. Let this time of worship bring you a renewed sense of faith and hope.

Visitors are invited to sign the Guest Book in the narthex and to use a Visitor's Envelope found in the pew. As well, please remain for a social hour following worship.

GATHERING

Prelude - Christmas Suite S. Saxton
Announcements
Silent Prayer
Call to Worship

* Hymn of Praise: "Shepherds in the field abiding" ..H.B.#409

Invocation Prayer
Confession

Presider: Both in our self-seeking and in our hopefulness we are not very aware of how we impact on those around us.

ALL: GIVE US EARS TO HEAR WHAT WE SOUND LIKE TO OTHERS AND EYES TO SEE HOW WE APPEAR TO OTHERS. PENETRATE WITH THE LIGHT OF YOUR COUNTEenance INTO THE DEPTHS WHERE WE HIDE FROM OURSELVES.

(silence...)

Presider: Our institutions and systems do our sinning for us.

ALL: LIGHTEN OUR WAY AS WE SEARCH OUR LIVING FOR THE WAYS IN WHICH WE PLAY A PART IN THE CORRUPTATE SYSTEMS WHICH VIOLATE SOME WHILE BENEFITING OTHERS.

(silence...)

ALL: MERCIFUL GOD, WE STAND BEFORE YOU WITH OUR HEARTS OPENED, ALL OUR DESIRES KNOWN AND NONE OF OUR SECRETS HID. RECEIVE US.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy) S.G.P. #25
(* = congregation stands; H.B. = red Hymn Book; S.G.P. = green Songs for a Gospel People)

GOING FORTH

* Hymn: "Gentle Mary laid her child" H.B.#420
* Benediction
Amen

Postlude - Postlude on Adeste Fideles E. Thiman

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Next Sunday, January 5, 1992,
10:30 a.m. Wesley's Covenanting Service for the New Year and Service of Communion
Douglas Bacon and Elizabeth Hart.

Wednesday, January 8, 1992,
7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Official Board in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday, January 12, 1992,
10:30 a.m. Worship - Dr. Bacon, preaching
Following the service you are invited to remain for a showing of a video on the Native Land Claims Issue. A light lunch will be served.

Robert Bly's "Iron John" will be the subject of a 7 week Study Group for men, January 16 through February 27, 1992. If interested, please contact Dr. Douglas Bacon or add your name to the list posted in the Fellowship Room. Copies of Robert Bly's book are available from the Church Office at \$25.95 per copy.

Women's Spiritual Quest at Kwomais Camp. Two identical week-ends offered for your convenience. January 31, February 1, and 2 or February 14, 15, 16. Marion Best is this year's facilitator. Registration - Kathy Booth, 535-0723; cost, \$75.00. Please see the notice on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room.

SOCIAL HOUR - We invite all to remain for refreshments in the Fellowship Room following worship. Our hostesses this morning are Eleanor Reid and Grace Boyle.

Call to Worship

5th day of Christmas Dec 29 1991

DRAW near to God and God will draw near to you
 Let us begin by asking Those Bethlehem shepherds
 to tell us their story - Hymn NO 409

Invocation

God of all

We keep asking the Shepherds to repeat their story
 It's familiar enough, but WE NEED CONVINING
 We will need convincing through all 12 days
 of Christmas. Even in our best state we are
 underconvinced

Dear God it's YOUR story we need to
 hear and over again, RIGHT NOW
 and we need to hear it from you
 - It will take that to convince us
 - it will take that for us to get it right.

Come Lord Jesus. Amen

ABSOLUTION

God loves the world!

God chose to participate in the world
 not to condemn the world

But in order to save it.

Praise be to God - Hallelujah

Children

Let's think of what it must have been like
 he joins Mother.

Stephens turned up in the stable
 where she had given birth, and from home
 to her first born son.

Babette to engage

While in the fields keeps watch over the sheep
 visits / Glogg Hall -

Temple the - ~~that~~

Told not to be afraid and

Treasured those steps they in her heart.

Tendered them →

8 days old → Temple

old man - I can do now

- falls rising again again ~~up~~

- sword stone goes back

12. How could you do this to me

Babette's power -

Pugly boy.

Man - travelling Teacher -

Interest for while - ~~that~~ saw him

He is crazy - ~~successful~~ people want to hear him

Mother & brother meet to?

whipped →

Executed → watched -

Did all these things

all this happened to him.

