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Knox Churches Schedule Services

Christmas Eve services are scheduled in most of Knoxville's Episcopal and Catholic parishes, and in many churches of other denominations.

At St. John's Episcopal Church, beginning at 10:30 p.m., the Handbell Choir of Second Presbyterian Church will play carols, preceding the choral celebration of the Christmas Eucharist.

The choir is under the direction of Edwin May and is composed of 10 young people: Jeffrey and Gail Collmann, Edris Boyll, Lyn Foster, Louise Josephson, Frederick Kuhlman, Penny and Donald MacDonald, Elizabeth Anne Nance and Russell Seagren.

Music for the Eucharist celebration at 11 p.m. will be sung by St. John's Parish Choir and members of the Sainte Cecilia Choir. Rev. Tracy H. Lamar Jr. will be celebrant.

At St. James Episcopal, the service will begin at 10:30 p.m. with The Nativity Scene, and at 11:30 the Midnight Service will start with carols from many lands sung by the Senior Choir and lead to the Choral Celebration of Holy Communion.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at Church of the Good Samaritan at 8 p.m.; and at Church of the Ascension, the Festival Service will start at 11 p.m.

A candlelighting service wil be held at Graystone Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p. m. today. Following the service the youth groups wil go caroling.

Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve Festival of Lights beginning at 11 p.m., with Gilbert Oxendine directing the Chancel Choir, and he and Mrs. Oxendine and Mrs. Kenneth Raulston as soloists.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Messiah Lutheran Church will be held at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Service of Holy Communion. Guest soloist will be Charles Lilly.

First Lutheran Church will have a Children's Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. "Unto Us A Child Is Born" will be the sermon text of the pastor, Rev. Harry D. Smith. A pageant will be presented by children of the parochial and Sunday schools under the direction of Dr. J. O. Mundt, Sunday School superintendent.

Candlelighting Service at New Prospect Presbyterian Church will begin at 11:15 p.m., when Rev. W. Burney Overton, pastor, will read "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke, followed by symbolic reenactment at midnight of the coming of the Light of the World.

Family Communion Service at Central Methodist Church will be at 7 p.m.

There are many other such services scheduled in Protestant and Catholic churches throughout the city, where regular and seldom attenders alike will be wishing each other "Merry Christmas."

In Jewish synogogues, too, as typified by Temple Beth El, where Chanukah Family Servvice will begin at 8 p.m. with children of the religious school participating. And there the greeting will be: "Happy Chanukah!"