

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
East Avenue and Dillon St. Baltimore, Md.

The Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III - Pastor  
Mr. Robert Gundlach Director of Music  
Sunday, December 2, 1979

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ALTERNATE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION, P. 32

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers

Prelude: "A Lovely Rose Is Blooming" Brahms 88

\*Processional Hymn 88

\*Solemn Declaration, Psalm 1:1-3 (p.476)

\*Gloria Patri

Call to Confession and Confession of Sin

Pastor: We are now in the Advent Season. That means we are looking forward to what is coming to us. It means this is a four-week period of our coming toward Christmas. And each week we will light one more candle on our Advent Wreath until the central one is lit on Christmas Eve.

People: We eagerly await your coming, O Christ. Help us, O God, to be ready! Inspire us, O Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Each Sunday we will add something new on this pilgrimage of faith. We will move from preparation and astonishment to insight and adventure. Each theme will help us be more ready for His coming.

People: Prepare us, O God! Astonish us, O Christ! Give us insight, O Holy Spirit! Provide us an adventure, O Holy Trinity!

Pastor: This pilgrimage commands our complete attention and participation. Our readiness, each week, begins with our need for forgiveness. We are not perfect. We must ask God's forgiveness. We must seek God's mercy. We must knock on the door of God's grace and goodness. Therefore, let us pray that God will forgive us.

All: Each Advent week brings us closer to Christmas. We hear the sounds of Christmas

coming. We see the sights that Christmas is near. Make our lives ready by the indwelling of the eternal. Change our selfish attitudes into gifts we give others. Transform our concern for ourselves into worship of the Christ-child. Forgive us of our sins, and grant us the mercy we need. For we ask, seek, and knock in the Name of Jesus the Christ.

Amen

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People Sing: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Hear the promises of God: "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins." I announce therefore in the name of Jesus Christ, that we are forgiven.

Praise Versicle (No. 517)

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

People Sing: And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

Hymn of Praise 104

Collect and The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p.698)

Epistle: 1 Thess. 5:1-6 (p.194)

\*Gloria Tibi #497

\*Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 (p. 83)

\*Laus Tibi #497

Sermon: "Preparation Makes Sense!"

\*The Apostles' Creed (p.23)

Hymn (Lighting Of The Advent Candle) 99

Announcements and Moments of Concern - Mr.

George A. Tuerk, Jr.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great"

\*Dedication Of Offerings and Doxology

Special Music:

7:45 a.m. - "Holy, Holy" - Women's Group  
10:30 a.m. - "What Is This Fragrance" -  
Senior Choir

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Eucharistic Prayer and Seraphic Hymn 522  
Lord's Prayer and Agnus Dei 525  
The Holy Communion

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Benediction  
\*Recessional Hymn 456

Silence and Meditation  
Postlude: "O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig" Bach

\*Congregation Standing  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign Communion Card. The front pew on both sides of the Center Aisle is reserved today for those who prefer to receive the Holy Communion in the pew or are unable to enter the Chancel.

HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Caroline Nowak - Maryland General -  
Room 538  
Miss Carolyn Conrad - Church Home - Room 623  
When you are admitted to or released from the hospital please call the Church Office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday - Senior Citizens, 10 a.m. - Scouts -  
Canton Christian Council Christmas  
Basket Planning Meeting, Choir Room,  
7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday- Sewing Group, 10 a.m. - Scouts -  
Church Council Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Wednesday-Ladies Aid Christmas Party, 1 p.m.  
Thursday-Confirmation I, 6:30 p.m. - Senior  
Choir - Conway Diet, 7:30 p.m.

In Him was life;  
and the life was  
the light of men.

John 1:14

