On this day which God has given us we welcome you to our Sanctuary. This is Margaret Clark the Pastor's Assistant bringing you a word of greeting from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. We rejoice that you are worshipping with us at your radios. All of us come this morning in deep need of the spirit of Christ in our lives. It is because we have sensed this need that we turn once again to the House of God. Because it is not possible for you to be with us we bring this service to you wherever you are realizing that God is not bounded by the walls of any building but is present wherever hearts are willing to receive him. Whether you have been with us before or come this morning as a stranger, we hope that before the service is over you will feel that you are with friends.

The scripture this morning has been read from John the first chapter verses 1 through 18. The Sanctuary Choir has just sung *HOW BRIEFLY SHINES THE MORNING STAR* by Nicolai. The offertory solo *LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS* by Lang will be sung by Mrs. Russell Greenfield, soprano. Pastor Fredrikson will be speaking this morning on the topic *BECOMING CHILDREN OF GOD*.

We would hope that you might find it possible to attend the Evening Gospel Fellowship tonight at 7:00 o'clock. The service this evening will place an emphasis on youth as members of our youth month committee participate in a *SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH*.

Before we return to the Sanctuary may I say once again how happy we are that you are with us today. In these days of crisis and unrest many are troubled and anxious. Should you be in need of spiritual counsel or guidance please feel free to call our office so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. As we invite you we are mindful of the fact that this is God's House and it is in His Spirit that we welcome you and seek to minister to you.
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ROGER L. FREDRIKSON, Pastor

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**THIS SUNDAY**

Church School—Classes for all ages
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Services
  *Becoming Children of God*
First in a Series on the Gospel of John
  Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
  Spotlight on Youth
  *Nursery Care at All Services*

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**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

All of us are grateful for the significant response of so many people to the School of Missions. We appreciate the work of Mrs. William Heuermann, who is serving as the coordinator of this experience of learning. One of the questions that has been coming to the fore is, “what can our church do about some of these things?” It is perhaps true that many people would like handles with which to put their faith to work. We are hoping therefore that out of some of the practical discussions by our Boards we will be able to offer concrete, specific suggestions of places where our church can minister. Meanwhile, we ought not to forget the opportunity of sharing some of our good clothing this coming Sunday — announcement of this is given elsewhere —and the America for Christ Offering. Interestingly the Board of Trustees is promoting the America For Christ Offering this year with a $1200 goal.

This Sunday Evening our School of Missions will focus on the challenge of young people and the Evening service will feature a number of our own young people.

This week we begin our pilgrimage to Jerusalem climaxd with the crucifixion and the Resurrection. The morning sermons during this time of Lent will be dealing with some of the rich implications of the Gospel of John. I know that we can count on your sustained interest throughout this period. Let me encourage each of you to read this Gospel a number of times during the Lenten Season.

Finally, let me indicate that we will begin another Membership Instruction Class this Sunday Evening at 6 p.m. in Room 111. We will be dealing with what it means to be a Christian. Anyone particularly interested in learning about the Christian way is invited.

In Christian Love,

R.L.F.
A RECIITAL

The regular Mid-Year Recital presented by students from the Music Department of Sioux Falls College will be given Sunday afternoon, February 19 at 3:30 in the College Chapel. Among the American composers who will make up the program are all invited to attend.

FROM BABCOCK'S BRIEFCASE

Do you have photographs, slides or other pictures of our church, its people, and its activities which might be of historical interest? We have been using such photos and pictures with the church membership class, and have found them to be of real interest and benefit in helping new members feel something of the tradition of First Baptist. But we don't have a complete story by any means! We want particularly to find pictures of the pastors of the church.

So, if you have something, would you let us have it or, if it is precious, loan it to us so that we can duplicate it? Mr. Cressey is working with us on this project, so you may either give them to him or to the church office. Be sure to make whatever notations about dates and persons that you can.

