

Church Spires

Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.
Hebrews 13:14.

A sainted churchman stood looking at the church spires towering almost to the clouds. He marvelled that our ancestors had devoted so much energy and gone to so great an expense for something which seemed only to serve as useless pomp and outward show. "Yet," said he, after some reflection, "they had good intentions and a definite purpose. Does not such a tall, erect spire have the appearance of a gigantic finger? Yes, indeed. By means of every church spire the dear men of old desired to impress upon us that the doctrine proclaimed in the Church is the way to heaven."

Whenever we see such a spire, let us be reminded that "here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts.
Psalm 84:1.

CHRISTIAN SCRIVER, 1693

The chimes of the sabbath re-echo abroad,
Announcing a festive occasion.
Array thee, my soul, for the temple of God;
Draw near to the fount of salvation.
Be cleansed and made whole;
Be strengthened, my soul,
By Him who restores His creation.

The tones of the temple are laden with peace,
In measures of heavenly splendor.
Bedeck thee, my soul, let thy slumber surcease,
And hasten thy worship to render.
The call is divine;
Redemption is thine,
Thro' Jesus, thy holy defender.

OSCAR R. OVERBY, 1931



Spires

MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Enter in Silence Worship in Reverance

Order of Worship January 29, 1950

The Organ Prelude "Andante Religioso" Sergisson
The Choral Call to Worship Congregation Standing
The Invocation and Lord's Prayer
The Doxology
The Prayer of Confession:
Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy
lovingkindness: According to the multitude of
thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse
me from my sins.
The Hymn of Praise # 393 Seated
The Reading of the Scripture (Selected)
The Pastoral Prayer
The Choral Response to Prayer
The Hymn of Communion # 333 (1-2) Standing
The Communion Meditation
The Lord's Supper (All Christians sharing)
The Offertory Prayer
The Offering (As a loving gift to God)
The Offertory "Prayer" Von Weber
The Congregational Hymn # 428 Standing
The Sermon: "Where Religion Touches Work"
The Moment of Directed Prayer
The Hymn of Dedication # 291 (1,2-5) Standing
The Moment of Silent Prayer
The Choral Benediction
The Postlude Selected

"The great use of life is to spend it for
something that will outlast it." William James.

THE CONGREGATIONAL NOTES:

Today: Evening Vespers at 5:00 p.m.*

Monday: Boy Scouts at 6:15 p.m. (Tom Queen is
the new Scoutmaster of the church troop. We wel-
come Tom to this new post.)

Wednesday: The Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: The Woman's Christian Missionary
Society meets at the home of Mrs. Arthur Blair at
7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Jr. Choir practice at 4:00 p.m. (The
parents are urged to remind their children of this
time.)

Sermon Subject for Sunday morning, February 5th:
"Where Religion Touches DEATH"

*Your minister will give a report of the Minister's
Conference which he attended this past week.

Stand Fast

THE HEROES of the Reformation are many. In respect to personality and point of view some of them differed greatly. In purpose, however, they were agreed: The Church must be cleansed; the evangelical message of the Bible must be brought to all people.

In their efforts to achieve this, they followed a pattern of action which the Church of today would do well to emulate. First, they delved deeply into the study of the Scriptures, recognizing that in them alone is man's dependable rule of faith and life. Second, when they arrived at a definite conviction with regard to the teaching of the Bible on a certain point, they proclaimed and taught it without regard to possible consequences to themselves or anyone else. They were determined to engage in the "good fight of faith" regardless of whom their opponents might be. By the grace of God they struggled to "stand fast in the faith" even though both civil and ecclesiastical forces sought to move them by persuasion or threats. They had a profound conviction that with the apostle Paul they were set for "the defense of the Gospel."

During the centuries that have passed since the Reformation, the Church has not always searched the Scriptures with a view to arriving at deep convictions. "Contending for the faith" has often been most unpopular. As a result, large segments of the Church have not "stood fast in the faith." They have lost the basic convictions of the Reformers: that the Bible is the inspired Word of God; that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, our only Savior from sin and death; that man is "saved by grace through faith."

Blatant secularism and militant atheism are today storming the citadel of the Christian Church. It is for the Church to gird herself, rise up, and "contend for the faith," renew the "good fight of faith," and, in spite of all opposition, to "stand fast in the faith" in "defense of the gospel." In this lies victory for the Church of Christ.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield and weap - on;
2. Stood we a - lone in our own might, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
3. And were the world with dev - ils filled, All watch - ing to de - vour us,
4. Still they must leave God's word its might, For which no thanks they mer - it;

Our help is He in all our need, Our stay, what - e'er doth hap - pen;
For us the one true Man doth fight, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
Our souls to fear we need not yield, They can - not o - ver - power us;
Still He is with us in the fight, With His good gifts and Spir - it.

