

The Temptations That Haunt Us

Dec 31

The Mingled feelings At The End of A Year

1. The Crisis of Our World

- The Big Bomb and the Debate Over Atomic Bombers
- The Uncertainty of Preparation for War - Feelings
- The Death of King Hammarshkjoid
- A Dance Craze Called "The Twist"

2. Our Personal Crisis

- We survived our wedding - 34 here in our Church.
- We lost a loved one - We had a baby.
- Our son or daughter went off to college or off to the service.
- We moved into a new house or started a business venture

3. A Sense of Personal Failure - Inventory.

- We compromised on some deal.
- We did things behind peoples backs.
- We said things at parties or over the phone that should never have been said.
- Many of us harbored hostility and bitterness.
- All of us have broken promises.
- We were weak & yielded to temptation.

2.

There are The Temptations of Our Lord

- One Chapter beyond the account of his birth.
- Then the big decision and the Baptism.
- The gripping encounter between Christ and Satan.
- The meanings of every temptation.

① They come within - in the solitude or wilderness.
- It is not weak character or someone else.
- It is myself.

② Temptation comes attractively - never in form.

③ The Basic Issue is Always Mostrual -
Leaving us Always From God.

Do Turn Stones To Bread

"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

① We have lived amid fleshly interpretations

- The center of Man is Sexual or his Appetites.
- All of Man can be Explained Biologically.

② For all of us this is A Basic Interpretation

- That life is composed of things
- If we can satisfy our Appetites we will not be human.

- ③ We will use God to get these things done
- God will give us rain, heal our children,
deliver us from suffering.

So Jesus Answered

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of ^{God.}"

① It is not the bread - but the Queen.

② "Seek first the kingdom of God. . . ."

③ "Man is a spiritual animal"

Throw Yourself Down

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you.'"

① The Dazzling Allure of Power \longrightarrow
 - This is the God of our age.

② We are Drunk on Power
 - Our addiction to Military Power.
 - Our Worship of Political and Religious Power
 - The Status Symbols
 - "Look at that car he drives or that house he lives in."

③ Overwhelm Them and They will All Follow
 - Take the shortcut.

④ Our Lives are Filled With Shortcuts
 - Sex
 - Work
 - Friendship

Jesus Answers

"You shall not tempt the Lord your God."

① You cannot use God for your own ends.

② The question is will you be obedient to Him.

Fall Down And Worship Me

"All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

① All This Can Be Yours

- The shining vistas
- Countries all streaming together under the one banner of Christianity.

→ "If you fall down and worship me."

② The Other Way

- The Cross and little groups of two or three scattered abroad.

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

- ① You cannot use the devil's methods, for God's ends.

Our Only Strength is His Strength

① Tempter As We Are - Our Brother and Saviour

② Our Upholder Him - Our Lord and King

③ He Will Fight Our Battle If We Trust Him.

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

December 31, 1961

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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Choral Call to Worship

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Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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Service of Baptism

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FOR WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR

The Reading Of The Holy Scriptures—Mathew 4: 1-11

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

Anthem—**"Come Thou Almighty King" Whitehead

Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,

Help us to praise! Father all glorious, O'er all victorious

Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,

Our pray'r attend; Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;

Spirit of holiness, On us descend!

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,

In this glad hour; Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,

And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be

Hence, evermore; Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,

And to eternity Love and adore!

THEY REJOICED EXCEEDINGLY WITH GREAT JOY

Christian Greetings

Offertory Hymn—"Light of the World, We Hail Thee" 208

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"Ye Sons and Daughters of the King" Willan

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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Vocal Solo—*"Trust the Father" Frederickson

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Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Jesus, Still Lead On" 357

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

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- Grateful For Every Remembrance Of You
- So many things to be thankful for - ^{Yes of course} thousands
 - But primarily those spiritual matters.
 - Paul's Letter to Philippians
 - Joy
 - Thanks

The Gathering

Timothy - Close Intimate Companionship

True Friends - The core of all else.

① The Joy of Recollection

Memories for Paul

- Lydia on the Market and the Church

- Philippian Tales.

- Their Times of Spiritual Support.

