"The Graces of Our Common Life" 12/30/62 a.m.

We Are Still Here — The Snow Storm — Impassable Calling

- The Quote from Look Magazine.
- In the Providence of God we are ending the year.
- We are called on to do God's work.

There are Signs of God's Working in Our Midst — We have to live our lives — The Crisis

(1) Deepened Awareness of Our Calling
- Share the Good News of Christ with Everyone.
- Act As Agents of Reconciliation.
- Communion of Love for Sinners.
- Spokesman for Those Who Have No Voice.

(2) Strengthened Ministry of Outreach — 80
- Many Visitors and Seekers.
- Greatly Increased Calling.
  - 6 to 15 callers every Tuesday Night.
  - Clinics Across Classes & Teachers.
- Greatest Number of Commitments in the Fall Months. — 80
- Our Ministry to the Troubled.
  - We have responded to every call.
  - Many failures but some successes.

- Living Words Today
- Leon Del Valle
- Church for Living Service
- Director of Health & Family

(3) Greater Involvement Among Our Lay People
- Every Christian is a Minister.
- Lay People have Witnessed
  - On Teams that have Gone Out.
  - On The Job Where Faith Has Been Discussed.
  - Helping Churches with Their Needs.
- Our Ministers to Ministries
  - 50 - 80 Calls a Month.
  - Flowers in a Woman's Home.

(4) Greater Response to Church Actions
- Attendance of 700 a Sunday.
- Deepened Interest in Adult Division.

(5) Strengthened Program of Stewardship
- Close to 107 ~~000~~ Actual Pledges.
- Plus $80,000 in Debt Retirement Pledge.
- The gratitude of this Congregation to W. P. Graham.

The Deeper Calling of the Church

- The Incident on Pentecost Sunday
  - The Great Sermon and the Response
  - Then the Statement About the Way.

"They devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer"

(1.) The Apostles Teaching
- We are engaged in a struggle concerning Truth.
  - Communists will spend 1½ billion on literature for Asia and Africa.
  - American Bible Society
    24 million copies last years
    5½ million dollars.
- The witness of the Apostles.
  - "Jesus Christ is Lord"
    - Where is God Now?
    - What is He doing?
    - How can I know Him?
    - What does He Expect of me?
- Learning and Growing through - Scriptures, Christian Fellowship and Christian Experience
- Many Do Not Know and Do Not Care.

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② The Apostles Fellowship

- Many levels of comradeine
  - work, coffee counter, Bar.
- There Is A Fellowship Rooted in the Reality of Christ.
  - Mysterious Unity
  - The deepest Sign of Our Devotion to Christ.
- Many of us Sin Against True Fellowship.
  - Self-Righteous over against others.
  - Undue criticisms that are made.
  - Lack of forgiveness and bitterness have rankled.
- Greatest Sin in N.T.
  - Not Drunkenness or Carousing
  - But Sin against the Body through divisiveness.

③ The Breaking of Bread

- This Refers to The Lord's Supper
- Here We Participate in Our deepest Act of Fellowship.
  - Remember What Christ Has Done
  - Open Ourselves to One Another.
  - Dedicate Ourselves to Sacrifice.
  - We look forward to His Coming Again.

- We dare not come carelessly or indifferently.

④ Use Prayer

- The Power of Prayer.
  - Opening Ourselves to God.
    - Seeking forgiveness, knowledge of His will and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- We Enter Into Christ's work.
  - Through Intercession Prayer.

Wonderful Christmas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Greetings

2. Rosebud -- Ron.
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lloyd

3. Flowers in Sanctuary and Chapel from the family of Mrs. William Stringham.

4. Evening Service -- Students
7:00 F.H.
Affirmative

5. Monday Evening -- 8 p.m. -- Coffee Hour
9 p.m. -- Communion Service

~~6. Wednesday Evening -- 7 p.m. -- Church Calling~~

7. Moment of Memory-- Mrs. William Stringham
Mr. H. F. Schirmer ?
Mrs. Charles Ulin
for friend of our fellowship

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

December 30, 1962 **Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock**

"But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

Organ Prelude—"Meditation at Sainte Clotilde" ..... James
Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—"Light of the World We Hail Thee" 208
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria
Baptism

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GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

Reading of the Holy Scriptures
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response
Anthem—***"Gesu Bambino" ..... Yon
Soloist, Wayne Welsh, baritone

THE SON OF GOD IS COME

Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—"Miniature" ..... Johnson
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIM HIM KING

Vocal Solo— *"O Holy Night" ..... Adams
Byrean Blacksmith, soprano
**"Come To The Stable" ..... O'Hara
Mrs. Gene Loken, soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"Watching and Waiting"

LET LOVING HEARTS ENTHRONE HIM

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

*First Service Only **Second Service Only ***Ushers may seat latecomers

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

The service this morning over KELO is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nieuwenhuis.