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe: Strong mail of craft and
Who is this chos - en One? 'Tis Je - sus Christ, the Son, The Lord of hosts, 'tis
Their dread - ed prince no more Can harm us as of yore; His rage we can en -
And should they, in the strife, Take kin - dred, goods and life, We free - ly let them

power He wear - eth in this hour; On earth is not his e - qual.
He Who wins the vic - tó - ry In ev - 'ry field of bat - tle.
dure; For lo! his doom is sure, A word shall o - ver - throw him.
go, They pro - fit not the foe; With us re - mains the king - dom.

MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"If You Must Speak, Let It Be In Prayer"

Order of Worship October 8, 1950

The Invitation to Worship.....in prayer for this church.

*The Organ Prelude "Andante Con Expressione" Giraud
The Choral Call to Worship Congregation Standing
The Invocation and Lord's Prayer
The Doxology

*The Hymn of Praise # 429 Congregation Seated
The Reading of the Scripture: John 14:8-14
The Pastoral Prayer

630 The Choral Response to Prayer

*The Hymn of Communion # 461 Standing

The Communion Meditation
The Lord's Supper (All Christians may share)
The Offertory Prayer

The Offering (That the Church may Endure)
The Offertory "In Heavenly Love Abiding" Thomas

The Installation of Deacons and Elders: .

 The Installation of Deacons

 The Installation of Elders

The Anthem "Evening Prayer" Humperdinck

The Sermon "Let Me Speak of God...." Mr. Ryle

The Moment of Directed Prayer

The Hymn of Invitation # 289 (1-5) Standing

The Moment of Silent Prayer

126 The Choral Benediction

The Organ Postlude Selected

*Late-comers will enter at these times.

"We pray for the bifocals of faith that see the despair and the need of the hour.....(and) the patience of our God working out his plan."

 From the "Prayers" of Peter Marshall

THE CONGREGATIONAL NOTES:

Today: Chi Rho Fellowship at 4:30 p.m.
EVENING VESPERS at 5:00 p.m. Theme: "When Jesus was Tempted"

Monday: Bgy Scout Troop 76 at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday: The WOMAN'S COUNCIL at 2:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor
The Girl Scouts at 3:15 p.m. (Basement)
Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

Friday: Girl Scouts at 3:15 p.m. (Basement)
Jr. Choir practice at 4:15 p.m. (Parlor)

SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE IN OCTOBER:

Elders: Hartley Battson and George Cline

Deacons: W. Waltz, E. D. Blair, W. Williams,
M. A. Bowne, R. Jennings, and H. Glover.

On the BULLETIN BOARD has been placed an AWARD OF HONOR presented to the W. M. S. for subscribing TEN per cent of the Church Membership to the WORLD CALL

DISTRICT CHURCH CONVENTION...at Flemingsburg Christian Church...on SUNDAY...OCTOBER 22nd. Note the BULLETIN BOARD for the program.

NEXT SUNDAY: Remember Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. At Morning Worship your minister will speak on this subject: WHAT SUNDAY MEANS....to me" OR, "How Should a Christian Regard Sunday?"

HELP MAKE OCTOBER "CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH"....BE ON TIME...EVERYTIME!

The Lord Is My Light

THE AGE-OLD conflict between light and darkness, between good and evil, continues without abatement. The struggle even seems to be growing in intensity. If, as some devout Christians believe, we are rapidly approaching the end of the world, this is not strange. In His great prophetic sermon in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew Jesus speaks specifically of the last days, "There shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be. And except those days shall be shortened, there shall no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." So fateful shall the struggle between the forces of light and darkness become that, as He envisages it, Jesus asks, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" No wonder our Lord admonishes His followers to "watch and pray," and to "be ready" for, says He, "The Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

The unbelieving world goes on oblivious of the great conflict. The children of darkness move on inexorably toward their ultimate doom.

In sharp contrast to this the child of God turns his face heavenward and with eyes lifted to Him who is the Light of the world intones in triumph, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."



For Thy Light Is Come

MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"If You Must Speak, Let It Be In Prayer"

Order of Worship December 10, 1950

The Invitation to Worship: "So FAITH, HOPE, LOVE
abide, but the greatest of these is LOVE."

*The Organ Prelude "Star of the East" Kennedy

The Choral Call to Worship Congregation Standing

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Doxology

The Response:

Minister: God is Spirit...

Response: Let us worship Him in Spirit and in
truth.

Minister: God is Love...

Response: Let us love God with all our hearts,
minds, souls.

*The Hymn of Praise # 205 Standing

The Reading of the Scripture: I Cor. 13

The Pastoral Prayer

630 The Choral Response to Prayer

*The Hymn of Communion # 455 (1-3) Standing

The Communion Meditation

The Lord's Supper ("For God so loved the world..")

