# First Methodist Church

MAIN AT EIGHTH Canon City, Colorado



"A House of Prayer for All People"

### Our Melcome

To all who sin, and need a loving Saviour, to all the lone who need a friendship true; to all who watk the humbler paths of service; to all who toil with mind and body, too; to those of burdened hearts with grief and sorrow; to those of spirits glad and free from care—to all a hearty welcome is extended to come with us for work and praise and prayer.

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## Sunday, February 23, 1947

### CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30: MORNING WORSHIP 10:45

#### Order of Pibine Worship

(Worship begins with the playing of the Prelude. Spend those moments in prayer, and the Service will be more meaningful.)
Organ Prelude—Reverie Oehmler
The Call to Worshipby the Minister
Hymn-342, Dear Lord and Father of mankindJohn G. Whittier
The General Confession (The congregation will be seated)  Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, 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 Law of Christ, Page 591.
The Gloria Patri—No. 569, Hymnal.
Scripture Lesson, Deuteronomy, chapter 8.
THE OFFERING: Let us worshipGod with our Tithes and Offerings Offertory—BerceuseDelbruck
Lay Speakers: Theme, What I Owe to God.
ModeratorMr. L. L. Beahm
Time Harold Owens
Treasure Mrs. R. E. Armstrong
TalentLloyd Wilson
Hymn—225, Take my life and let it be Frances R. Havergal (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, by the Choir.
God be with you till we meet again!  By His counsels guide, uphold you,  With His sheep securely fold you;  God be with you till we meet again! Amen.
Postlude—Triumphal MarchVerdi

#### **EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:30**

Youth Fellowships: Junior High 6:00: M. Y. F. 6:30

7:30—Bible Study in the Gospel According to St. Mark, preceded by fifteen minutes of devotion, and special music. You should not miss this hour.

Monday—The WAYFARERS will meet for supper at 6:30, and a social evening.

Several committee meetings will be held during the week to make definite our plans for the "Conversation Groups." We plan to have them all meet on the same evening each week, if possible. In all probability this will be on Wednesday; they are to continue till Easter, and beyond. These will prove very informative and helpful to all who attend. Plan to set aside Wednesday night for that purpose.

Saturday—Choir practice at 7:30, followed by the Community Chorus at 8:30. The Chorus also meets on Monday night at 7:30.

We welcome to our Cradle Roll Barbara Ellen, infant (adopted) daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Christie, whose birthday is January 25. Our Cradle Roll has been honored with six additions within the past month,—five of them girls.

The Committee on Finance, which made the Every Member Canvass for the Budget last November, could not arrange for the General Church Visitation this afternoon, but will do so next Sunday. Remember, this is a social call; no one will be asked for money, or a pledge. But the Committee will bring you the Lenten Program, also a copy of the Report which, was made February 6. This proved so interesting and informative that those present voted to make it an annual affair, the first Thursday in February.

Several asked the Minister during the week about the meaning of Ash Wednesday, which was February 19, and marked the beginning of Lent. Briefly, the custom originated with Gregory the Great, and dates from the 11th century. It got its name from a custom in the Roman Church of sprinkling ashes on the heads of penitents on that day. In more recent years the custom was changed; ashes is mingled with holy water, and placed on the forehead in the form of a cross. But the significence of the use of ashes as a mark of penitence is much older. In the Book of Job we read that when he (Job) was afflicted with boils, as a mark of penance he sat down in the ashes. And at least two people before him did similarly; Tamar put ashes on her head, and Mordecai covered himself with sackcloth and ashes, for like reasons.

We suggest a much better way to observe Lent is to do something constructive—assume an extra duty. A splendid observance would be this: Call on at least three people each week, between now and Easter, and invite them to attend our services—Church School, Morning Worship, Bible Study, and the Conversation Groups; if they sing, invite them to Choir and Chorus practice.

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