

Scripture—Luke 2:1-14



Ordered to Bethlehem for taxing and census purposes, Joseph and Mary make the long journey from Nazareth. There, in a stable, Mary gives birth to the Christ Child.—Luke 2:1-7. Angel's announce the birth to shepherds in the fields, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:8-14. After the angels leave, the shepherds go to Bethlehem in search for the Child. They worship Him and spread abroad all they have seen and heard.—Luke 2:15-20.

MEMORY VERSE—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

CHRISTMAS SIGNIFICANT

Greatest Revelation Of Power

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By R.H. RAMSEY
Christmas is different from the other seasons of the year in that it marks the coming of God into the world in a peculiar, particular, gloriously exalted fashion. God came into the world as the climax of a revelation which had begun centuries before. God came into the world for a purpose, to prepare His people for their eternal destiny. Nothing is more significant to Christians than this. Just as Easter is God's greatest revelation of His power, Christmas is His greatest revelation of His purpose.

occurred when Caesar Augustus was emperor and cyrenus (Publius Sulpicius Quirinius) was governor of Syria. Inasmuch as Cyrenus was the regular governor of Syria for just one year, following the death of Archelaus, it becomes established that Jesus was born in B.C. 5.

The taxation referred to in verse 1 was enforced throughout the Roman Empire, once every seven years, at which time families returned to the towns of their ancestors to pay whatever taxes were due and to be recorded in the census taken at the same time.

Mary and Joseph went from Nazareth to Bethlehem, for both were of the house and lineage of David. Seven hundred years previously, Micah had prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Had Mary become pregnant a few months earlier, the Babe would have been born in Nazareth before the journey to Bethlehem; likewise, had she become pregnant a few months later, they would have already returned to Nazareth, where the Child would have been born.

Also in Luke's Gospel we have the only account of the visit of the shepherds. Because they probably could neither read nor write, and knew little of the Messianic prophecies, they could only have been informed of the birth of Jesus by the sudden and direct announcement of the angels.

How frightened they must have been, this small group of men alone in the fields with their flocks as they had been for innumerable previous nights, to be suddenly surrounded by a brilliant, heavenly light and confronted by an angel! The message was announced as one of great joy for all the people—fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 52:7 and 61:1.

Naturally, the shepherds were frightened. And the angel had to reassure them before they could pay attention to the greater message he was about to give them: "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."

The titles of the Infant tell something of the wonder of the birth, but do not unfold its overwhelming mystery. The Child is to be the deliverer from all evil, sin and sorrow. He is the fulfiller of prophecy, the consummate flower of ancient revelation.

"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." This is the great Christmas message, the message of peace and good will—peace between neighbors and nations, good will toward those whom we know intimately as well as those total strangers in the uttermost corners of the earth.

When the angels had gone, the shepherds did not step to reason or debate among themselves: their response was immediate. They did as they had been commanded, leaving the sheep and going in search of the Holy Infant.

After finding the Baby Jesus, the shepherds told all and sundry what they had seen and heard. Mary, though she must have known great deal, said nothing, but kept her thoughts and wonderings to herself.

In accordance with the law of Moses, Jesus was circumcised and presented at the Temple at the proper times. At the Temple, they encountered the aged Sim-

eon and the prophetess, Anna, both of whom proclaimed the Baby as the long-awaited Messiah.

Hong Kong Christmas Different

Christmas in Hong Kong in many ways is different from a Canadian Christmas. Without snow and a long tradition of Santa Claus, the children still find much happiness.

The roof-top schools, where literally thousands of children are taught the 3 R's, also add religious, especially at Christmas. Many classes in these schools prepare a program of songs, skits and Bible readings for their parents and friends.

The Gospel stories of the birth of our Lord are rehearsed and re-enacted. The message of "peace and goodwill" echoes from many a platform.

Whether gifts are distributed as in many cases—or not, the reminder of God's greatest Gift, His Son, is paramount. "The Word became flesh, and we saw His glory." Jn. 1:14.

"The choirs sing, the bands play and the children act the Christmas story with enthusiasm," reports Don Kauffman from Hong Kong in the Missionary Outlook, "all for one purpose, to point men to the One who was born Saviour."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday, Dec. 28: Luke 2:1-20.
Monday, Dec. 29: Luke 2:21-28.
Tuesday, Dec. 30: Matthew 2:1-12.
Wednesday, Dec. 31: Matthew 2:13-23.
Thursday, Dec. 30: John 1:1-18.
Friday, Dec. 29: Psalm 126.
Saturday, Dec. 31: Psalm 96.

Convention Secretary Resigns

The resignation of Rev. Harry A. Renfree as General Secretary of the United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces to accept a call to serve as the Executive Minister of the Baptist Union of Western Canada was announced with regret following a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the former body. The effective date of the resignation is June 28, 1967.

