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THE GREATEST GIFT

How very grateful we should be for the gift that God gave us in Jesus Christ. And this is the reason for Christmas season. "The gift of Christ to the world was beyond computation, and no power could compete with God by giving a gift that would bear any comparison to the value of heaven's best treasure. The greatness of this gift was to furnish men with a theme of thanksgiving and praise that would last through time and through

eternity. Having given His all in Christ, God lays claim to the heart, mind, soul, and strength of man. Looking upon the treasure which God has provided in the full and complete gift of Christ, we can exclaim: 'Herein is love!'" (Ellen White, Our High Calling, p. 18.5). May we rejoice in our worship for God giving us Jesus. —Don Dronen

FEAST OF LIGHTS

Students from Andrews Academy participated in the annual Feast of Lights on Friday, December 11. (Photo credit: Steven Atkins)



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PEACE ON EARTH— GOOD WILL TO MEN

Seeking and Celebrating the Real Meaning of Christmas

BY RUTHANN RAYCROFT*

ntering a large grocery store a couple of months ago, I was startled by several large displays near the checkouts and exits. There, nestled in between the bins of fresh fall candy and treats, were stacks of boxed Christmas chocolates and stocking stuffers. The Christmas season had begun and it wasn't even October.

Sometimes it seems that the gap between Christmas and the rest of the year is getting shorter. This eagerness to get a jump on holiday cheer is purely practical from a retailer's point of view: Stores typically make more than half of their yearly sales during these few short weeks.

Shopping has become a pretty substantial part of the North American Christmas tradition.

Yet Christmas is and should be so much more than what we buy. Gifts are fun, both to give and receive, but they are only symbolic of a much greater gift:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The love of God came down to earth now that is something to celebrate!

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the busyness of Christmas. That doesn't mean we have to lose track of the significance of this time of year, or miss out on the opportunities it can present.

Here are some simple ways that you can incorporate the real meaning of Christmas into your family's holiday:

No Room in the Inn

A favorite Christmas tradition in my family (and in many other families, I have discovered) is a re-enactment of the Christmas story. Several years ago I wrote a formal nativity script for our family. Everyone was assigned a part, from Grandma and Grandpa down to the newest grandchild. It was wonderful to watch each person begin to explore what the character they were playing might have been like. Our family has refined our dramatic tradition to include a creative element: Fifteen minutes to make your own costume from anything you can find in the house (or attic/basement).

Good Will Toward Men

Gift giving is a wonderful way to reflect to each other, God's love for us. This seems particularly true when we are giving of our time and gifts to those in need. Here are just a few examples:

- **Volunteer together** (include the grandkids!)—to pack toys and food into hampers that will be delivered to needy families before Christmas or to serve Christmas dinner to the homeless at a downtown mission.
- Forgo traditional Christmas gifts—make a donation in someone's name rather than giving that person a gift; take a child out to eat at their favorite restaurant and then take them to the toy store where they can choose a gift . . . for a less fortunate child; band together with friends you might normally buy gifts for and pool your resources instead to help a family in need or support a favorite cause.

Good News of Great Joy . . .

- ... for all people—Christmas is a time of unusual openness to spiritual things. Jesus is on everyone's lips, whether they know Him or not. There is no greater gift you can give those who have not yet met the Lord than to share with them the good news of the real Christmas. Here are some ideas:
- Invite your loved ones to church—many churches go to great lengths when they plan Christmas services, to reach those who do not yet know Christ. Perhaps there is a musical or play that dramatizes Christ's birth and the meaning of His coming, or a special Christmas carol service. These are not only a great way to spend time celebrating God's grace with the people you care about during the holidays, but a wonderful beginning for a conversation about their spiritual beliefs.
- Invest in some literature (booklets, pamphlets or tracts that convey Christmas greetings in addition to the message of the gospel)—these are a wonderful way to share Christ with someone, particularly if you fear that you "won't know what to say." Hand these out to your neighbors with holiday baking or chocolates, pass them on to guests you have invited to your church Christmas play, or share them with carolers when you invite them in for a hot drink.

Enjoy all the good things Christmas has to offer this year as you celebrate the reason for the season.

