The temptations that haunt us

The mingled feelings at the end of a year

1. The Crisis of Our World
   - The Ring Round and the Debate over Fellow Shelter
   - The Uncertainty of Preparation for War - Need Help
   - The Death of Peg Hammarskjold
   - A Dance Craig Called “The Furse”

2. Our Personal Crisis
   - We survived our wedding - 30 here in our town
     - We lose 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 people's 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.
The Temptations of Our Lord

- One chapter beyond the account of His birth.
- Then the Big Decision and the Baptism.
- The Gaping encounter between Christ and Satan.
- The meaning of every temptation.
  1. They come within — in the solitude of wilderness.
     - It is not weak character or someone else.
     - It is myself.
  2. Temptation comes attractively — near in light.
  3. The basic issue is always mistrust — leading us away from God.

As Liam Stone to bread

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

1. We have lived amid fleshly interpretation
   - The center of man is sexual or his appetites.
   - All of man can be explained metaphorically.
2. For all of us this is a basic interpretation
   - Real 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, heat our children,
     deliver us from suffering.

No True Answer.

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." 

(1) It is not the head - the head.
(2) Seek first the kingdom of God.
(3) Man is a spiritual animal.
Know Yourself Down

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

1. The Dazzling Allure of Power
   - 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 Quo
     - "Look at that car he drives or that house he lives in."

3. Frighten Them, and They Will All Follow
   - Take the shortcut.

4. Our Lives Are Filled With Shortcuts
   - Sex
   - Work
   - Friendship

Your Answer:
"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 cities
   - 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. Tempests as we are - Our champion and Saviour
2. But without Him - Our Lord and King
3. He will fight our battle if we trust Him.
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Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
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Our pray'r attend; Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;
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In this glad hour; Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!
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Gratitude for every remembrance of you.
Do many things to be thankful for.
But primarily these spiritual matters.
Paul's letter to Philippians.

The Greeting

Sincerely - Close Intimate Companionship
True friends, - the core of all else.

O Joy of Recollection

Memories for Anne
- Fights on the Banks and the Cliffs.
- Philippine Dales.
- Happy times of spiritual support.

The memory we hold fast.
Foreman and Johnson.
2. The Joy of Intercession

Vine's Prayer for Them

- My constant Prayers for you are a real joy - recalling them name by name.
- Some friendships are sentimental and emotional.

Our Deepest Fellowship in Prayer

- Pray for each other.
- Name by Name.

3. The Joy of Participation

- Have Speaks of Workin for the Gospel.
- Basking in the Grace of God.

I long for your companionship

Participation Here

- Meeting with New People.
- Evangelistic Cell.
- Making Decisions.
Day of Anticipation

- How the Week Has Begun
- Work Will Go On Completing It
-Wings for Love
- Imagine
- Blameless River
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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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)
"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
"Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
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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.

Roger and Ruth Fredrikson
James and Joyce Rowe
Margaret Clark
Lee Bright
Harold Wortman
Elmer and Elsie Ysbrand

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.