

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 23, 1979

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers
Prelude: "A Virgin Most Pure" Colvin
Choral Call to Worship (8:00 a.m.)
Pastoral Response (8:00 a.m.)
*Processional Hymn 88
*Solemn Declaration, Psalm 4:6-7 (p.477)
*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.*
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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: Micah 5:1-4 (p.818)
Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10 (p.213)
*Gloria Tibi #497
*Gospel: Luke 1:39-47 (p. 57)
*Laus Tibi #497
Sermon: "Prepared For An Adventure"
Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)
Reception of New Members (10:30 a.m.)
Hymn (Lighting of the Advent Candle) 115
Announcements and Moments Of Concern
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory:
8:00 a.m. - "The Birthday Of a King" - Senior Choir
10:30 a.m. - "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"

*Dedication Of Offerings and Doxology

Special Music:

8:00 a.m. - "O Thou That Tellest Good
Tidings to Zion" Senior Choir

10:30 a.m. - "The Virgin Mary Had A Baby
Boy" Youth Choir

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer (Response)

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 102

Silence and Meditation

Postlude: "Hail Virgin Sweet" Schlick

*Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we receive into active membership:

Mrs. Roberta Deasel

Mrs. Anna Miskar

They are being received by Reaffirmation Of Faith since they were previously included on our active membership roll here at United. We are always eager to return to active membership status those who in the past have been removed from active membership by action of the Church Council. We encourage all those who attend, commune, and contribute regularly and who may be listed by us as "inactive" to consider returning to active membership status by this procedure of Reaffirmation Of Faith. If you are in doubt about your current membership status, please contact the Church Office. The next informal group considering active church membership here will begin to meet with the Pastor on Sunday, March 9, 1980 at 9:15 a.m. for reception into active membership on Palm Sunday.

There will be two services on Christmas Eve, one beginning at 8:00 p.m. and the other at 11:00 p.m.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matt: 1:21

