

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 30, 1983

GREETING / VISITORS

We greet the visitors in the congregation this morning....delighted to have you worshipping with us and we hope that the opportunity will be ours to greet you personally before you depart - either at the door, or - time permitting - downstairs in the Russell Room where tea and coffee and some light refreshments will be available.

You worship in a Church whose roots go deeply into the soil of this part of New York City, a Church that has been a beacon of God's light and love to many, many people since the year of its founding in 1837. We minister in the name of Christ and it is in His spirit that we bid you a warm welcome on this Winter Sunday morning.

We invite you to be free in the sharing of your name with us. Take a moment - perhaps right now - to fill out a visitor card, or to sign one of the Guest Books in the narthex as you depart. Join us on other Sundays in our worship, our fellowship (always warm, open and enriching), and in the many programs of service rendered to others in this city in the name of Christ!

CONCERNS

Friends, it was just two years ago that the Cambodian family of the Sreys, sponsored by Park Avenue Methodist and Christ Church, Methodist - both here in the Eastside community - got off a plane at Kennedy Airport on a cold January Thursday night and began a new life in New York City. From Bangkok - Rome - NY

So much has happened in their lives these past two years. We're happy to report that "they're making it" and they are here today with other members of their family that arrived this past year, sponsored by the Sreys and our two churches. I believe that 13 of them are in our congregation today. And we would invite all of you to come to the coffee hour this morning that is in their honor and help us all to celebrate their Second Anniversary in this country.

TAG DAY

Now we're celebrating Super Bowl Sunday today in several different "super" ways. We've recognized the children who scored perfect attendance records and we'll be celebrating the Srey's Second Anniversary downstairs following the service. We are also celebrating this Sunday as Tag Day in our fellowship. Tag Day II (as it was referred to earlier this week).

We'll be passing out green name tags during the closing hymn and the organ postlude with thanks to the Membership Committee for helping us out. We'll also supply magic markers and pens. Put your name on the name tag and then wear it around here after Church as you depart or as you come to the coffee hour.

As I have mentioned on one or two other occasions when we have done this...I'm always nervous when it comes to this sort of thing, but there's a value in it. It helps us to get to know each other better. You may find out the name of the person you've been calling "HI" for weeks and months...anyway,

let's share in it...enjoy it...and get better acquainted. We're now doing this three times a year:

When our new members join - December and April.  
Also, Super Bowl Sunday.

It's a step in the right direction.

GUEST PREACHER      What a joy it is to welcome a friend and colleague in ministry to our pulpit this morning.

The Reverend Thomas B. Willingham is the Director of the Protestant Chaplaincy program at the Lenox Hill Hospital here in our community. His office functions under the auspices of the Hospital Chaplaincy, Inc - an Ecumenical, Protestant Chaplaincy organization serving several hospitals in this East Midtown Area of Manhattan.

This ministry is supported by the sponsoring churches - of which our Church is one of 20 - also individuals, foundations and the hospitals themselves.

Thomas Willingham is a native South Carolinian, having grown up in the Southern Baptist Church in Chesnee, SC. He's a graduate of Union Theological Seminary here in NYC, as well as Mars Hill College, North Carolina. Tom's experience and training include a number of interesting ministries:

1. An urban social ministry, Patterson, NJ.
2. A chaplaincy residency at the Central Islip Psychiatric Center, Long Island.
3. Youth ministry, UM Church, Hempstead, NY.
4. Campus Ministry Intern, Brown University.

An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, it is a joy and pleasure to welcome Chaplain Willingham to our church this hour. Some of you know him and work with him and know that he is a warm, sensitive, articulate young minister and we look forward to his sermon, "Finders Weepers, Losers Keepers?"

SIXTY MINUTES      One other announcement. A program is tentatively planned for Sunday, February 13th - two weeks from today - after Church....to review and discuss the allegations leveled at the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches regarding use of Church funds - some Methodist dollars -

On Sixty Minutes.. last Sunday evening, it has been a concern to a number of you. We want to get answers and hear the transcript of the program. This is "in the works" for two weeks from today...with thanks to Earl Rooss for sharing in the arrangements.

JESUS SAID: "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

GREETING TO THE CHILDREN: January 30, 1983

GREETING We welcome the boys and girls of our Sunday School who have joined us down here this morning for a few minutes before heading to their class sessions elsewhere in the church building.

It's always a special Sunday, boys and girls, when you're down here with us and we're delighted to see you all. Today is Super Bowl Sunday and, as someone said to me a little while ago, it's "super" to have you with us.

TAG DAY Today is Tag Day here in the Church. We're not playing tag, but we're all going to be wearing a name tag at the coffee hour following the service. Your teachers will help you to prepare your name tag and we hope you'll wear it after Church and let others get to know you.