Rev. Harry Renfree was born in Victoria, B.C., and took his early education at Victoria High School and Victoria College, following which he was employed for eight years with Simmons Limited as a cost accountant. During World War II, he served as an Auxiliary Services Supervisor with the YMCA.

In 1948 Mr. Renfree came to the Maritimes at the invitation of the Rev. Dr. G.C. Warren, then President of the Baptist Federation of Canada, and began study at Acadia University from which he graduated in 1949 with the B.A. degree and in 1951 with the B.D. degree.

PEACE DECLARED AT CHRISTMAS

"Peace on earth goodwill to men" is not just an idle sentiment. Even in the midst of man's war and strife peace has been declared. "Man's carnal mind is enmity against God" but Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, has come, and "made peace through the blood of his cross . . . to reconcile all things unto Himself." The messengers have gone forth "preaching peace by Jesus Christ, He is Lord of all."

Some have repented of their sin and put their faith in Him as Lord and Saviour and now enjoy peace. "And you that were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet how hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you . . . unapproachable in His sight." "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

As an ambassador of Jesus Christ we beseech you in Christ's stead (if not already reconciled) be ye reconciled to God, "and peace shall be yours this Christmas season and forevermore."

Read Luke 1:7-9 and 2:14; Romans 8:7; Colossians 2:13-15; Ephesians 2:11-17; Acts 10:34-43; Romans 3:17.
Hear the Word of God each Sunday evening in the Montague Bible Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

U.S. Sending Grain To India

WASHINGTON (AP)—A high U.S. government source has reported the United States is making an immediate allocation of 500,000 tons of grain to India. This grain will be shipped for

arrival during the months of February and early March. The government official said that in the meantime the administration will consult with congressional leaders regarding future allocations of grain to hunger-plagued India. The official said that this country's latest allocation, combined with supplies obtained by

India from other countries, will assure the receipt in that country of around 1,000,000 tons a month during January and February.

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY KIRKCALDY, Scotland (CP)—A motorist who evaded pay-

ing his half-crown (35-cent) toll on the new road bridge over the River Forth in March, 1966, found the bridge operators are even canner. They sued Ian Nairn for the half-crown and were awarded it in court eight months after he crossed the bridge.

The Salvation Army

Cor. Prince and Filzroy Street
Capt. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson
(Carps Officers)

SUNDAY SERVICES—
11:00 a.m.—7 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
WEEKDAY SERVICES—
Tuesday—8:00 p.m.—Home League (Public Meeting for Women)
Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Band Practice
8:00 p.m.—Songster Practice
Thursday, Dec. 22nd—7:30 p.m.
Sunday School Christmas Concert
Thursday—8:00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting
"You Are Welcome To Worship With Us"

SHERWOOD - PARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall
Maple Avenue
The Rev. Ian C. Glass, B.A., B.D., Minister
11:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Family Service
Sermon: "EMMANUEL—GOD WITH US"
The children will present White Gifts
Guest Soloist: Miss Elaine Bryanton
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

25 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service and Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
Speaker: James A. Blair, B.Sc., M.Th.
"The Old Book . . . the New Birth . . . the Precious Blood . . . the Blessed Hope"

Christian Reformed Church

135 St. Edward Road
(The first church in Sherwood)
Rev. M. Dornbach, Minister (Phone 4-4211)
10:00 a.m.—"HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED JESUS"
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School
2:30 p.m.—"Thanks be to God for His unsearchable gift"
2:00 p.m.—Monday—Children's Christmas Concert
Everyone is welcome.

Sherwood Church of Christ

(Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School)
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
Nursery through Adult class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
Sermon: "THE SON OF GOD CAME FORTH"
Presiding: Mr. W. A. MacRae
2:30 p.m.—CFCY—"Where the Bible Speaks"—Broadcast of morning sermon.
WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

A Church-planting project

Central Christian Church, Charlottetown

Minister: Mr. K. T. Norris
Pastor: Mrs. Helen MacRae, A.R.C.M.

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Filzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Bowler, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Stagnell, Organist and Choir Director
11:00 a.m.—Christmas Family Service
"THE BETHLEHEM STORY"
Antiphons: "Sing Noel" (Old French)
There will be no Sunday School today.
7:00 p.m.—Christmas Play "Dress Rehearsal of the Angels" presented by Senior High Fellowship.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

(A Union of Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians)
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
(corner of Prince and Sydney Streets)
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.
Rev. Gerald G. Wyrraw, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mr. Joseph E. Herdman
11:00 a.m.—Nursery Care
11:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Family Service
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
(Rev. John G. E. Ball)
Duet: "Child in the Manger"—Gaelic Traditional
Melody—Heather and Margaret Keizer
No Evening Service
"You Are Welcome To Worship With Us"

