

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

December 19, 2021

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CHRISTMAS

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the years as I have visited with the families that I minister to there have been learning experiences that I have adopted into my own life. One such experience was a visit that I shared with the Baker family. It was a visit in or near December and the Christmas spirit was upon us. As we relayed a message regarding the Savior Randy explained to me that every Christmas season he would read the book Jesus the Christ by James E. Talmage. After learning of this practice I decided to follow suit and now enjoy reading chapters 6,7, and 8 during the Christmas season. I've yet to read the whole book in December but I find that by reading those chapters I am reminded of the miracle of the birth of Jesus Christ and his role as our Savior and Redeemer.

The miracle of the virgin Mary and her role as the mother of the Babe of Bethlehem. The miracle of the only begotten of Father in Heaven in the flesh. The miracle of the fulfilled prophecies that the Savior would be of the lineage of David and born in Bethlehem. The miracle that He would save all people from their sins. What a momentous and eye opening experience for those involved and those who believed!

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19) Like Mary, it is my hope and invitation to ponder these things in our hearts. As Talmage wrote, "'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" (Luke 2:14) Tidings of such import had never before been delivered by angel or received by man."

We wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that you and your family find peace in your lives this holiday season.

Chris Furstenau and the Garden Park Bishopric

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First Presidency Message on Covid-19



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We find ourselves fighting a war against the ravages of COVID-19 and its variants, an unrelenting pandemic. We want to do all we can to limit the spread of these viruses. We know that protection from the diseases they cause can only be achieved by immunizing a very high percentage of the population.

To limit exposure to these viruses, we urge the use of face masks in public meetings whenever social distancing is not possible. To provide personal protection from such severe infections, we urge individuals to be vaccinated. Available vaccines have proven to be both safe and effective.

We can win this war if everyone will follow the wise and thoughtful recommendations of medical experts and government leaders. Please know of our sincere love and great concern for all of God's children.

The First Presidency
Russell M. Nelson
Dallin H. Oaks
Henry B. Eyring

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Sacrament Meeting Program—December 19th

GARDEN PARK WARD
-Sacrament Meeting Program-
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
December 19, 2021, 10am

Prelude: *Pastoral*, Corelli Garden Park Orchestra

Conducting Chris Furstenuau
Chorister Roger Thompson
Organist Judianne Petersen
Opening Hymn *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*, No. 207
Invocation Lark Galli
Sacrament Hymn *I Stand All Amazed*, No. 193

Administration of the Sacrament

The Christmas Program

Participants
Narrator Rob Jones
Angel Gabriel Michele Jones
Mary Patricia Doxey
Joseph Rich Doxey
Three Shepherds Simone Furstenuau, Eva Harrison, Megan Donahoe
Three Wiseman Gabriel Johnson, Sam Wilson, Liam Kerig

Garden Park Orchestra
Pianist: Lois Waltman
Violin: Katie Waltman Hardy, Jane Etherington, Rebekah Blackner
Viola: Maddie Waltman Loomis
Cello: Logan Gaykowski Rizavi, Mia Merchant, Cathy Graham

Garden Park Quartet
Samuel Johnson, Bel Kerig, Judianne Peterson, Roger Thompson
Pianist: Lois Waltman
Cello: Logan Gaykowski Rizavi

Still, Still, Still Garden Park Quartet, Pianist
Narrator, Angel
Stars Were Gleaming Garden Park Primary
Picture a Christmas
Narrator, Angel
Jesu, Joy, Bach/McLean Garden Park Orchestra, Pianist
Joy to the World, No. 201 Congregation and Orchestra
Mary, Angel
Mary, Did You Know? Soloist: Estee Furstenuau
Narrator, Mary
Candlelight Carol Garden Park Quartet, Pianist, Cello
Angels We Have Heard on High, No. 203 Congregation and Orchestra
Narrator, Angel, Joseph
Piè Jesu, Andrew Lloyd Weber Katie Waltman Hardy & Rebekah Blackner
Away in a Manger, No.206 Congregation and Orchestra
Narrator, Joseph
Narrator, Angel
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, No.209 Congregation and Orchestra
Narrator, Shepherds
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, No.211 Congregation and Orchestra
Narrator
We Three Kings Of Orient Are Piano Solo: Mae Harrison
Narrator, Three Wisemen
Silent Night, No. 204 Congregation
Narrator
Hallelujah Chorus, Handel Quartet, Orchestra and Congregation

Benediction Craig Galli

[Click here to join zoom December 19th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society Message

...And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

It gets me every time. Someday I hope to thank Luke for this beautiful and inspiring description of our Lord's birth. What great joy it is to have a Savior; someone to save us from death and sin (to save us from ourselves.) Jesus will make all things right! All the confusion, injustice, contentions and disfunction and pain that we are experiencing now He will someday fix. And what a happy hope we share for peace on earth, good will toward men.

We have much to celebrate in this gospel! Including this wonderful ward family to celebrate Christmas with!

Merry Christmas with love to you and yours!

