

The Rich Meaning

① That Our God Is One of Surprises

- We work our way.
- Danger that we will Cross Him Out.

② That Our God Is One of Stopping Humility

- Amazing lowliness
- See Valley, The Cattle.

③ That A Sign Has Shown That
Will Never Be The End

④ Our Response

- The loss of what we have
- The gift of ourselves

Jesus High

- ① A Time of Memories - Home falls, hard times, the children
- ② A Time of burialings | See Home
- See Cars.
- ③ Returning to our deep childhood
- Simple joys. Easy Anticipation
- ④ A Time of High Hopes
- Something high & holy
- See a line.

John Cruise

- ① Incarnation
- ② Crucifixion
- ③ Resurrection.

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

December 25, 1960

Nine-thirty and Eleven O'Clock

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

Prelude—"Rejoice! the Lord Cometh"..... Saxton
"In Sweetest Joy"..... Buxtehude

Choral Call to Worship—"We Come Before Thy Presence"
**"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Processional Hymn—"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"..... 189

Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

Service of Baptism

THEY WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Isaiah 55

Choral Call to Prayer—*"Prayer Is The Soul's Sincere Desire"
**"Hear Us, Our Father"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response—*"Hear Me, O God"
**"Lord, Give Ear to My Prayer"

Anthem—"Adeste Fideles"..... Clokey
**"Lo, Within a Manger Lies"..... Gruber-Rossini

ARISE SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Christian Greetings

Offertory Hymn—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"..... 191

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"Pastorale"..... Bach

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

Vocal Solo—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"..... Redner
Mrs. Firman Early, soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—
"The Great Invitation"

I WILL MAKE WITH YOU AN EVERLASTING COVENANT

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Jesus Calls Us"..... 281

Benediction

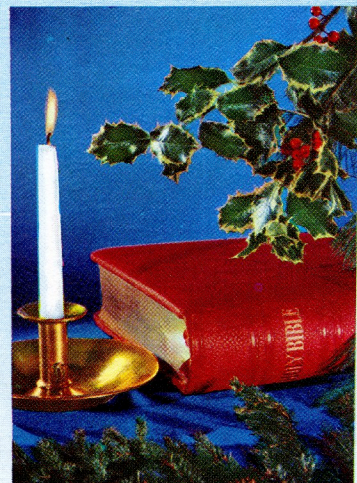
Choral Response and Postlude

*First Service Only

**Second Service Only

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the side door and Rev. Babcock at the main door.

The service is broadcast this morning over KELO beginning at 11:10.



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Randy

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Miriam

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Joel

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Ruth

The Great Invitation

The Excitement of Getting an Invitation

- Going to a Birthday Party.
- You like the people.
- You wonder what it will be like.
- What will they give you before you go home.
- Hear Songs To Bring A Gift.

Christmas Is God's Great Invitation

① To celebrate A Birthday

- The joy of a new baby.
- Cattle and Shepherds.

② To know God in a close, real way

- Not pompous or stuffed - shiny.
- Just simple and humble.

③ To share what God has to give us

- Peace, Joy, Life and forgiveness.
- Bread & Water without Money.
- God will give us these gifts.

④ To Offer Ourselves

- Our Best Gifts
- The Most of All Each of Us.

Sometimes People Turn Down Invitations

- ① Don't like the people.
- ② Don't think we'll have a good time.
- ③ Too busy with many other things.
- ④ No God's Invitation. Get's Luma Down.
 - Don't like the crowd that will be there
 - We feel out of place.
 - We got some of my own friends coming over.

Sometimes People Get Mixed Up On Invitations

- Like the Football game and wedding date ✓
- ~~Stopping~~ ^{Stopping} ~~down~~ ^{down} ~~one~~ ^{one} invitation for another.

① You talked about Invitations.

- The Exercises
- A Dinner. Then halt, James & Melinda.

② Do We Sometimes Get Confused on the Important

- We're too busy accepting the wrong invitations
 - Making Money
 - Having Cheap fun.
 - Keeping up with someone else.
 - Doing what we want to do.

- Do We Miss The Big Invitations

- Having a Christian Home.
- Getting a real kick out of giving oneself.
- Facing life with purpose, cleansed and ready.

- We're so Slim in Strange Ways

- Christmas a big drunken affair rather than the Christ Child.
- Cake & Ice Cream all the time rather than Vegetables & Meat.
- Cheap Movie rather than an invitation to The White House.

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Finally The Party Is Over And The Invitation Closed

① We Should Accept

- When We Feel The Impulse,
- When We Are Sensitive And Open.
- When The Responsibilities Call Us That Way,
To See The Star and Go To Bethlehem.

② There Comes A Time When The Door Is Closed

- We Don't Have To Accept.
- The Party Is Over.

See Your Faith

- Become a Joyous Affair
 - Radiant Moving Force in Your Life
- Join The Birthday Party at Bethlehem.



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