

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, November 30, 1980

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers

Prelude: "Unto Us A Child Is Born" Lehegue

\*Processional Hymn 88

\*Call to Confession and Confession of Sin

Pastor: The Season of Advent is here.

People: We prepare ourselves for Christ's coming.

Pastor: We proclaim His coming in human form and into our personal lives anew.

People: He comes to proclaim good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captive, healing to the sick, and justice to the downtrodden.

Pastor: And He comes with faith, joy, hope, and new life to those who respond with repentance and turn from their evil ways to Him.

People: We respond, then, with our confession. We seek to turn from our evil ways. And we turn to Him and His light for new direction in our total lives.

All: As Father, O God, in sending your Son You have shown your fatherly love for us. As Son, O God, You have shown You are one with us. And as Holy Spirit, O God, You are present here to help us fulfill our destiny. Take from us our faults. Help us to see better our mistakes. Point us to the humility of a helpless infant Child that we may see our own abuses of power. Turn our selfishness into gifts of love. Remake our lives into examples of personal caring. And develop us into a community of outreaching concern so we can use our strengths and our abilities to proclaim the good news of Your Coming. In Jesus-Name we pray.

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: In spite of our sinfulness, one fact remains unchanged, that fact is the forgiving love God has had for us in the past and has for us right now. And he will always have this love for us. That good news brings each of us to a new life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Praise Versicle (No. 517)

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

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

Hymn for Advent (See insert)

Collect and The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p.601)

Epistle: Rom. 13:11-14 (p.153)

\*Gloria Tibi #497

\*Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 31)

\*Laus Tibi #497

Sermon: "The Context Of Christ's Coming"

\*Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)

Hymn (Lighting of the Advent Candle) 456

Announcements and Moments of Concern - Youth Group

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Pastorale" Bach

\*Dedication of Offerings and Doxology

Dedication of New Altar Cloth (10:30 a.m.)

Special Music:

8:00 a.m. - Solo - Mrs. Dolores Canoles

10:30 a.m. - "What Is This Fragrance?" - Senior Choir

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer (Choral Response)

\*Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn  
 Silence and Meditation  
 Postlude: "God's Son Is Come" Bach  
 \*Congregation Standing  
 \*\*Please leave "Hymn of Advent" in pews.  
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CHOIR ANTHEM

"WHAT IS THIS FRAGRANCE?"

What is this fragrance sweet and tender,  
 More lovely than the flow'rs of Spring?  
 Harken, then, Shepherds, why this splendor,  
 Do not angelic choirs sing?  
 What is this fragrance sweet and tender,  
 More lovely than the flow'rs of Spring?

What is this radiance soft and gentle,  
 Shining with love upon our eyes?  
 Star of the East was ne'er so glorious,  
 Tracing its path through distant skies,  
 What is this radiance soft and gentle,  
 Shining with love upon our eyes?

Hasten then, shepherds, quickly journey;  
 Come, see the Savior from above,  
 Bring unto Him your dearest treasure,  
 Fervent devotion, endless love.  
 Hasten then shepherds quickly journey;  
 Come, see the Savior from above.

Amen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the Memorial Booklet published last Sunday, no mention was made that Mr. William Koehler, who passed away February 24, 1980 was a member. Mr. Koehler was a life-long member of United Evangelical Church. We are sorry for this omission.



*I am come a light into the world  
 John 12:46*