

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 16, 1979

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers
Prelude: "Once He Came In Blessing"
Choral Call to Worship (10:30 a.m.)
Pastoral Response (10:30 a.m.)

- *Processional Hymn 91
*Solemn Declaration, Psalm 3:7-8 (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

Collect and The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament: Zeph. 3:14-18 (p.829)

Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9 (p.189)

*Gloria Tibi #497

*Gospel: Luke 3:10-18 (p. 60)

*Laus Tibi #497

Sermon: "A Flash Of Insight"

Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)

Hymn (Lighting of the Advent Candle) 107

Announcements and Moments Of Concern

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Pastoral On An Austrian Carol"

*Dedication Of Offerings and Doxology

Special Music:

8:00 a.m. - Solo - "What Child Is This"

Mr. Willoughby Myrick

10:30 a.m. - "And The Glory Of The World"--

Senior Choir

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer (Response)

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 100

Silence and Meditation

Postlude: "God's Son Is Come" Bach

*Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers today are a "Love Gift" to the Church in loving memory of my husband, George Hoffmann on the anniversary of his passing, December 19th. Presented from wife, Thelma A. Hoffmann.

HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Elizabeth Raddatz - Church Home -- Room 324

Mrs. Hilda Harris - Church Home -- Room 472

Miss Carolyn Conrad - Church Home -- Intensive Care

Mrs. Caroline Nowak - Good Samaritan - Room West 528-1

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

There will be a meeting of the parents of children baptised here from 1975 through 1979 on Sunday, December 30 at 9:15 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Plans for a staffed child care program during the 10:30 a.m. worship service each Sunday will be discussed. Also, an informal young adult class during Church School is being considered. All interested parents and young adults are invited to attend and share their ideas. Specific plans will be announced later.

There will be two Christmas Eve Services; one



The word of our God shall stand for ever.