

# DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Durham, North Carolina

Robert W Bradshaw, Minister

E. Clifford Shoaf, Minister of Education

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MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 13, 1959

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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(Let the people kneel or bow in silent prayer upon entering the Sanctuary)

THE PRELUDE Christmas Medley

Shackley

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

Ancient Plain Song

(The congregation will rise when the choir stands for the Call to Worship)

HYMN 87 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Henry Smart

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

THE ANTHEM "Lay down Your Staffs, O Shepherds"

Old French Carol

The Junior Choir

Lay down your staffs, O Shepherds, Leave your sheep! From hamlets come, your flocks will quiet keep, Come weep no more; your souls with joy renew. Come, hasten to adore the Christ, The Christ who comes to comfort you.

There you will see Him lying in a stable, An infant poor And languishing and feeble; O wondrous love of Him, our faithful shepherd, Who comes that we might live! He is the faithful Shepherd.

THE RESPONSIVE READING "The Messiah"

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(Let the people stand immediately for the Reading)

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE READING I John 4:1-9

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Gloria In Excelsis"

Lorence Jolley

Arr. by Lara Hoggard

The Combined Choirs

Gloria in excelsis Deo Now sing we Gloria in excelsis Deo!

All praise to Thee, eternal Lord, Clothed in a garb of flesh and blood, Who chose a manger for Thy throne, While worlds on worlds are Thine alone.

O Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo.

A little Child, Thou art our guest, That weary souls may find their rest. Forlorn and lonely is Thy Birth, That we may rise to Heav'n from earth, Thou comest in the darksome night, To make us children of the Light, To make us in the realms divine Like Thine own angels 'round Thee shine.

Gloria! in excelsis Deo! Gloria, now sing we Gloria in excelsis Deo!

All this for us Thy love hath done, By this to Thee our love is won, For this we tune our cheerful lays, And sing our thanks in ceaseless praise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 107 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

A Spring Carol

Arr by Ernest MacMillan

THE SERMON "Shepherds versus Herods"

The Minister

THE CLOSING PRAYER

HYMN 106 "Silent Night" (Verses 1, 2, and 3)

Franz Gruber

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE Noel Polonais

Ancient Polish Christmas Carol

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Mrs. James H. Semans has given the Altar Flowers in memory of Dr. Josiah Charles Trent.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dieffenderfer and their son, Paul Leonard, 1403 Norton Street, who were received into the fellowship of Duke Memorial Church last Sunday. They come to us by transfer from First Methodist Church, Lexington, N C.

## OUR CHOIRS

One of the things that adds so much to the joy of the Christmas Season is Christmas music. We are very grateful to the leaders and members of the choirs of the church for the special Christmas numbers they bring to us today.

## JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir will not rehearse again until Thursday, January 7th.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT DUKE CHAPEL

This evening at 8 o'clock the Christmas Pageant will be presented at Duke Chapel. This pageant, written by Dr H. E. Spence, one of our own church family, for many years has been a special feature of the Christmas season for the University and for the entire community. After an interruption of two years, it is being resumed this year and our congregation is invited to witness the pageant and receive the blessing and inspiration it affords.

## NO EVENING SERVICE

We will not have the evening service in our church this evening in order that our members may enjoy the Christmas Pageant being presented this evening in Duke Chapel. The service there will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Mr. D. L. Mangum

December 7, 1959

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## YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

The Senior MYF will meet at 5:30 for their fellowship supper and recreation. The program will include a presentation of Christmas customs and carol singing.

The Junior High MYF will meet at 5:30 for supper and a program using a film on the Christian aspects of group living.

Rehearsal of the Christmas play will be conducted this afternoon. Members of the stage and lighting crew should attend.

## CHRISTMAS PLAY TO BE PRESENTED

On Next Sunday night, December 20, the Senior MYF will present their annual Christmas play entitled "A Stranger in Bethlehem" The program will begin at 7:30 and following the play a special Christmas Open House social will be conducted by the Church Social Committee for our whole congregation.

## FIRST GRADE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PROJECT

A Christmas party is being held for the boys and girls of the First Grade Church School Class and their parents on Friday afternoon at 3:30. Each boy and girl is asked to bring a toy to be given to the Optimist Club for distribution to deserving children during this Christmas Season.

## LEADERSHIP COURSE PLANNED

The Leadership Committee has planned for the training course to be held this year on Sunday morning during the regular church school hour rather than on Sunday night. The course will begin on January 17 and continue through May 29. Designed to develop leaders for all phases of our church work, the course will include opportunities developing the skills of leadership as well as knowledge of our Christian faith, insights in group behavior, a survey of Christian education, and opportunity for apprentice study.

## OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- Monday:**
- 3:00 p.m. Circle 6 will meet at the home of Mrs. C. F. Clark, Jr., 2305 Woodrow Street, with Mrs. C. T. Byerly, Jr. associate.
  - 3:00 p.m. Circle 11 will meet with Mrs. James Cannon, III, #1 Rollins Apartments, 803 Lancaster Street.
  - 3:30 p.m. Circle 10 will meet at the home of Mrs. T. E. Allen, Jr., 916 Englewood Avenue, with Mrs. J. B. Cliff associate.
  - 6:00 p.m. Lillie Duke Class Christmas supper and party at the Church
  - 6:30 p.m. The Wilson-Bradshaw Circle will meet with Misses Dorothy and Elizabeth Wilson, 2205 Englewood Avenue.
- Tuesday:**
- 12:30 p.m. Circle 12 will meet at the Country Inn for a Christmas luncheon. Mrs. Frank M. Irwin and Mrs. W. J. Griffith, Jr., are in charge of arrangements.
  - 6:30 p.m. Katie Johnson Class Christmas supper at the Church
- Wednesday:**
- 6:30 p.m. Commission on Stewardship and Finance supper meeting at the Church
  - 6:30 p.m. The Sarah Parker Circle will meet with Miss Charlotte Corbin, 403 West Chapel Hill Street, for a covered dish supper.
  - 7:30 p.m. Scout Council meeting
  - 7:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting—Church Parlor
  - 8:00 p.m. The Smith-Angier Circle will meet with Mrs. C. R. Jones, 1005 North Duke Street, with Miss Pearlene McJunkin associate.
- Thursday:**
- 7:00 p.m. Scouts
  - 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Practice
  - 7:30 p.m. Gleaner Class Christmas party—Church Parlor