

SOLO: "Comfort Ye"

"Comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight and the rough places plain."

ANTHEM: "His Voice As the Sound"

"His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet, is heard thro' the shadows of death. The cedars of Lebanon bow at his feet, the air is perfumed with his breath.

His lips as a fountain of righteousness flow that waters the garden of grace, from which their salvation the Gentiles shall know, and bask in the smile of his face.

Love sits in his eyelids and scatters delight thro' all the regions on high. Their faces the Cherubim veil in his sight with trembling fullness of joy.

He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice, and myriads wait for his word. He speaks and eternity filled with his voice, reechoes the praise of her Lord."

A SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAM

On Monday evening, December 10th, at 7:30 pm our own choir will present the Vivaldi "Gloria" and the Poulenc "Gloria". Plan to let the enjoyment of these sacred works be a part of your observance of the coming holiday season. Share word of this event with your friends.

THE ADVENT WREATH

At the coffee hour this morning, the boys and girls of our Sunday School will gather for the lighting of the first of four candles on our beautiful Advent wreath. Each Sunday leading up to Christmas, we shall pause and have one of the children light a candle. Today's candle lighter is Miss Juliette White.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

One of the high points of the Christmas season in our church is the annual Christmas celebration for the children and parents of our church school.

It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 16th, at 4:30 in the Community Room and Sanctuary. Sponsored jointly by the church schools of both the Park Avenue Christian Church and our own church, this warm and joyous celebration will include a carol sing, Christmas pageant, various activities and refreshments.

THE FINANCIAL CANVASS

The amount we are seeking to raise in pledges for the support of our church both here and in other places for the coming year is \$40,000.

To date, 112 pledges totalling \$28,235 have been received. We thank those who have responded with a pledge of financial support for 1974.

If you have not yet responded, may we invite you to do so today. We're anxious to complete the canvass in the next few days.

BLACK COLLEGE FUND

Envelopes are available in the pews again today for those who wish to respond with a special gift to the Black College Fund. We thank those who responded last Sunday with a contribution to this worthy appeal.

OUR THANKS TO THE WOMEN

Many, many thanks to all the women of our church who after a year of hard and dedicated work made the annual Christmas Fair and Dinner such an outstanding event in the life of our church.

The money raised goes out in many ways to strengthen the Christian enterprise both here and in other places, and all of us are grateful to the women for making this past Friday's Fair and Dinner such a warm and wonderful evening in the life of our parish.

To the Chairman of the Fair, Mrs. Robert Raeburn, the Chairman of the Dinner, Miss Janet Frisbee, and to the many persons who assisted them with endless labors of love and devotion go our many thanks,

We are also deeply indebted to Mrs. Raymond Carey, President of the United Methodist Women of our Church, for her leadership throughout the entire year.

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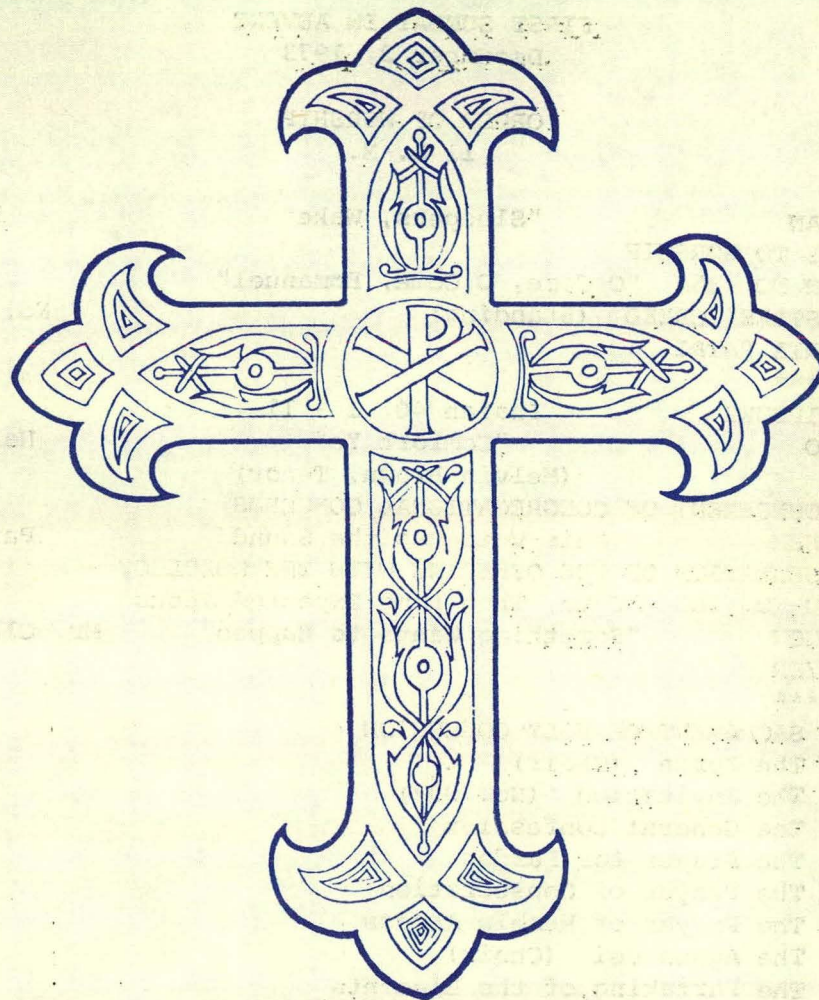
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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 2, 1973

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11 A. M.

ORGAN "Sleepers, Wake" Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN NO. 354 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 738
APOSTLES' CREED (Standing)
GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40: 1 - 11
SOLO "Comfort Ye" Handel
(Melvin Brown, Tenor)
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS
ANTHEM "His Voice As the Sound" Parker
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY
HYMN NO. 360 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
SERMON "Something Wants to Happen" Mr. Clarke
PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Kyrie (Choir)
The Invitation (No. 832)
The General Confession
The Prayer for Pardon
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Humble Access
The Agnus Dei (Choir)
The Partaking of the Elements
The Prayer of Thanksgiving
HYMN NO. 374 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
BENEDICTION
ORGAN "Prelude in B Minor" Bach

*** Interval for Ushering

AN INVITATION

Coffee and tea will be served in the Community Room following the service. Members and friends are invited to share in these moments of fellowship made possible for us today by Mrs. D'Ambrosio, Mrs. Ahmad, Mrs. Hairston, Miss Kinney, Mrs. Montaneli, and Miss Wolf.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given in memory of Prescott Bush by Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bush.

USHERS

The ushers today are Mr. Bayless, Mr. Breien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Davis, Dr. Hull, Mr. Monge, and Mr. Scutt.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sessions of church school for children are offered every Sunday morning from eleven to twelve on the fourth floor. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available on the third floor.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Those wishing to give to the fund for Christmas flowers are invited to use the envelope in the pew. The amount received determines what we can do in the way of Christmas decorations for the church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE

Christmas cards are on sale in the Community Room during the coffee hour. We invite you to look through the card selection and place an order. Today is the final opportunity for ordering cards this year.