

Advent

A SEASON of expectation; a season of preparation. Israel of old expected the coming of the promised Messiah, but few prepared for it.

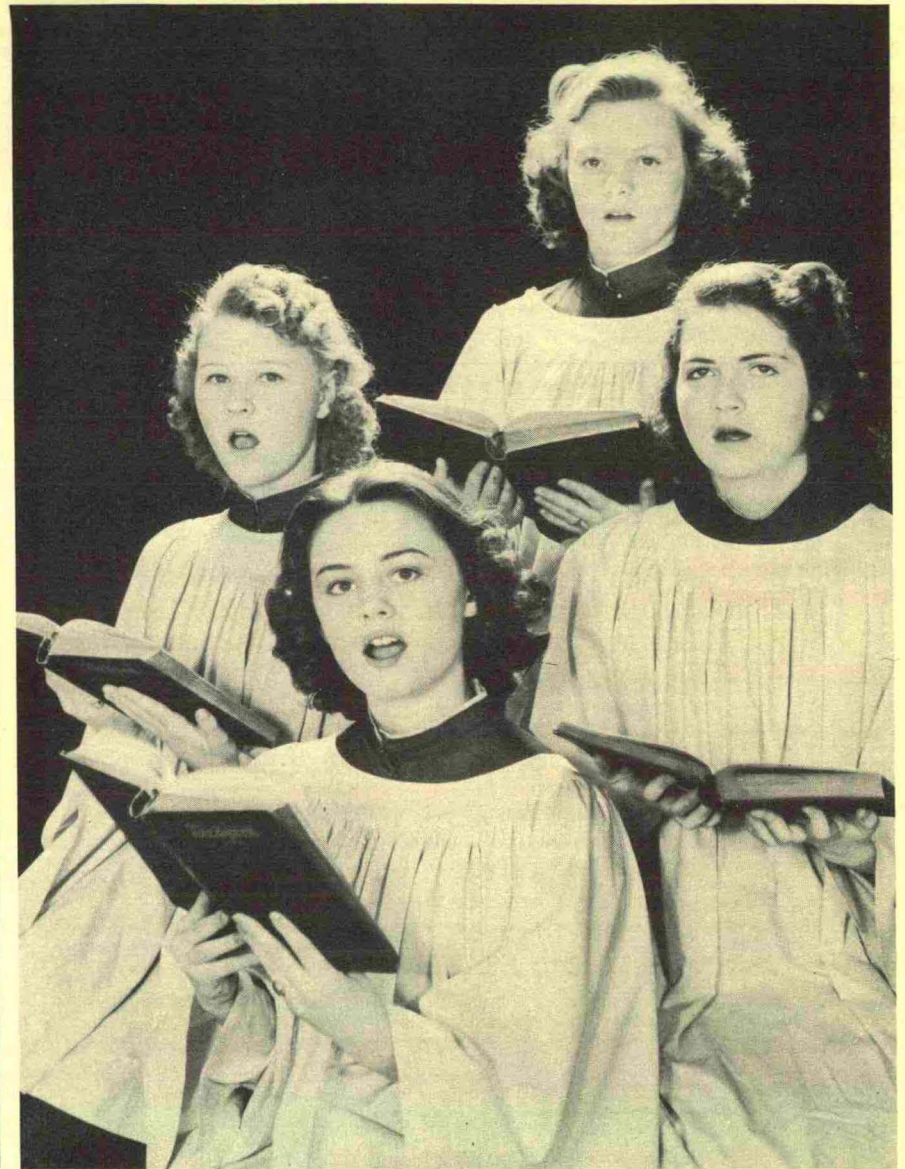
The Wise Men in the East expected His coming. In prayer, in study and meditation they prepared for it. When he came they found Him and rejoiced.

This same Christ, who came in lowliness to die that He might redeem, is returning in glory and power to judge the living and the dead. The Christian world is expecting His return. But who is preparing for it, and how?

Most naturally the season of Advent lends itself to a period of preparation for Christ's second coming. The Christian world is about to commemorate the birth of the Savior. On every hand man is reminded that He did come and that His coming was to save. To every nation is proclaimed the glad tidings that He still saves.

In this setting the world is mightily reminded that again He is coming, and coming soon. To all the world the clarion call of the Christian church should be: Prepare! for He is surely coming to judge the living and the dead.

Come, Lord Jesus, come soon.



Call to Worship

FREMONT STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Gloversville, New York

Fred Clarke, Minister

Marjorie Gensemer

Minister of Music

Lewis Cunning, Sexton

Grace L. Gifford

Church Secretary

DECEMBER 1, 1946 - CALENDAR FOR TODAY

- 10:30 Morning Worship; First Sunday in Advent. Sermon; "The Advent Hope". Anthem by the Fremont Choir.
- 10:30 Church-time Nursery for small children.
- 11:00 Primary and Junior Church.
- 11:55 Church School with classes for all age groups.
- 6:00 Youth Fellowship. Leader, Ruth Weymouth.
- 7:30 Union Evening Service. This service will be held in the First Congregational Church. Preacher will be Dr. Norman Rawson, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP - By the minister

HYMN 83 - "O come, O come, Immanuel" Veni Immanuel

SURSUM CORDA:

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

DOXOLOGY - To be sung by all

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SCRIPTURE LESSON - John 1:1-18

ANTHEM - "O Rejoice Ye Christians Loudly" Bach

The Fremont Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER :: LORD'S PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY

HYMN 111 - "Fairest Lord Jesus" Crusader's Hymn

SERMON - "THE ADVENT HOPE"

HYMN 113 - "We would see Jesus" Cushman

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

* Interval for Ushering

The altar flowers today are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Fallis, married in this church yesterday and to whom we extend our very best wishes for happiness.

THROUGH THE WEEK AT FREMONT

- MONDAY 6:00 Supper and Discussion at Y.W.C.A. with Lester Cofran leading. "Justice in the World".
- 7:30 Boy Scouts in the church.
- TUESDAY 8:00 Christmas Meeting of the W.S.C.S.. Mrs. William Hughes, Johnstown will dramatize the "Three Wise Men". Special music, refreshments.
- WEDNESDAY 2:30 Weekday School; grades 4, 5 and 6.
- 7:30 Mid-week Service with Mr. Clarke leading.
- 8:30 December meeting of Board of Education.
- THURSDAY 6:30 Winning Six class leaves the church for Christmas Party at Hotel Johnstown.
- FRIDAY 11:00 and 1:00 Weekday School; grades 7 to 9.
- 3:00 THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR under the auspices of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Christmas and other gifts will be on sale.
- 5:30 ROAST PORK DINNER also under the auspices of the W.S.C.S.. Tickets, \$1.25.

The Thanksgiving Offering for Starving People taken last Sunday in this church, amounted to the splendid sum of \$225.00. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me".

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS TODAY