



First Methodist Church

MAIN AT EIGHTH
Canon City, Colorado



"A House of Prayer for All People"

A Task

To be gentle, to be kind, to bear a burden if need be without complaining; to dispel gloom with a smile and still keep faith when clouds obscure the sky; to keep steadfastly in view the star of hope when doubt and distrust seek entrance; to carry a ray of sunshine to a benighted mind; to make life worth while to the despondent and inspire to nobler things by the dignity of service—let this, dear Lord, be my task for the coming year.

—Benjamin Eitelgeorge.

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Sunday, December 23, 1945

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30: MORNING WORSHIP 10:45

Order of Divine Worship

(Let all observe a reverent silence when the Organ Prelude begins)

Organ Prelude—Noels.....Guilmant

The Call to Worship.....by the Minister

Hymn—96, O Come, all ye faithful.....Anonymous. Latin, 18th century

The General Confession: (The congregation will be seated)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer: (Let all spend a few moments in silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance.....by the Minister

The Lord's Prayer.

Organ Interlude—during which the people may be seated.

Responsive Reading, The Benedictus, Page 621.

The Gloria Patri—No. 569, Hymnal.

Scripture Lesson—St. Luke 2: 1-20.

Prayer, with choral response.

THE OFFERING: Let us worship God with our Tithes and Offerings!

Offertory—Holy Night.....Adolphe Adam

Anthem—O Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus.....Paul Ambrose

SERMON: *His Name Shall Be Called Jesus*.....Dr. Eitelgeorge

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and
they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God
with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord
had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and he knew her not
till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name
Jesus. St. Matthew 1: 23-25.

Hymn—89, Joy to the world...From Psalm 118: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

(During the singing of this hymn an opportunity is given anyone
to unite with this Church by letter, or on confession of faith.)

Benediction—and Choral Benediction.

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born. Amen.

Postlude—Christmas Postlude.....Whiting

Christmas Musical

BY THE METHODIST CHOIR

7:30 P. M.

EARL R. GILBERT, Director

MRS. E. R. SHARMAN Organist

Prelude, Celeste and Organ—La Serenata	Braga
Mrs. Stanley Blunt, Mrs. E. R. Sharman	
Prayer	Dr. Eitelgeorge
Girls' Chorus—The Shepherds' Christmas Song	Swiss Carol
Deck The Hall	Welsh Carol
Canon City High School Concert Glee Club	
Shirley Brown, Accompanist	
Soprano and Harp—Silent Night	Traditional
Estelle Thomas and Glee Club	
Cornet Duet—Serenade	Fr. Schubert
Wilfred Hubbard, John Jacobs	
Offertory—Lullaby	J. Brahms
Mrs. E. R. Sharman	
Chorus by the Choir—O Come, All Ye Faithful	Carrie Adams
(From, "The Star of Bethlehem")	
Soprano and Contralto—O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam
Mrs. Elton B. Woodford, Mrs. Ira Sanger	
Chorus by the Choir—From Mountains Afar	Carrie Adams
Celeste and Organ—from, "Nutcracker Suite"	Tschaikowsky
Mrs. Stanley Blunt, Mrs. E. R. Sharman	
Tenor and Baritone—The Message	H. W. Petrie
Merle Wilson, Lloyd Wilson	
Soprano Solo—Adore, And Be Still	Chas. Gounod
Mrs. Ira Sanger	
Final Chorus—Lead Me	H. W. Petrie
The Choir	
Benediction	Dr. Eitelgeorge
Postlude—Christmas Postlude	Hosmer
Mrs. E. R. Sharman	

A Christmas Wish

*A wish may be a passing thought,
Or it may be a prayer;
It may include the universe,
Or just things good and fair.
At this blest season everyone
Should think of Christ, the Lord;
We pray his spirit you may guide
In thought and act and word.*

—The Eitelgeorge Family.

Next Sunday night, at 7:30, will begin the first of our series of Forums, which will continue for fourteen Sunday nights, or until March 31. Five Churches are co-operating—the Christian, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian. The first five of these meetings will be held in our church; after that we shall determine where the others are to be held. But if our expectations are realized we may have to hold *all* meetings in this Church to accommodate the crowds. A letter will go out to all members of the above named Churches this week, explaining the plan, and purpose. Our first speaker will be the Hon. Wayne C. Williams, of Denver, at one time Attorney General of Colorado, a Christian statesman, and member of Park Hill Methodist Church. His theme will be, "Have We Grounds for Optimism?" Don't miss this!

Last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Ernest Mann, and five girls—Lorraine Coleman, Ruth Hurst, Mildred Jane Mann, Edith May and Wilma Robertson—addressed some 350 letters, and as many post cards, which are to go to our people. We surely thank Mrs. Mann and the girls for this splendid service.

Bob Armstrong writes from Goose Bay, Labrador: "Wish the Youth Fellowship Merry Christmas for me, please!"

A Prayer For Mankind

Father of all, we bow in humility and gratitude before Thee. We thank Thee that Thou didst give thy son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation; we rejoice that he was willing to come to us. We praise Thee for all that has been accomplished in our world since his coming. Especially do we give thanks that the war has come to an end. Peace is yet in the making; grant it may be just and enduring. Give wisdom to those in authority over us; may they seek to know Thy will; may they endeavor to have the spirit of our Christ. Forgive our selfishness, our vaunted pride, our lack of faith, our sins; make us conscious of our need of Thee; help us to realize our responsibility to all mankind; direct our wandering feet into paths of usefulness and peace; this we ask in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

—Benjamin Eitelgeorge