And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
December 21, 1975

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Fourth Sunday in Advent

Tower Bells
The Singing of Christmas Carols by the Choirs and Congregation
   Carol 385  What Child Is This?
   Carol 391  Good Christian Men, Rejoice
   Prelude on O Little Town of Bethlehem
   Carol 381  O Little Town of Bethlehem
   Carol 374  Angels We Have Heard On High

GOD CALLS US: Let Us Adore Him
*The Call to Worship  Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella
                               Kay Hammond, Barbara Penick, Gerry Boy
*The Invocation

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*The Hymn of Adoration, No. 386  O Come, All Ye Faithful  Tune: Adeste Fideles
The Lighting of the Candles of the Advent Wreath

GOD CALLS US: Let Us Take Our Needs To Him
The Prayer of Confession (In unison)
   Most merciful God, at this season of thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus Christ, we marvel at Your great love for us. Instead of condemnation for our sins, You have been pleased to send One to deliver us. We therefore confess our sin, our sins and our guilt, not in expectation of condemnation but in confidence of pardon in Your abundant mercy and grace. Deliver us, O Lord, from ourselves into the blessedness You have prepared for us in Jesus Christ in Whose Name we pray.  Amen.
The Silence for Self-Examination and Reflection
The Assurance of Forgiveness
The Lord's Prayer

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The Solo  The Virgin's Slumber Song
   Sarah McCracken, soprano
*The Psalter
*The Gloria Patri
*The Affirmation of Faith
   The Nicene Creed
*The Pastoral Prayer
*The Offertory
   Glory To The Heavenly King, Alleluia!
*The Presentation of the Offering
   Concerns of the Congregation
The Anthem  Carol Of The Shepherds

GOD SPEAKS: Let Us Listen
The Reading of the Gospel for the Day
   St. John 1:19-28
The Sermon  "This Is The Hour"
   Mr. Smith

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD: Let Us Dedicate Ourselves
*The Hymn of Dedication, No. 393  Silent Night  Tune: Stille Nacht
*The Benediction
*The Choral Response
   Hallelujah Chorus

*Congregation standing
**Ushers may seat worshippers
The Congregation and Friends of Duke Memorial Church are warmly invited to an evening of drama and fellowship when our youth members present

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
by Charles Dickens

Sunday, December 21
7:00 p.m.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of the Reverend and Mrs. Michael Bradshaw, the Reverend Robert W. Bradshaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bradshaw, Jr. by members of the family.

Greeting you today are Mr. and Mrs. William B. Guyer.

Our Acolytes this morning are Tripp Reade and Andrew Shoaf.

Appreciation is expressed to Mrs. Betty Johnson for the beautiful bulletin cover design being used today.

Gifts have been made to the Scholarship Fund of Duke Memorial Church as follows:

In loving memory of Mr. Charles Henry Cheuming, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. S. Carter Ligon, Charlotte, N. C.

In loving memory of Mr. Kenneth E. Henderson by Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Burton.

Sympathy: The pastors and congregation extend Christian sympathy to Mrs. Norwood A. Thomas, Jr. in the recent death of her father, Douglas Styron.

Circle 3 will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 22, in the home of Mrs. Thomas A. Langford, 2002 Dartmouth Drive, for coffee and cookies.

Anchor Class Programs
December 21—All members are reminded to come for a Christmas social period with special music and refreshments.

December 28—NO CLASS MEETING
January 1976—Dr. David Bradley will start a new series on the study of Genesis.

The Church Bulletin will not be mailed the week prior to 28 December in accordance with long-standing custom of this congregation.

The Church Office will be open on the usual schedule except for Christmas Eve afternoon, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. During the holiday season for any needs that arise, please telephone Mr. Smith, 489-2210; Mr. Wallace, 383-4542; or Mrs. Massey, 489-5179.

A Joyful and Blessed Christmas
To You from
Your Church Staff

Edward F. Smith
Robert L. Wallace
Margaret Anne Biddle
Melba P. Bartholomew
Ruth S. Phelps
Lois L. Fowler
Virginia H. Massey
Frannie Schmitt
Nonie McNair
Sidney Gunn
James Harris

Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall our church family will gather for a Family Worship of Scripture, carols and candle lighting. There is a place for persons of every age, from tiny infant to our oldest members. This is an informal service of joy and thanksgiving. Plan to share in it.

Sunday, 28 December will be observed as Student Recognition Day at Duke Memorial. Five of our college students will share in leadership roles in the morning worship service. They are our youth! Meet them here!
A Gift in memory of Douglas Styron, father of Mrs. Norwood Thomas, Jr., has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Thomas, Sr.

Picture Orders: If you have any problems with your picture order, please call the church office and report it. We have been calling the Company collect, and they have been most cordial in correcting mistakes.

Our Known Hospital Sick to be remembered in your prayers:
- Watts Hospital
- Mrs. Mary Ervin, I-102
- E. N. Denbo, K-302
- Miss Marie Ragland, G-101
- Mrs. Minnie Speight, K-317
- Lawrence Aydlett, R-405

Methodist College Scholarships: On Saturdays, February 7 and 14, Methodist College will sponsor Scholarship Competition for High School Seniors who are interested in applying to Methodist College. Approximately 45 scholarships are available in addition to grants, loans and campus work-study opportunities. Application forms for taking the Scholarship Examination at Methodist College are available in the church office, as well as the current catalogue describing programs of study, facilities, costs, etc.

News from Week Day School: Our music teacher, Robin Kramer, has been playing the church bells each Wednesday at noon. She had taken one of her classes up to the loft to ring the bells when Mr. Hoyle happened in, recognized her talent, and enlisted her services. Robin is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, yet shares her time and talents with our church. We are most grateful to her.

Youth/Young Adult Christian Arts Seminar to New York City, Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 1976. The purposes of this exciting new program offered in our Conference are: to help youth and young adults become better acquainted with American theatre in its several varieties; and to explore contemporary drama and art for ways it can reflect a Christian conscience. All twelfth graders and young adults (ages 18-30) are eligible to attend. Registration deadline is January 15. Please contact Margaret Anne if you are interested in participating.

Calendar for the Week of December 21-27

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