

ORDER OF SERVICE. SPY HILL UNITED CHURCH.
December 10th 1967

Call to Worship..

Holy, Holy Holy,

Invocation..

Hymn ... 58

Old Testament Reading... Isaiah 40 ÷ 1-8

Responsive Psalm... 709

New Testament Reading.... ST Luke 21 ÷ 25-36

Choir.... Anthem .

Announcements

Hymn... 57 Sunday School...

Prayers of Confession...Petition... Lord's Prayer.

Address or Sermon... Short prayer

Second Sunday in Advent..HOPE.

Offering .. Dedication.

Prayers of Intercession /Thanksgiving.

Hymn... 70

Benediction....

Our Society - World Wide Bible Sunday.
We need to build old & new testament
on Gods promise & His
history & His
life.

Advent - Hope.

As the Christmas season comes nearer it is time perhaps to stop for a moment or two and look around. Just take a quiet hour out of the day sit down ^{shut off radio & T.V.} put our feet up and think. A real concentration of thought.

What does the season signify. 'The birth of the Saviour of the world' yes! 'The time to give gifts to each other' yes! 'The time for a drive over to see someone you have not seen for a long while' yes! 'A time to wish that the lad away at the war could come home' a heartfelt yes. 'A time to have that old couple down the street in for dainties & to watch the children at play and renew their memories' yes!

Our Society

Our christian world?

Facing facts.

'A time to buy another bottle of Scotch & treat the boys at the office or at the curling game. Yes. A time to spend our last dime on a present small in size but big in love' yes! A time to make the ^{last} 1% out of that old junk you've had in the store for the past two years. A time to give that lonely little lad down the street, whose parents are parted, the coat he so badly needs and has wanted so much, his want almost a prayer 'Yes. A time to buy that second car that is as much needed as three legs 'yes. A time to somehow manage the cost of that spinal operation for the polio cripple across in the next suite' yes. A time to buy ourselves that colored T.V. if the cabinet will match the new drapes? yes! A time to give that old lady on the home a bus ticket to see her daughter who has been paralyzed since

2 the accident last Christmas eve
when she was struck by a drunken
driver in a car - yes. A time "to
buy young John another motor
cycle. He smashed the last one
while riding high with dope." A time
to dig down for a share in that
home for the elderly folk who are so
hoping it will be in the district in
which they have always lived." A
time to cancel that big business
deal while everyone is feeling generous!
A time to pay the taxes on Mrs Jones
little home. Her pension didn't cover
her illness last summer? taxes too

Well, our quiet hour is about up
and who have we left out, no one!
No guess we've got them all. Hold
on a minute what was the first
on the list? Oh yes. "The spirit of
the Saviour of the world. - Well some

folks say that's all a myth. I wonder!
I wonder! I wonder! You know
I've never really thought about it before
So busy to think, its terrible these
days the way one has to rush to keep
up. "There is all the time in the world!"
Heck "Who said that?" I'm sure I
heard someone say that! Couldn't have
been, there is no one here but me and
this old chair "I came that ye might
have life and have it more abundantly"
There we are again! Who said that?
What would I want with more
abundance, I've got everything I
want, home, wife, kids, car,
money in the bank & my credit is
good. I don't need much more. I'm
happy — or am I? What am I sitting
here thinking like this. — "For this end
I came I into the world!" Who said that
I'm sure I heard someone say that"

3. "End what end?" What is the meaning of all these thoughts that are coming into my head. One shouldn't take time out to think. It's disturbing, it must be bad, it's upsetting and I don't like to be disturbed and upset. Especially not at Christmas time! I hope no one comes in and sees me in this state, I hope I'm not going to be ill, I hope that I'm not going to be left alone. I hope Jack Jones pays that bill he owes me I need the money for Christmas. I hope I hope - I hope. Now where did this all start - just because I sat down to think look where my thoughts have led me. No one shouldn't think it's better not - let's just turn the T.V. on and get out of this mood. I sure hope this Christmas won't be as rowdy as ~~the~~ last. Why do we celebrate Christmas anyhow 'Who started it all. "There came three wise men of the East bearing gifts Gold Frankincense & Myrrh."

yes, I've heard that story. Christmas story! Another myth - I wonder. A long time. Two thousand years - I wonder. I wonder if I'm a Christian, I call these story's myths. If I truly believed in Christ and his birth would I doubt - I don't know. Oh I'm getting all mixed up in my mind again!! "Come, follow me!" "Who said that?" I heard it as plain as could be. How can I follow words but all they words, someone must have said them, someone here with me - in this room. Now I know. It is in my mind, these words come into my mind, I've heard them before many times but paid no attention. Just secular words read from a secular book - but now, now it's different. Oh all this comes from really trying to think. I should never have started to think. Better to rush round like that squirrel in the yard. No time to think - but wait, you know, I felt better when I really thought things through - "follow me" how can I follow him after two thousand years

4/ ~~much~~ "In as much as ye have
done it unto the least of these, my brethren,
ye have done it unto me."

How can we follow him this
Christmas-time and all the time after.
By taking time out to think about
him. An hour from all the hours in
our possession, an hour once in a
while to clarify our thinking and
catch the message that comes over
two thousand years. An hour alone
with our thoughts. That is all he asks
of us as a gift to him. If we use that
hour to give him our thought it will
have been the richest hour we ever possessed.
The most dangerous and challenging hour
in our lives. If we let Jesus have the
whole of our attention for that one hour the
other hours will never be the same. Like
the prophet of old we will have found that
the word of our God shall stand forever and
as in St. Luke Heaven and Earth shall pass
away but my words shall not pass away, and
the kingdom for which we so earnestly pray
shall be at hand. Our hope will be fulfilled
and a new day will dawn in our lives and
through us others will have their hope strengthened
You too shall see that these men have been with Jesus