

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 9, 1979

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers
Prelude: "Unto Us A Child Is Born" Lehegue
Choral Call to Worship (10:30 a.m.)
Pastoral Response (10:30 a.m.)

*Processional Hymn 93
*Solemn Declaration, Psalm 2:1-4 (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 sound 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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Collect and The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (p.607)

Epistle: Phil. 1:3-11 (p.207)

*Gloria Tibi #497

*Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 (p. 59)

*Laus Tibi #497

Sermon: "Prepared For A Surprise"

Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)

Hymn (Lighting Of The Advent Candle) 89

Announcements and Moments Of Concern

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Pastoral Air" Murschhauser

*Dedication Of Offerings and Doxology

Special Music:

8:00 a.m. - "Softly the Stars Were Shining"

- Trio - Jackie and John Bond
and Mrs. Florence Gundlach

10:30 a.m. - "Oh, Thou That Tellest" -
Senior Choir

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer (Response)

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 113

Silence and Meditation

Postlude: "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come"

*Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers today are a "Love Gift" to the church in loving memory of Mom, Mrs. Inez McGeoch on her birthday, December 11. Presented from Earl, Roberta and Rob Jackson.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered today at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service to David Martin Loudermilk, born November 11, 1979, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny D. Loudermilk nee Linda Taylor and to Jason John Mueller, born November 11, 1979, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Mueller nee Carole Ann Sinsky.

HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Elizabeth Raddatz - Church Home - Room
324

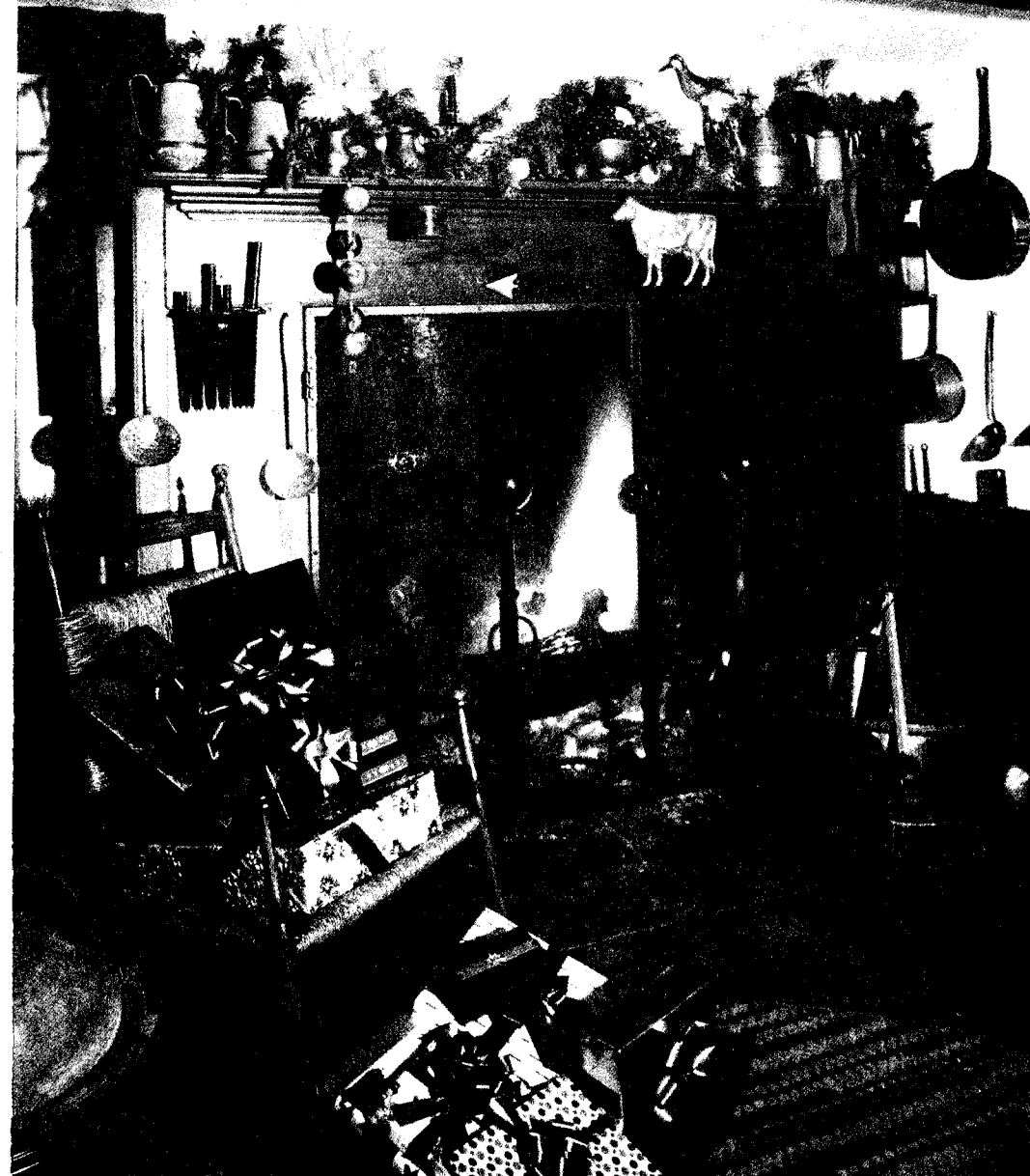
Mrs. Caroline Nowak - Good Samaritan - Room
West 5281

Mrs. Hilda Harris - Church Home - Room 472

Miss Carolyn Conrad - Church Home - Room 623

Mr. Charles Duvall - Franklin Square - Room
1216A

When you are admitted to or released from the hospital please call the Church Office.



*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
1 Cor. 12:4*