The Memories We Have

- True Companions - Our Circle of Faith
- Borenson and Johnson - Personal Pastors
- Mini Breakfast

② The Joy of Intercession

Paul's Prayer for Them

- "My constant prayers for you are a real joy." ["]Ucalling them name by name.
- Some friendships are sentimental and emotional

Our Reciprocal Fellowship in Prayer

- Prayers for each other.
- Name by name.

③ The Joy of Participation

- Paul speaks of working for the Gospel.
- Sharing in the Grace of God
- I long for your companionship

Participation Here

- Working with new people.
- Evangelistic Call.
- Making decisions.

Joy of Anticipation

- How He Who Has Begun A Good
Work Will Go On Completing It.

- Wraps for Love

- Imagines

- Blameless Given.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
EVENING SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.

Prelude

Fellowship Singing

Christian Greetings and Announcements

Music by Youth Choir

Scripture - Philippians 1:1-11

Call to Prayer

Prayer

Prayer Response

Singing a Hymn - (Hymn of the month)

577

"For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest"

Receiving the Offering

Special Music

Evening Meditation by Pastor Fredrikson

"Thankful in All Remembrance of You"

Closing Hymn

337

"Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Benediction - Closing Moments -

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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The Story of Christmas

Matthew 2:1-12
Luke 2:1-20

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HOLY BIBLE



Our Christmas Message

TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF OUR CONGREGATION . . .

More than nineteen centuries ago a baby was born in Bethlehem and the world has never since been the same. God stooped very low that night and in His wonderful, unexpected way offered new possibilities of life for every person. Now the streets are still dark in our world but the everlasting Light still shines.

Will you join with us again in this time of mystery and joy that together we might celebrate Christ's birth with humble and expectant hearts? We have planned special services of worship, study and fellowship hoping that all of us in this season with "meek hearts will receive Him still." We invite you to participate in the wonder, the music and the worship which our church program offers.

In these last few weeks during our Venture of Faith we have caught the spirit of eager commitment among our people. We approach this next year of our church's witness and work for Christ in anticipation and hope. We trust now that many of you will find it possible to share in an "Anniversary Thank Offering" during this season. This gift will be used for our work at home unless you designate otherwise.

We wish you a blessed Christmas in the name of Christ who made all this possible.

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| Roger and Ruth Fredrikson | Albert and Lulu Babcock |
| James and Joyce Rowe | Winifred Jones |
| Margaret Clark | Mabel Anderson |
| Lee Bright | Maynard Berk |
| Harold Wortman | Lois Harchanko |
| Elmer and Elsie Ysbrand | Lamont Reichelt |
| Vera Fredrikson | |

Our Student Helpers: Lee Del Howard, Clarice Henning, Cynthia Strom

Our Holiday Schedule of Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

"Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham"

8:30 and 11 A.M.—"The King's Family"
Service of Communion

7:30 P.M.—The Witness of Gertrude Behenna

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

"She Will Bear a Son, and You Shall Call His Name Jesus"

8:30 and 11 A.M.—"Something God Has Done"

7:00 P.M.—A Service of Christmas Music

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary in Our Present Sanctuary

6:30 P.M.—Congregational Birthday Dinner

7:30 P.M.—Service of Thanks and Dedication in Sanctuary
Dr. August M. Hintz, Special Guest
Receiving the Anniversary Thank Offering

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

"We Have Seen His Star . . . And Have Come to Worship Him"

8:30 and 11 A.M.—"We Have Seen His Star"

7:00 P.M.—Children's Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

"He Went and Dwelt in a City Called Nazareth"

8:30 and 11 A.M.—"The Baby Grew Up"
Family Worship Services

11 P.M.—Midnight Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

"If You Fall Down and Worship Me."

8:30 and 11 A.M.—"The Temptations That Haunt Us"

8:00 P.M.—Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

9:00 P.M.—Candlelight Communion Service in Sanctuary

Our Thanks . . .

To all Church School workers and teachers who are going the second mile in leading children, youth and adults through a creative Christmas experience.

To our music staff and choirs for their special efforts in sharing inspiring music with us.

To our Sextons for their special efforts to make everything lovely during this season.

To those who planned and prepared all the decorations during this season.