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH

25 Christie Drive, Parkdale
Rev. J. E. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. Leslie Nicoll—Organist and Director of Choirs
DECEMBER 24—
7:30 p.m.—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 25—
10:00 a.m.—CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
(Please note change in time)
—CHRISTMAS!
Sermon: "AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING"
Junior Choirs: "Oh! Beautiful The Sky" (William)
"O Saviour Sweet" (Dickinson)
Senior Choir: "Hail, O Morn of The King"
Judson
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Kirkwood Drive
Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis
Interim Organist: Mr. William Matthews
10:00 a.m.—Nursery Care
10:00 a.m.—Christmas Day Family Service
(Please note change in time)
—CHRISTMAS!
Sermon: "AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING"
Junior Choirs: "Oh! Beautiful The Sky" (William)
"O Saviour Sweet" (Dickinson)
Senior Choir: "Hail, O Morn of The King"
Judson
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

The Kirk of St. James

Presbyterian Church in Canada
Cor. Pownal & Filzroy
Founded 1853
Minister:
Rev. Malcolm A. McCuaig, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music:
Mrs. Hazel Heywood
ORGANIST
Miss Elizabeth Taylor
CHRISTMAS EVE
8:00 p.m.—CFCY Radio re-broadcast of carols and nine lessons.
CHRISTMAS DAY
11:00 a.m.—Christmas Family Service of carols and stories
You are invited to worship with us.

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.)
Minister: Rev. W. R. Underhay, B.C.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

CALVARY TEMPLE

PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA
Upper Prince Street
Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor
9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerdale station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
You will receive a warm welcome at Calvary Temple

Zion Presbyterian Church

Corner Prince and Graham Streets
The Reverend Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D.
Mr. Roydon F. Magford, A.R.C.M.
Organist and Director of Choirs
9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages.
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m. Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: "THE TRIPLE SIGN"
The Rev'd Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D.
Antiphons: Let Carols Ring, arr. Black, Swedish
7:00 p.m.—Service concluded for this week
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

Central Christian Church

219 Kent Street
MORNING—
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper
Sermon: "KING UP CHRISTIANS AND FOLLOW"
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
Sermon: "ROOM FOR THE CRADLE—NO ROOM FOR THE CROSS"
Intermediate Girl's Choir
Organist: Mrs. Shirley Beck
Minister: William Weeks
WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

St. Peter's Cathedral

Rockford Square
Anglican Church of Canada
Ven. Archbishop J. B. Davies, M.A., L.Th., Rector
Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. LL.D.
Honorary Assistant Priest
Miss Suzanne Brimble, L.C. Mus., Organist
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director
Dec. 18—The Fourth Sunday in Advent
The Services for Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve
8:00 p.m.—Evening (said)
11:30 p.m.—The Midnight Eucharist with Procession and Blessing of the Crib
Sunday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day
8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist.
9:00 a.m.—Matins (said)
11:00 a.m.—Procession and Choral Eucharist (Family Service)
5:00 p.m.—Evening (said)
The children's Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 28th at 4 p.m. Sick and shut-in parishioners will receive their Christmas Communion during the Octave.
Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Established 1765 by Royal Foundation
The Rev. F. Louis Ellis, L.S.T., Rector
Organist and Choir Director
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (C.M.) A.R.C.M.
CHRISTMAS EVE—December 24, 1966
11:30 p.m.—CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant—The Rector
Assistant—The Rev'd S. Sherrin
Antiphon: "Arise, Shine, For Thy Light is Come"
Geo. J. Elvey
CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00 a.m.—CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
9:30 a.m.—FAMILY EUCHARIST SERVICE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE
CHILDREN'S SERMON: "THE GREATEST GIFT"
The Junior Choir will assist in the singing of Christmas Hymns. A time for the whole family to come to the Sanctuary railing to receive His blessing.
11:00 a.m.—CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(Broadcast CFCY)
Antiphon: "Arise, Shine, For Thy Light is Come"
Geo. J. Elvey
SERMON: "GOD HUMBLING HIMSELF ON THIS DAY"
7:00 p.m.—CHRISTMAS EVENING PRAYER SERVICE
(Singing of traditional Christmas hymns and carols)
SERMON: "TROUBLE AT CHRISTMAS"
There will be no Sunday School this Sunday morning and next Sunday the children will present a Christmas pageant in the Church at 11 a.m.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES.



Windows let in light.
Even at night the cool, crisp glimmer of the winter moon can make a path of silver across a darkened room.
And when we set a light in our window, its warm, joyous glow tells others of the brightness within.
Christmas is a window, letting the soft white light of God's love make a path for men across their world.
And when by our worship we light this window ourselves, then those who hear our carols are drawn to the warmth and joy of our faith.
Join fellow Christians the world over in the glowing Christmas services of our churches.



Sunday John 2:15-21	Monday 11 Samuel 22:26-31	Tuesday Psalms 119:105-112	Wednesday Isaiah 60:1-5	Thursday Matthew 2:1-12	Friday Luke 2:8-20	Saturday John 1:1-13
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