The Leadership Training Class for teachers and prospective teachers has just begun and is still open to anyone who would like to attend. It is meeting in the foyer of Fellowship Hall, with Miss Bernice Pateck of Sioux Falls College as the leader. You may either phone me and I'll send you a card or merely present yourself on Sunday morning. No commitment to teach is involved, and we think it is a course that would be of real help to parents with their own children.

We have been thrilled by the attendance at the School of Missions! It is true that each session has been one of real profit, and we hope we can continue in this vein the same. We invite you to come this week to hear some of our own youth speak to us on the church's successes and failures as they see them. We think this will be a revealing session.

Al Babcock

“THE APPEAL OF LOVE”

“Yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you.”

The little book of Philomena is one of the most tender writings in all the Bible. It centers around a man who is not a Christian, a slave, working in Rome. Somehow, this slave manages to get away from his owner and lose himself in the great city of Rome. It was there that the providence of God overtook him and discovered his Christian beliefs. In the words of Paul he became to him like a spiritual son, very useful in Christian service. The purpose then of this beautiful letter is that to ask Philomena to take Onesimus back not as a slave but as a brother. In the course of this request Paul says he could command Philomena to do this but he prefers to appeal to him in love. He indicates that he will take care of anything that Onesimus has cost Philomena. One sense in this letter something of the beauty and power of New Testament love. The love which is spoken of in the New Testament is not a calculating, carefully arranged, eye-for-an-eye matter nor is it simply a sentimental emotion. It is spoken of as a reality which has grown with love. It is patient and kind. It does not give up even when it is rejected. It has the quality of flexible steel in it, yet it is as tender as a mother. This love is never spoken of in the New Testament as it is always personalized in the relation of persons. So we see love between parents and their children, between two friends or between the follower of Christ and his enemy.

This manner of love reaches its greatest potential where it is not the contact of the way he dealt with people and in the greatness of his death we stood amazed. This is God expressing his love toward us even when we did not love him. Now becoming a Christian is to be caught up in this reality. Our acceptance of Christ means that we share in his life of love.

So God's greatest appeal to man is not by threat or coercion but in a loving, gracious act. Surely we see in this the way in which we should deal with every situation. The greatest word in human affairs is not fear but love. The most significant appeal that any one of us can make in a human situation is the appeal of love.

Is it not true that we ought to deal with each other in this way in our families? So many homes fail because the members within its fellowship deal with each other negatively without trust. What this simple letter to Philomena says to us is that even in the family our most significant appeal is that of love. This means living by acceptance and trust. It means listening to each other and being liable for each other's needs. It is the way of Christ in the home.

There is great need for this kind of appeal in our church life. We should not accept responsibilities for the sake of a program. Certainly we will not do anything lasting in the church if we are not threatened or shamed into doing it. It is the appeal of love which is the lasting way. We invite you to accept Christ because of our love for him and our love for you. We invite you to join in our ministry for the sake of Christ. All that we do together can be done in this spirit.

How deeply we need this kind of motivation in our dealings with our neighbors. Today we are celebrating Sunday and Lincoln's Birthday. Our record in dealing with minority groups is not one of which we can afford to be proud generally speaking. Consider what we have done to the American Indian to whom the white man brought disease and from whom he purchased land in return for fire water. We have made him a second-rate citizen. Or consider the white man to the Negro trying now to find his place. A century ago the white man raped Africa of its finest manhood and used him to carry the white man's burden. We have looked on him as an inferior human being. Now these people are demanding their rights. They are asking for equal opportunities in education, in housing, in worship and in work. Part of the answer to this is that the minority groups are asking for their rights as guaranteed by the Constitution.

We call ourselves Christians and our starting point is not today's newspaper or someone's opinion or the way we think. If we have tasted of Christ's love then we are obligated to start with the New Testament and the mind (Continued on page 4)
of Christ. This is the only way we will understand that God created every man and that Christ died for the whole world. The appeal of this day is the appeal of God's love.

