

Duke Memorial Methodist Church

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

ROBERT W. BRADSHAW, Minister W. WARREN BISHOP, Associate Minister

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

THE PRELUDE

"Noel"

D'Aquin

On "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Bach

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Bach

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

THE HYMN 86

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

THE BAPTISMAL SERVICE

THE ANTHEM

"Jesus, Holy Child"

Schroth

Mrs. Toyce Whisnant, alto

Jesus, holy Child, now rest your head on the lowly manger bed, Mary watch is keeping o'er your sleep in the place where oxen fed. On this holy night the stars are bright all the heavens are aglow, And the angel song comes down to earth telling of our Saviour's birth. Oh, Thou Son of God in manger low, Thou our blessings dost bestow, Bring us joy and health and peace and rest, Guide us as thru life we go. May we always true and faithful be, Take our hearts make them Thy home, Lead us onward 'till we heaven see, there to live eternally.

THE RESPONSIVE READING

"The Benedictus"

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(Let the people stand immediately for the Reading)

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6: 19-23

"Come, Shepherds"

Bingham

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Virgin's Plaint"

Lovelace

Tesu, sweet son dear! On sorry bed liest thou here, And that me grieveth sore. For thy cradle is as a bier, Ox and ass friend thee here; Weep I more therefore. Jesu, sweet, be not wroth; Thou hast neither coat nor cloth Thee on for to fold, nor wrap, And I have naught but swaddling clothes; But lay thou thy head upon my breast, And keep Thee from the cold.

THE DOXOLOGY

THE HYMN 100

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Redner

THE SERMON

"Into My Heart"

The Minister

THE CLOSING PRAYER

THE HYMN 106

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Gruber

THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

THE POSTLUDE

"Bells"

Langlais

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given in memory of the Reverend and Mrs. Michael Bradshaw by the members of their family.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The ministers and members of Duke Memorial Church extend sincere sympathy to:

Mrs. Jesse Cole, Mrs. V. A. Cole, Mrs. Frank Haywood in the death

of their stepmother;

Mrs. A. V. Cole, Miss Elizabeth Whitaker in the death of their sister; Mrs. W. H. Teer, Miss Mozella Vestal, Mrs. W. F. Strayhorn in the death of their sister;

Mr. G. C. Walpole, Jr., in the death of his mother.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered last Sunday morning to Louise Copeland Marlowe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James M. Marlowe, 2407 Alpine Road.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of Duke Memorial Church the following new members:

Mr. Charles Browning, 1305 Leon Street, Apt. F, from Trinity Methodist

Church, Durham

Dr. and Mrs. James M. Marlowe, 2407 Alpine Road — he from Walstonburg Christian Church, Walstonburg, N. C.; she from Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, N. C.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

We invite all to share in the Communion Service Thursday evening, Christmas Eve, at 10 o'clock. After we have finished all our tasks connected with the physical preparation for Christmas, it could be a very rewarding experience to come to the House of God and here in quietness and reverence have our spirits renewed in the observance of the Sacrament of our Lord's Supper as a fitting spiritual preparation for Christmas Day.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

Student Recognition Day will be observed at our morning worship hour next Sunday. Several of our young people will participate in the service. We hope all our young people will make a special effort to attend.

NO MID-WEEK SERVICE

There will be no Prayer Meeting Service this week.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday of next week.

MY CHRISTMAS WISH Henry Van Dyke

"I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness and tomorrow, because it shall be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness; and so on clear through the year. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away; or because both of us may be very busy; or perhaps I may not be able to pay the postage on so many letters or to find the time to write them. But that makes no difference. The thought and the wish will be here just the same. In my work and in the business of life I mean to try not to be unfair to you or to injure you in any way. In my pleasure, if we can be together, I would like to share the fun with you. Whatever joy or success comes to you will make me glad. Without pretense and in plain words, good will to you is what I mean, in the spirit of Christmas."

In these words of Henry Van Dyke I would express my wish for you at this Christmas Season as I do each Christmas. And the heart of it all is simply that I want you to know that every day in the year I am feeling the interest and concern and love that I am seeking to express in this message today.

I have only one goal in life: to help bring into the lives of the people I have the privilege of serving that which will make their lives rich and full and complete. I am sure this can be done only by trying to bring the Spirit of Jesus into your heart and life. It is my Wish — and my Hope and Prayer — that that Spirit may be more a part of you than ever before.

To all of you: A Real — Happy — Meaningful Christmas! A Christmas with Christ at the Center!

Robert W. Bradshaw

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE — OPEN HOUSE

This afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the church Sanctuary the Primary, Junior, Junior High, Senior High, and Adult Choirs will present a service of carols, anthems, and Scriptures. Friends and members of the church are invited to the service and to the annual Christmas Open House which will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Carol Service.

UPPER ROOM

Copies of the January-February issue of the "Upper Room" are now available from the literature racks in the vestibule.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

The Methodist Youth Fellowships will not meet tonight, but will participate in the Candlelight Service and Open House following that Service. Every young person is invited to be a part of this special Christmas observance in our Church.

CHRISTMAS MEETING FOR CIRCLE 3

Circle 3 will have their Christmas Meeting on Monday, December 21, at 3 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Charles Jordan, 615 West Campus Drive. Mrs. James Cannon is Chairman of this Circle.