Part of the God

had
 to
 meet
 a
 dog
 and
 a
 boy

* I would appear, that in selecting lessons for this Sunday, the lecturing system broke down.

The Gospel Lesson is the only one that seems to follow in sequence of Gospel Lessons

The lesson from Hobbes scripture looks like it got picked - because it contains a description of that nice boy Samuel in terms very similar to the ones used by the Gospel writer to describe that nice boy Jesus.
→ Christ's goal for character building of youth

The psalm looks like it got picked because it is an example of that nice kind of worship that is urged upon that nice congregation in the psalm.
→ all praise of God for His goodness

Of all the lessons, only the Gospel contains a hint that everything is not nice.

→ The mother of the fig leaves - is given such a time by her unique predicament.
→ the complaint "How can you do this to us?"

→ Thanks look different, & much more characteristic of the Bible writers, when you probe around on either side of the other lessons.

→ reason for Samuel's anointing - ~~even a boy~~ Eli's son

For all the power in the world

and his line → His sons are worthless

Psalm before - ~~Samuel of the King~~ → ~~into the King's footstool~~

" after → ~~children~~ → ~~children~~ → ~~children~~

the house of the righteous - they shall endure forever - The wicked shall see & be angry

Colossians: ~ Roman writer in congregation is
 best to face of the dark powers & power
 that seem to be in control of life in this world
 That VERY THING

BIBLE FOR YOU

Unique & intentional characteristic
 of the Bible.

Claims to be Story of Salvation

Writes history in like it was the scene of DELIVERANCE
 Ideal ~ Re-interpret The Nation's Past ~ ^{points} to the story
 Deliverance in the world

- Same Time - Doesn't clean it up.
 Make it look real.

→ SUMMARY

Story of the Message - Christmas Time

documented God entered into our history to deliver us
 - when a look at our history would now
 prompt you to guess it had anything to do
 with deliverance

In spite of

Pat Hordack ~ new fall work had

fact - ~~the fall work had~~ - that's human
 nature

Nature of Biblical Faith - God Does - Here is Deliverance
 - in Truth of ~~conscience~~

illumination language for old Biblical Faith & about
 COURAGE → NOT + no fear

NOT - ~~not a~~ ^{clear for you} ~~not a~~ ^{clear for you} ~~not a~~ ^{clear for you}
 → embrace it as you →

II Proclaims Deliverance

Nature of The Deliverance - not recognized

was it what we expected

stone builders rejected -

King nobody wanted

→ Had to understand - defeat - deliverance

Not just for me

not just for me

human race generally

you and I ->

- Don't see DELIVERANCE in our hearts

→ Body work is not recognized as such

- exp! - cause for sin

Body not delivered

- Faith - Bear one another

3 - not good man

3 - responsible for

III Strong composed

Notes -> Deliverance not just for us
Deliverance - ~~not just for us~~ ^{not just for us} ^{not just for us}

Turn to our roots

" - each other

catch a glimpse
of that deliverance

Roots; - Samuel - Ex Jesus

David's time - Moses lyrics - model for us

Look to

→ Broken imperfect history was

witness in God who justifies.

To each other in our struggle

pure of simple loving - ~~compassion~~ ^{change}

witness - God who justifies -

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Search of

A.A. →

Hogman ->

Push to the Fore - more long more neglecting than others $\rightarrow$ put the world right

Run to the Fray ~~+~~ witness to the fool

to be responsible for

Badly justified !!

Get Laurel
1/2 Laurel
1/2 Laurel

not known before have $\rightarrow$ specific just
solution is $\rightarrow$

space, to be that ~~that~~ Follow call to where I really is at
(Met) there with what's just,

Don Reinhart & Carl Wd.

Shrimp bucket path we would ~~swim~~ ~~take~~ as we would

→ means verbal Proof of Christ reveals us

~~over to south~~ - we receive the parcel of
rotate around from each side.

~~207~~

No other route

whereas the Power of Christ can reach any body.

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Thanksgiving

Gracious God - we know it's right to give you
thanks and praise.

The creation of the universe and our ^{relationship} ~~relationship~~ with it
is ~~so perfectly~~ ~~amazingly~~ ~~marvelous~~ one wonderful work.

Human consciousness is a ^{very} wonderful marvel

Life turns into a new creation when we are
grateful for it.

Nothing greater can happen to us than that
we are forgiven - For this on long & long I need
is freed of our sins and can bless us.

Depart not from us until you have
given us grateful hearts.