PIN PRESENTATION Now, you're all stars and shine so brightly, but some of you are "super stars"...I'm referring to five of you who this past year scored perfect attendance records at Sunday School.

The names of these super stars are in the bulletin and in a minute I shall read their names to you and ask them to come forward to the altar. They are sitting here down in the front. Before I do this, let me ask Mr. William Bell, Chairman of our Education Committee to join me at the altar for this presentation.

The names of these five children are:

Nikolaus Kashey - 3  
Christiane Veneracion - 4  
Scott Osterling - /  
Shashi Melwani - /  
Anil Melwani - /

Congratulations to the five of you. Well done! We're proud of you.

HYMN Number 223 "When We Walk With the Lord"....depart during the last verse. Sing 1 and 4 verses.

Now - if these five super stars were to have numbers, they would wear the following numbers:

PASTORAL PRAYER: January 30, 1983

O GOD, OUR FATHER - in the mystery and the wonder of worship, we would draw near to You. Make us sensitive to Your spirit and to Your nearness in these moments of prayer.

ENFOLD us with your loving care.

SPEAK to each of us the word that we need to hear, that special word that will lift us and make a difference in our lives.

MAY WE FIND in every act of our worship - in the sounds of the organ, the singing of the hymns, the anthems of the choir, the reading of Scripture, the preaching of Your Word, the achievement of our boys and girls in the Sunday School - in all of these may we feel that deep and abiding assurance of Your Eternal and Lasting, ~~Abiding~~ Truth.

THOU GOD OF COMFORT, be near to those who may be feeling the burden of age, the pain of illness, the lure of temptation, the anguish of indecision, the inner turmoil of uncertainty.

WORK THROUGH physicians and nurses, social workers and teachers, counsellors and psychiatrists, writers and lawyers, public servants and government officials...all who influence others for good to bring hope and healing, peace and justice.

OUR PRAYERS this hour reach out to include loved ones from whom we are separated by distance, but from whom we are not separated by love and concern.

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER...for those sitting near us in the pews this hour - those to our left, those to our right. Grant that that person may be blessed with inner peace and with that perspective of "higher ground" that worship can provide.

LORD, GOD - FATHER OF US ALL...we pray that the influence of another Sunday may be strong in our land, and that all who worship this day may be given:

Strong hearts to bear their burdens,  
Willing hearts to help bear the burdens of others.

Direct us in our worship. Enrich and purify our lives. Forgive us our sins. And make us ready for an adventure with Christ in a world that needs to hear His Word and follow His Way. In His name and spirit, we pray!

ANTHEM: "Exaltation"

"Then let the floods be breaking, the billows do Thy will; if you but speak one word, now all will be hushed and still. And when the last bridge crumbles, to You I will be true; lift me above all wantings, this is my only prayer."

ANTHEM: "Achieved Is the Glorious Work"

"Achieved is the glorious work; our song let be the praise of God. Glory to His name forever. He sole on high exalted reigns. Hallelujah."

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The organ postlude - a final offering of our praise to God - is played after the Benediction. Time permitting, we invite you to share in the beauty of it.

FOR THOSE WHO SING

New singers are always welcome to audition to sing in the Choir. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evening at 6:15 in the downstairs Choir Room. Now's a good time to join the Choir as music for the coming weeks of Lent is being prepared.

A CHANGE IN THE DATE

The date of this year's Annual Church Meeting is Sunday, March 6th, and not the 27th of February as announced in last Sunday's bulletin.

TODAY'S PREACHER

We welcome Rev. Thomas B. Willingham, Chaplain at Lenox Hill Hospital, to our pulpit this morning. He comes to us in connection with our Eastside Hospital Chaplaincy program which our Church supports and of which Mr. Clarke is a Trustee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION PINS

Five boys and girls are being presented with pins this morning for scoring perfect attendance at Sunday School this past year. Those being recognized are:

Nikolaus Kashey  
Christine Veneracion  
Scott Osterling  
Shashi Melwani  
Anil Melwani

A SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Indochinese Friends Committee invites you to the Second Anniversary Celebration party in honor of the Srey family who arrived here two years ago. Join us downstairs at the coffee hour after Church.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP WINTER WEEKEND

The Annual Winter Weekend will be held February 25 - 27 at Camp Epworth, High Falls, New York. A \$20 deposit by Sunday, February 6th, will reserve a place. For further details contact David Kilbride (288-4647) or Cathy Syble (628-0874).

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
January 30, 1983

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
11 A. M.