The Offertory Prayer

The Offering (As an expression of our love.)

The Offertory "God's Promise" Wilson

The Anthem "Praise the Lord, All Ye Lands" Baines

The Sermon "The Way to Loving God" Mr. Ryle

The Moment of Directed Prayer

The Hymn of Invitation # 379 (1,2-4) Standing

The Moment of Silent Prayer

476 The Choral Benediction

The Organ Postlude Selected

*Late-comers may enter at these times.

THE CONGREGATIONAL NOTES:

TODAY:

CHI RHO Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.

EVENING VESPERS at 7:00 p.m. Theme: WHEN WE FALL
IN LOVE WITH GOD"

WEDNESDAY:

GIRL SCOUT TROOP # 2 and 5 at 3:15 p.m.

Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL at 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:

BOY SCOUT TROOP # 76 at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Girl Scout Troop # 1 at 3:5 p.m.

Jr. Choir Practice at 4:15 p.m.

MISSIONARY DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th. The special
emphasis of this service is the missionary pro-
gram of the Church. The free offering goes to the
W. M. S. for their missionary services. The theme:
THE KINGDOM OF GOD OR RUIN.

THE MESSIAH will be presented by the Glee Club of
Morehead State College on Sunday evening, Dec. 17,
at 7:30 p.m., in the College Audt. WE ARE URGED
TO ATTEND. And, in cooperation with the College,
there will be no evening vespers.

OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (with Santa) will be given on
FRIDAY evening, December 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.

COME, LET US WORSHIP.....On Christmas Eve (Sunday)
afternoon (4:00 p.m.) there will be a special
service of worship. ALL churches in the community
are to be invited. Plan to attend.

December 17, 1950

Dear Friends:

As we approach the Birthday of the Prince of Peace, we are appalled by the evil and suffering in the world. Even our so-called Christian nations are without the "vision." The missionary spirit and the will to correct evil is lacking.

Christians must realize that the wrong in the world today is a direct result of the wrong in human hearts. So it is fitting that on this Sunday morning we examine our hearts. Are they filled with love for the suffering? Do they have faith enough to believe that each of us can do much, simply by continuing in prayer, not only for peace, but for our leaders and workers who need wisdom and strength greater than human beings can supply?

Nearly every country in the world has a band of Christians, trying to teach people how to live the better life, how to right the wrongs in human hearts. Each of us can help by our prayers and by our gifts of money to see that this work is not lost, but continued.

What better gift to the world today than the old, old story of Jesus the christ?

Sincerely yours,

The Missionary Society

P. S. "We have no surplus of Christianity in America, but unless we try to bring others to Christ our own Christianity will die on our hands."

—E. Stanley Jones



The Song Ever New

The Song of a Joyful Heart

THE BENEDICTUS

Zacharias prophesied, saying
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and
redeemed his people,
And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house
of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have
been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the
hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to re-
member his holy covenant;
The oath which he swore to our father Abraham,
That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out
of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our
life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare
his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the re-
mission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-
spring from on high hath visited us,
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow
of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

LUKE 1:68-79



The Song Ever New

MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"If You Must Speak, Let It Be In Prayer"

Order of Worship December 17, 1950

The Invitation to Worship...."Go ye into all the world..."

- *The Organ Prelude "A Carol Fantasy" Wilson
- The Choral Call to Worship Congregation Standing
- The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer
- The Doxology
- The Response (Number 9—the Old Testament) Seated
- *The Hymn of Praise # 190 Seated
- The Reading of the Scripture: Mt. 16:1-4
- The Pastoral Prayer
- 63 ✓ The Choral Response to Prayer
- *The Hymn of Communion # 346 (1-4) Standing
- The Communion Meditation
- The Lord's Supper (All are invited to share on the basis of their own judgment.)
- The Offertory Prayer
- The Offering (That God's Kingdom may grow.)
- The Offertory "O Holy Night" Adams
- The Anthem "Morning Alleluia" Lovatt
- The Sermon "The Kingdom of God—or Ruin" Mr. Ryle
- The Moment of Directed Prayer
- The Hymn of Dedication # 537 (1-4) Standing
- The Moment of Silent Prayer
- 325 ✓ The Choral Benediction
- The Organ Postlude Selected

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THE OFFERING....The undesignated offering goes to the Women's Christian Missionary Society as a contribution to their efforts to give the Gospel to the peoples of the world. Give as you feel the need and the urge. Note the enclosed letter.

THE CONGREGATIONAL NOTES:

TODAY: Chi Rho Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.
THE MESSIAH will be sung by the College Chorus in the College Audt. at 7:30 p.m. (There will be no Evening Vesper.)

WEDNESDAY:

Practice for those taking part in the program on Friday evening. (Parents: Please note!) At 3:00 p.m.

Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. (The minister urgently requests that ALL members of the CHOIR who plan to sing on Sunday afternoon be present.)

THURSDAY: Boy Scout Troop # 76 at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: At 7:00 p.m. the annual Sunday School Christmas Program will be given. St. Nick will attend. A treat will be given ALL children. NOTE: BRING YOUR WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS to be placed under the tree. DON'T FORGET....your WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFT for our baskets.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th:

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP at 10:45 a.m. Theme: "IN THE BEGINNING—AN IDEA"

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS VESPER at 4:00 p.m. SEE and HEAR the CHRISTMAS STORY. SEE and HEAR the Vesper sermon: LET THE CANDLES SPEAK. This service of worship is designed for children as well as adults. Invite your neighbors. Plan to attend.

NOTE: READ JOHN 1 before attending the Christmas Vesper.

History's Moment

THE WINTRY NIGHT is still and dark. In silence the shepherds watch their sleeping flocks. Suddenly the radiance of heaven floods the field. A winged host hovers above them in the sky. A burst of song from angel voices fills the air. A message from the living God falls upon the ears of men.

The shepherds quake. They are sore afraid. For how can sinful man stand in the midst of the glory of God?

God's love holds the answer. It dispels all fear.

In Bethlehem a Child is born, of the royal line of David, the Son of a virgin, the promised Messiah. It is the Savior of mankind, Christ the Lord, the only begotten Son of God. It is history's climacteric moment.

In animated joy the shepherds hasten on to Bethlehem. On bended knee they worship and adore the child. They make known to Mary and Joseph what they have seen and heard that night; the glory, the angelic host, the song, the message. Glorifying and praising God they spread the good news:

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

The song of the angels has never died. The praises of the shepherds have risen to a mighty surge of song, caught up anew by each succeeding generation, re-echoed in every nation. Truly the earth is full of His glory.

In this dark hour of human history let the *Song of the Ages* again ring out in joy and fervent hope. "For thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Let all who today acclaim the Savior rise to claim the glorious promise that He has come "To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."



CHRISTMAS

MOREHEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"If You Must Speak, Let It Be In Prayer"

Order of Worship

December 24, 1950

The Invitation to Worship...."For unto to us a....
child is born....."

*The Organ Prelude "Yuletide Echoes"

The Choral Call to Worship Congregation Standing

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The Doxology

The Response:

Minister: Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy which shall be to all.

Response: FOR THERE IS BORN TO YOU THIS DAY IN
THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.

Unison: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON
EARTH PEACE AMONG MEN IN WHOM HE IS WELL PLEASED.

*The Hymn of Praise # 198 Congregation Seated

The Responsive Scripture # 51 (Old Testament)

The Pastoral Prayer

632 The Choral Response to Prayer

*The Communion Hymn # 188 (1-4) Standing

The Communion Meditation

The Lord's Supper (Let us everyone come into the
presence of the Living Christ.)

The Offertory Prayer

The Offering (As an expression of our love for
God and man.)

The Offertory "Adoration" Sergisson

187 The Anthem "Angels We Have Heard On High" Carol

The Sermon "In the Beginning--An Idea"

The Moment of Directed Prayer

The Hymn of Dedication # 189 Standing

The Moment of Silent Prayer

325 The Choral Benediction

The Organ Postlude Selected

THE CONGREGATIONAL NOTES:

TODAY: Christmas Vespers at 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Theme:

REFLECTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

A THANK YOU.....

To the WOMAN'S COUNCIL, THE CHOIR for their co-
operation at this Christmas Season. AND a special

THANK YOU to Mrs. Noah Kennard and Mrs. E.D. Blair
for decorated the sanctuary.....Mr. Mart Bowne for
providing the Christmas tree.....To Mrs. Walter
Calvert, Mrs. D. Fannin, and Miss Hildroth Maggard
for decorating the tree.....To Mrs. Mary Myers, Mrs.
Lowne and daughters, and Mrs. Ina Helwig for pre-
paring the Christmas treat....Also Mrs. C. Rader.

A THANK YOU.....to Mrs. Mayme Wiley, Mrs. Lena
Wilsonwith some help from Dora and Ward Willaims
for taking care of the White Christmas gifts....And
to ALL of you who gave.

A THANK YOU.....to Mrs. Margaret Ryle, Dorothy
Clayton, Mary C. Govedon....for their direction of
the Christmas program....And to ALL others who may
have helped, especially to Mrs. Lappin for playing
for the program....And to ALL parents and teachers
and young people who made the program possible...

A THANK YOU...in advance...to Miss Nell Fair, Miss
Dorothy Walter and Mr. Ward Williams....for the
contributions they are to make this afternoon....

AND TO ALL...THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!