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT PMC

BY PIONEER MEDIA TEAM STAFF

ave you ever wondered where the images that you see on the screen come from, or how they get from the cameras to your computer at home? The media worship production here at Pioneer is made up of a team of almost 50 students and local community volunteers, gifted in the area of media ministry. The following people work together to help facilitate a positive worship experience in our local church and abroad:

THE PRODUCER

The Producer's job is to manage all technical aspects of morning worship. He or she is constantly watching and listening for and anticipating possible technical problems during morning worship. They are oftentimes the first one on the team to arrive, and the last one to leave.

FRONT OF HOUSE AUDIO

Everything that you hear through the public address system comes from our Front of House Audio Engineer. It takes skill and a good ear to provide clarity of content for local worshippers.

RECORDING AUDIO

Like the Front of House Audio Engineer, the Recording Audio Engineer is also responsible for what you hear during worship. What's unique is that this is a separate audio mix that is heard by our radio and TV audiences. What you hear on our local campus station, WAUS, and numerous television partners across the country, and the world, all originates from Recording Audio.

FRONT ROW AUDIO SUPPORT

That person with the headset on in the front row is a lifeline to onstage participants. When that microphone needs to be moved on the stage, or a piece of equipment fails, this important team member is there to provide the support needed.

CAMERA OPERATORS & DIRECTOR

The Camera Operators and their Director are responsible for the content that you see on your screen. Whether you're watching locally, across the globe via our live web stream, or later on television, each Sabbath this team crafts these images like an artist painting a picture. A perfect blend of creativity and focus allows them to take pride in each service they've helped to create.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Assistant Director provides cues to the Video Director, allowing him or her to focus on being creative. This person keeps a watchful eye on where we are in the worship program so that each team member knows what is coming up next and can be prepared.



VIDEO ENGINEER

Our Video Engineer works to make sure all the various pieces of equipment required to run the service are functioning in harmony. This person keeps a watchful eye on each camera to ensure they look similar and are in focus, while also overseeing our video recorders and livestreaming equipment.

SERMON GRAPHICS OPERATOR

How do the graphics appear on the screen right when the presenter says, "Let's see that on the screen"? It is all orchestrated by our Graphics Operator in the video control room. This person is familiar with the presentation and knows when graphics are coming up. This allows the presenter to focus on sharing the important God-inspired message.

WORSHIP GRAPHICS OPERATOR

Our song lyrics are created and operated in tandem with the morning music team. If you're grateful for the lyrics on the screen, thank our Worship Graphics Operators.

WEB GRAPHICS OPERATOR

When you watch us live from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, this person provides on-screen lower thirds, letting you know who is presenting, as well as lyrics to music.

Long before most of us arrive at church Sabbath morning, the media team is in full force providing a quality worship production for you and your family. Such an endeavor happens through your continued prayers and financial support. As you consider where you fit into God's plan for spreading the Gospel, we invite you to remember our humble television ministry here at Pioneer this Christmas season.

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WE STUDY

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Song Service Ed Higgins

Opening Hymn At First I Prayed for Light • 488

Welcome Lois Nicholas

Prayer & Scripture 766 in Hymnal

Special Feature Have You Opened All Your Gifts Yet?

Offertory

Bible Study "Lessons From Jeremiah" • Classes

Theme SongMake Me a Blessing

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing. Out of my life may Jesus shine. Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray. Make me a blessing; to someone today.

"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson ©1924, Renewed 1952 Word Music, LLC; Used by Permission. CCLI License #392652

Benediction Ed Higgins

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

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Opening Voluntary IN DULCI JUBILO (In Sweet Jubilation) • Anonymous Carol

Introit Infant Holv, Infant Lowly • Kenneth Logan

Don Dronen Call to Worship

We are many diverse persons gathered here.

Bind us into one body, Beloved God.

We have brought many diverse hopes to this day.

Blend them into one sacred hope, Beloved God.

Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Ren Martin Invocation

Carols of the Season Good Christians, Now Rejoice • st. 1-2 of 136

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Angels From the Realms of Glory • st. 1-3 of 119

Congregational Prayer Don Dronen

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne • st. 1 of 140

What Child Is This? • Kenneth Logan Worship in Music

"By the Word of Their Testimony" Zachary Gene Seifert with Ben Martin

Don Dronen • PMC Operating Expense Tithes & Offerings

Children's Story The Holy Boy (A Carol of the Nativity) • John Ireland

Pat & Tami Strzyzykowski Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12, 14, 19, 20; Romans 12:5; Colossians 1:18 NRSV

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

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If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Hymn of Preparation

Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child • 133

Sermon

"The Post-Holiday Body" • Ben Martin

Hymn of Commitment

O Little Town of Bethlehem • 135

Benediction

Closing Voluntary IN DULCI JUBILO (In Sweet Jubilation) • Johann Sebastian Bach

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Debra Rosengren, flute; Eric Lofgren, trumpet

MUSIC ALIVE

IN SWEET "JUBILO"

■he hymn text "Good Christians, Now Rejoice" is allied with the hymn tune IN DULCI JUBILO, which has direct roots approximately 600 years old. Regarding the text, tradition holds that fourteenth-century author Heinrich Suso had a vision wherein an angel choir sang the carol to him. The text itself was a composite of languages, including some Latin and some vernacular words. Interestingly, the composite character was extended greatly in one rendering of the carol at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1745, where it is said to have been sung simultaneously in 13 languages. Today, one language will do in singing it. But composer Johann Sebastian Bach needs no words with which to make his majestic, joyous statement with a version of the hymn melody, in today's closing organ voluntary.

SUBMIT announcements by emailing <u>bulletin@pmchurch.org</u> or by going to <u>www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit</u>. Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

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"The Matchless Attractions of Christ: Charmed into Righteousness"—Part One Celebration of the Cross

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Matchless Attractions of Christ: Charmed into Righteousness"—Part Two

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING

What a full year the Pioneer Church Family has experienced! We have sadly said good-bye to long-time church members and happily welcomed new faces to our pews. We have wrestled over tough issues, and encouraged one another in our Grow Groups. We have cried together, laughed together and learned together. So today, as we have one last opportunity this year to give our offerings in support of the **PMC Budget**, let us remember what a blessing God has given us to journey together towards Heaven as the PMC Family!

Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

The documentary, God of Wonders, will be shown this evening.

Register Your GROW Group for Spring 2016

It's time to sign up your 8-, 10-, and 12-week GROW Group at www.pmchurch.org/grow. Have an idea for a GROW Group you'd like to lead between February 1 and April 24, 2016? It's not too early to begin inviting and praying for people who will want to join you. Let's GROW together.

PMC Office Closed

Our office will be closed for the New Year holiday from December 30 through January 4. We will be happy to serve you on Tuesday, January 5, at 8:30 AM. Happy New Year!

Volunteer Photographers

Do you love taking pictures? PMC is in need of church photographers who are willing to take pictures of baptisms, baby dedications, and other special events on occasion. You don't have to be a professional but good with a camera and own your own camera. Contact 471.3134 or 471.3972.

Year-end Contributions

If you plan to bring in a donation, our office is closed December 30 and 31. Your donation needs to be postmarked no later than December 31 to be included in your 2015 tax deductible receipt. You can also make your contribution through Adventist Giving. Go to www.pmchurch.org and click the Adventist Giving tab. Contributions made until 11:59 PM on December 31 will be included in your 2015 tax-deductible receipt.

Neighbor To Neighbor Holiday Hours

Neighbor To Neighbor is closed for the holiday season and will reopen on Monday, January 4. Thank you for holding your donations until we return. We appreciate your contributions to our ministry.

PMC Exercise Class

We are taking a break for the AU Christmas break. Please join us when we resume on Tuesday, January 5, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Commons.

PMC Publication Submissions

If you want to submit an article for the bulletin or e-letter, contact Rebecca Coleman at rebecca.coleman@pmchurch.org. All other bulletin information should be submitted to Rachelle Offenback at bulletin@pmchurch.tv.

Looking for Pianists

The Beginners Sabbath School is looking for pianists to help out during the program. If you are interested, please contact Claudia Davisson at 269.208.7081 or email at bg1@pmchurch.org.