—An Abstract of the Sermon
Preached by Pastor Fredrikson
on February 12, 1961

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A WORD FROM THE MINISTER
OF NEW LIFE

Each of us who has participated in Youth and Missions Month activities has been deeply moved by the spirit and response to the presentations. I believe that our church is grasping a vision toward a deepening of our spiritual life and a more dynamic concern for the needs of others. One cannot but sense a real movement toward the reconciliation needed to produce a more active response to these needs.

On next Sunday we will have opportunity to give a small expression of our concern. As a part of Youth Month, we will observe Church World Service Clothing Sunday. May we ask that you bring your items of clothing to the foyer of the Educational Building. There will be young people ready to receive these gifts. Also, please bring ten cents per pound of clothing to help in shipping costs. In this small way we can express our compassion to others knowing that our clothing will one day be worn by other human beings somewhere in our world.

May I remind all adult workers with youth that we will be meeting on Friday, February 24, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stewart. Our special Youth Month speaker, Rev. James H. Middleton, will meet with us to discuss the theme: "Ministering to Today's Young People."

I hope that in our week by week emphasis we never lose sight of our motivation. As Christians we respond in loving obedience because of God's giving to us. "We give little when we give of our possessions. It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give. There are those who give little of the much which they have and there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffers is never empty. It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through compassion and understanding."

Jim Rowe

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THE MINISTRY OF REMEMBRANCE

"I am the Resurrection and the life: he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

In the fellowship of the risen Christ we extend our hand of understanding to Mrs. George Carlstrom and Mrs. H. W. Paulsen and Mr. Maurice Paulsen in the death of Mrs. Lillie Clark; and to Mr. Al Reimer in the death of his father; and to Mrs. Betty Jorgenson in the death of her brother; and to Mrs. Clark Van Ausdall in the death of her brother.

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LAST SUNDAY—AT A GLANCE

Attendance: February 12
Church School ........................................... 671
Morning Worship ..................................... 1268
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Midweek Prayer Service .............................. 123
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"Becoming Children of God"

Taking The Scriptures Seriously

- These are the supreme authority.
- For faith and practice.
- Not an optional "take it or leave it" proposition.
- In matters of faith one main opinion is not as good as another.
- This is true in music or swimming.

- All should be free of precedents

- Not the following opinion of the day.
- Catching onto the latest headline.
- Pull the force and strength from God. And

- This preaching become a dialogue.
- God, Word and our Word.

- Now the Gospel of John

- Naturally dramatic with conflict
- Written to convince that Christ is the Son of God
- Belief and Unbelief
- Life and Death
- Word of mouth - Gospel of Spirit.
2. **Loving and Majestic, of the Cosmic Christ**

   - **He Was Always Been** - Eternal and a Man.
     - Before Anything Else.

   - **He Was Always Been With God.**
     - He and the Father Are One.

   - **He Was Made Everything**
     - The Creative Center of the Universe.
     - Music, Art, Drama and Beauty.

4. **In Him Is Life and Light**

   - The Great Needs of Man Who Exists in the Midst of Darkness and Death.

   **His Christ Has Come Among Us**

4. **Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us.**

   - One of the Most Suggestive Phrases Among All Scripture.

   - **Blew Up Our Common Lot**
     - Attending A Wedding
     - Asking for Water At A Well.
     - Week at a Tonic.
     - Summer in His Bone.

   - **This Continues Among Us.**
The rejection of Christ's cause by their unbelief.

1. He upset their institutions.
   - The Sabbath and Fast.
   - We cannot fit Christ into our world.

2. They said he did not speak the truth.
   - Concordia never meant what he said.
   - He was possessed with a demon.

3. He judged their darkness and their littleness.
   - As Light judged darkness.
   - To judge judge death.

4. They shrank back from his demands.

Power to become
- As we do.

There were some who received him, who believed his name.

1. They accepted him for what he was.
   - Spirit and life, bread and water.
   - The purpose for which he came.

2. This is how they received him.
   - Not for something else.
   - Personal.

3. This is all we can believe and trust.
To These He Came Down To Become Children of God.

1. We see this in Physical Birth.
   - We do not make or create life.
   - We enter into it, we accept it.

2. The Power To Enter God’s Family comes from Christ.
   - This Power can only be given to those who accept Christ for what He is.