ORGAN "Chorale Prelude" Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 293 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated)

God of our life, we confess in company with one another and before Thee, that we are wayward and less than faithful servants. We have loved things and used people; remembered slights and forgotten kindnesses; called on Thee in trouble and ignored Thee at other times; praised Thee in word and failed Thee in deed; allowed the present age to mould us and left untapped the power of the age to come. Deal with us after Thy mercy for we are sorry for our sins and earnestly seek Thy pardon through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION - WORDS OF ASSURANCE - LORD'S PRAYER

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GREETING TO THE CHILDREN

PRESENTATION OF THE ATTENDANCE PINS

HYMN NO. 223 "When We Walk With the Lord"

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ANTHEM "Exaltation" Wolf

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 19: 14 - 20: 2, 7 - 12 Page 667

Matthew 16: 21 - 28 Page 851

PASTORAL PRAYER

PARISH CONCERNS

ANTHEM "Achieved Is the Glorious Work" Haydn

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN NO. 256 "Be Thou My Vision"

SERMON "Finders Weepers, Losers Keepers"

HYMN NO. 165 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN "Allegro" Peeters

\*\*\* Interval for Ushering

LAY READER

We welcome Joene Crooks to the Lectern this morning. A native of Toledo, Ohio, Joene is a graduate of the Columbus School of Fine Arts and is freelancing in Interior Design. Joene is a new member of our Church, having recently strengthened her tie with us in December.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Dr. James T. Weston by Janet Frisbee.

USHERS

The ushers today are Miss Helen Wilkinson, Ms. Lynette Anderson, Miss Mary Jennings and Miss Valerie Jones.

AN INVITATION

Coffee and tea will be served in the Russell Room following the service. Members and friends are invited to share in these moments of warmth made possible for us today by Miss Wilkinson, Miss Davenport, Mrs. Lesser, Miss Porter and Miss Walcott.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Adult Bible Class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall on the third floor. Coffee is available and new members are always most welcome. Mary Lou Risley is leading the class in a study of the Gospel of Mark.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE

Sessions of Church School for children are offered Sunday mornings from eleven to twelve. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available on the fourth floor Day School Room from 9:30 to 12:30.

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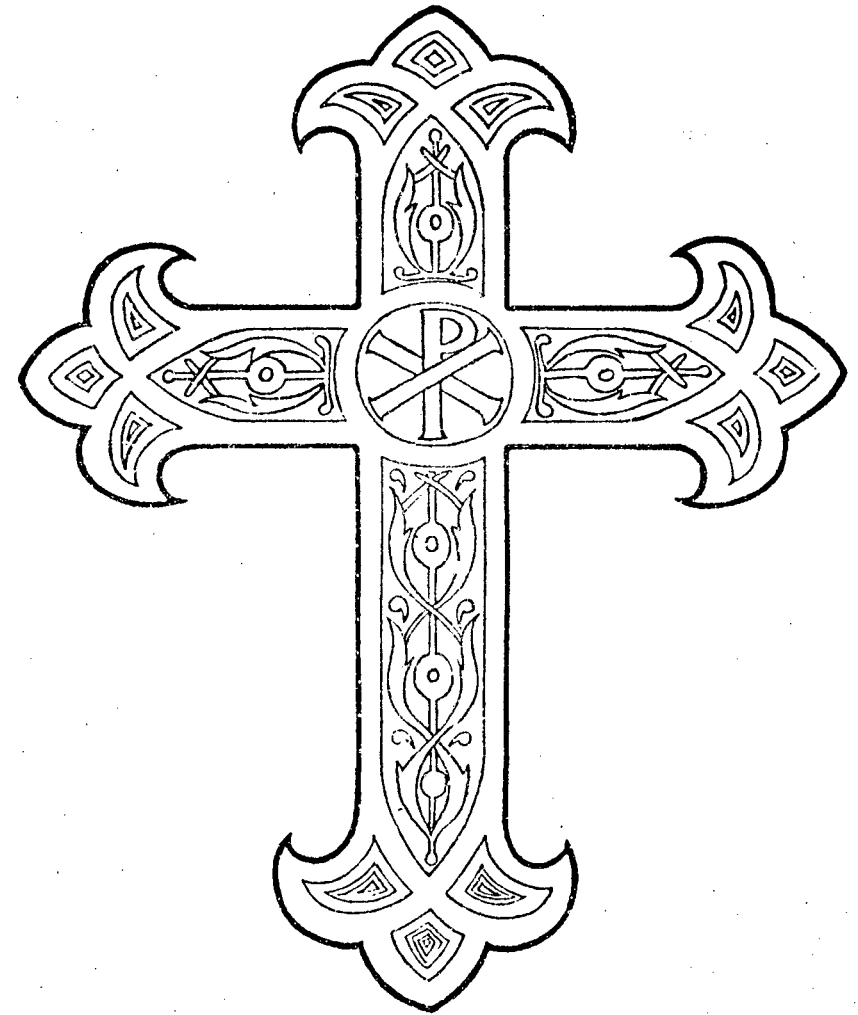
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