10 Days of Prayer

JANUARY 1–10 • 6:45 PM 4731 GREENFIELD DRIVE

Please join us at John and Millie Youngberg's home for 10 days of prayer beginning January 1, 2016. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Health & Wellness Fest

JANUARY 12 & 13

AU Health & Wellness is proud to present the first 'Health & Wellness Fest' to celebrate the power of wellness to transform, change and save lives! Join us in the many fun, engaging and educational opportunities to start the new year off well! READY. SET. GO. 2016.—LIVE WHOLLY! For a detailed schedule of all events throughout this fest or to register, check http://bit.ly/1lsqutj. Have questions? Email well-ness@andrews.edu.

Mommy & Me

Mommy & Me is taking a break for the Christmas season and will resume on January 12. Join us in the Nursery at 10 AM for playtime, songs, and crafts with your 0-5-year-old.

PMC Announcements

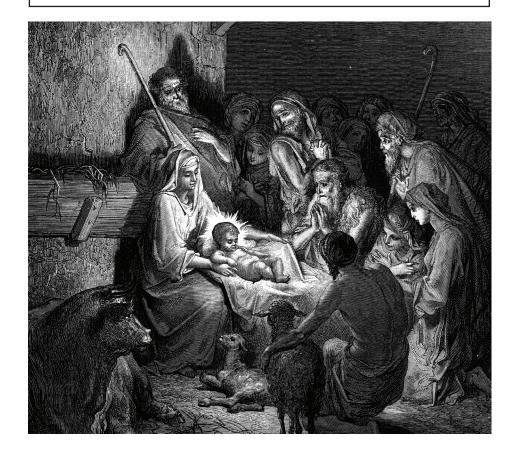
For more PMC and community announcements, check out our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.



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THE FAMILY OF GOD

BY JUDY NAY

hat do you think of when you hear the word family? Does a picture of a father, a mother, and a few children come to mind? That is certainly a very important definition of the word, but here at PMC we like to remember that we are a church family made up of students, singles, married couples, couples with children, empty nesters, and retirees. Together we all make up the Family of God and ALL should feel a welcome connection with our fellow worshippers.

The goal of the PMC Family Life Committee is to draw people together by resurrecting some of the family-oriented programs and events that have been so well received in the past, and to add activ-

ities that will appeal to the varied groups within our congregation. In the past we have had such events as hayrides, gymnights, swim nights and sports days on Sundays.

If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, please let us know by contacting Judy Nay, Family Life Committee Director. Stay tuned for updates, and remember that you are a very important part of God's family.

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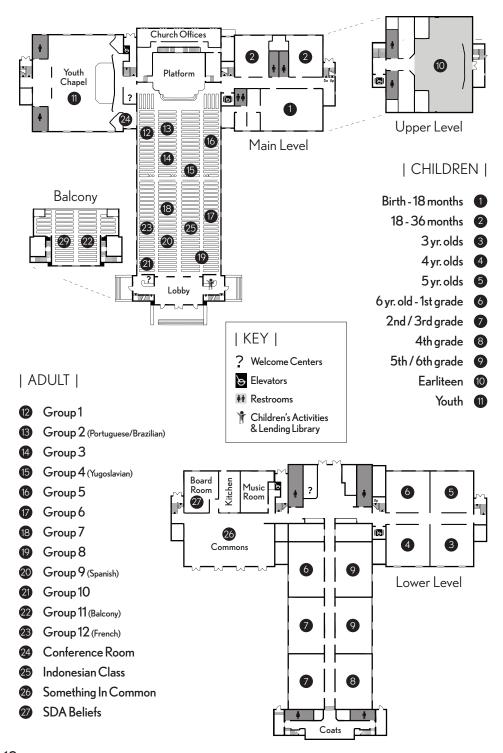
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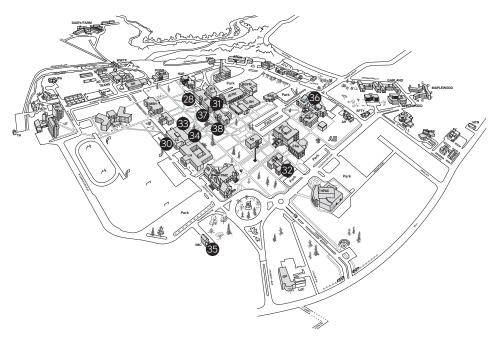
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