Kathy and the Relief Society Presidency

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Relief Society Announcements

Service Opportunities

[USANA Kids Eat](#)

More than 56,000 kids on the Wasatch Front regularly experience food insecurity. The problem is worse on weekends and during extended breaks from school. USANA Kids Eat, a local nonprofit, is collecting holiday meal bags to bridge the food gap many of these children will face over the two week winter school break. Our Relief Society is sponsoring 10 bags (more if there is interest!) of these bags for children here in SLC. We would love your help collecting the needed food items for each bag. We will send a sign up sheet around on Sundays for specific items needed. To learn more about the organization or the holiday bag project go to [UsanaKidsEat](#). Thanks for your willingness to serve the community!

VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION MEDICAL CENTER
WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Please join us in collecting clothing for the Veteran's Association Medical Center. Items needed include underwear (medium, large and extra large), Outdoor gloves (shelled, not just knit), socks, sweatshirts, pants, coloring books and colored pencils.

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WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Please join us in collecting clothing for the VAMC

Items needed include:

- Underwear (medium, large and extra large)
- Outdoor gloves (shelled, not just knit)
- Socks
- Sweatshirts
- Pants
- Coloring books and colored pencils

A box for donations will be available in the RS room
Sunday, November 28th - Sunday, December 19th

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Happy Birthday!

December 1–Nicholas Heiner
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December 2–Tilda Wilson
December 3–Anne Roberts
December 5–Pamela Miller
December 8–Carol Phillips
December 8–Quinton Ruiz
December 10–Eames Patch
December 12–Sophie Shenkal
December 15– Jasmine Linam

December 17–Ralph Robbins
December 17–Lauren Zollinger
December 19–Nikki Peterson
December 20–Geoff Parker
December 25–Lark Galli
December 27–Aaron Cummings
December 28–David Hopkins
December 28–Emily Merchant
December 29–Paul Richardson

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Ward Announcements

Temporary Modifications to Temple Operations

"As cases of COVID-19 increase in many areas, we want to do everything possible to allow temples to remain open. Therefore, effective immediately, all temple patrons and workers are asked to wear face masks at all times while in the temple. These safety protocols are temporary, based on COVID-19 conditions, and will be rescinded as soon as circumstances permit."

Please click [THIS LINK](#) to read the full message from the First Presidency.

Sacrament Meeting Reminders

Beginning **Sunday, November 7th** the weekly Sacrament Meeting program will resume the administration of the sacrament at its traditional time and place in the program. The meeting will continue to be Zoomed each week, with a minor modification during the administration of the Sacrament.

We are now singing in Sacrament meeting and Primary. We will continue to social distance, and continue to invite all congregants, including children, meeting indoors to mask if not vaccinated. For those who choose not to mask, we welcome you. For all those who join in the singing, please wear a mask, or please refrain from singing and enjoy listening.

Tithing Settlement The Bishop will continue hosting Tithing Settlement through December 19th. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the clerk's office or appointments can be made through Mark Hindley at 801.599.8175.

A HUGE Thank You! To Grace & JP Brummer and all others that contributed to hosting a wonderful ward Christmas on December 6th that included the lighting of the community Christmas tree.

Please visit the grounds often and invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy the peace and beauty of the lighted ward grounds and nativity this holiday season. Lights are on daily from 5:00–10:00 p.m.

December 19th– Please join us for our musical Christmas Sacrament Meeting at 10:00 a.m. and consider extending an invitation to neighbors, friends & family to share in the Christmas Spirit. We look forward to special music, congregational singing, ward orchestra, speakers, and the singing of the Messiah. This will be the only meeting held that day.

December 20th– Spread Christmas cheer with sisters in the ward by Christmas caroling on Monday night. Meet at Kathy Younker's house at 6:00 p.m. to join in the fun!

December 26th - will be Sacrament Meeting only and no 2nd hour meetings will be held.

Stay up to date with happenings on Temple Square this Christmas season at [TempleSquare.org](https://www.temple-square.org).

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Stake FamilySearch Center located in the NW corner of the Monument Park Stake Center is open as of October 4th. Masks are strongly encouraged for all patrons and staff. The FamilySearch Center hours are:

Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday: 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Church Magazines The First Presidency encourages all members to access church magazines either by print or digital delivery. Church magazines help members learn the gospel of Jesus Christ, study the teachings of the living prophets, feel connected to the global Church family, face challenges with faith, and draw closer to God. Subscriptions for print magazines are available [HERE](#) . Magazine content can be accessed digitally for free [HERE](#).

Temple recommends - We encourage all members to keep their recommends current. Ward Recommend Interviews are being held by phone. If your temple recommend is expired, please contact Mark Hindley, Garden Park Ward Executive Secretary (801.599.8175) to set up a phone interview with the Bishop.

Stake Interviews—A member of the Stake Presidency is available each Sunday from 12:30–2:00 p.m. (except on Fast Sundays, Stake Conference and General Conference weekends) at the Stake Center offices. Please center through the doors at the west end of the building. Those who are unable to meet during these times can contact Scott Hagen (801.824.0640) who will help set up an interview with a member of the Stake Presidency.

TEMPLE UPDATE: Temples in Utah are again open for proxy ordinances. Patrons need to schedule in advance on-line through churchofjesuschrist.org/temples. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own temple clothing, although Temple clothing is available. We are so blessed to again have Temples open around us; some may have appointments available same day, while others may require more advance planning, but the websites, like the Temples, are patron friendly. The Bountiful Temple can be reached directly at (801) 296-2100 for operating hours and to make appointments.