3. The Meaning of Entering God’s Family:
   - From being self-centered to Centered in God.
   - From secularity in earthly reality to secularity in eternal life.
   - From anger and hostility to love and kindness.
   - From death to life.

4. This Birth comes in various ways.
   - For some with great emotion and power.
   - For some thoughtfully and quietly.

After Dying and Not Dying, come as a gift of Faith.
First Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
February 19, 1961

"But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God."

WE HAVE BEHELD HIS GLORY

Prelude— ***"Fantasia in D"" ........................................... Martin
***"There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy" .................. Whitford
"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" ........................ Bingham

Choral Call to Worship— ***"We Come Before Thy Presence"
***"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

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Invocation
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria

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THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—John 1: 1-18
Choral Call to Prayer—“Prayer is the Soul’s Sincere Desire”
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response— ***"Hear Me, O God"
***"Oh Merciful Father, Hear Us"

Anthem—***“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” .................. Nicolai
How brightly shines the Morning Star!
What radiance streaming from afar!
God’s glory there is shining.
Clear beam of God, which scatters night,
And guides the wand’ring souls aright,
Who long for truth were pining.
Jesus! God’s Word! Truth revealing, sorrow healing, life bestowing,
Praise, oh praise such grace o’erflowing.
My comfort here, my joy above, Man’s Son, Son of the Father’s love.
Enthroned in heav’n.
With my whole heart Thy praise I sing;
To Thee, our prophet, priest and king be honors given.
Saviour, trusting, come I, soul and spirit,
Thee, my portion, to inherit.
Aid me, my God, to sing Thy praise; Thine ageless love,
Thy matchless grace in Christ our Lord appearing.
When such a gift God gave for thee, when such a brother true is He,
Why still, my soul, be fearing?
Choose Him, Know Him, greatest, dearest, best and nearest
To befriend thee, and His love divine extend thee. Amen.

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GRACE AND TRUTH CAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Christian Greetings
Offertory Hymn—“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” .................. 242
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Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THAT ALL MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM

Vocal Solo— ***“I Will Not Leave You Comfortless” .................. Row
Susan Ullias, mezzo soprano
***“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” ................. Lang
Mrs. Russell Greenfield, soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—“Becoming Children of God”
1. Greetings
   - Robina - Ted Anning - Susan Allen.

2. School of Missions
   - Age of Discontent

3. Membership Class

4. Youth Banquet - Saturday 6 p.m.

5. America For Christ Offering -
   - Next Sunday

6. Moment of Memory - Bob Lawrence

7. Flowers on Communion Table are from the Family of Robert Lawrence
HE GAVE POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary” 277
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Postlude

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

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

The broadcast of the service this morning over KELO beginning at 11:10 is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Daugaard.

EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
7:00 P.M.
SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Participating
Youth Choirs — Youth Pastors — Youth Staff — Youth Boards
Rev. Al Babcock, preaching

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 5:00 p.m.—SYADS (Single Young Adults)
6:00 p.m.—Youth Groups
6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session One
6:00 p.m.—School of Missions
8:15 p.m.—Hi Fi
8:15 p.m.—Afterglow

MONDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Explorers

TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—XYZ Club meet in the Church Parlor
4:15 p.m.—Discipleship Class

WEDNESDAY, 9:00 a.m.—Group VI Coffee in the Parlor
4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.—Primary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
8:15 p.m.—Diaconate Meeting in the Church Parlor

THURSDAY, 1:15 p.m.—Senior Philatheas in the Church Parlor
5:00 p.m.—Scout Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall
—Golden Circle Class in the Youth Room
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 6:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m.—Adult Workers with Youth

SATURDAY, 10:00 a.m.—Youth Officers Meeting
6:00 p.m.—Youth Month Banquet
—Zeto Class Meeting

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