

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
Wednesday, December 24, 1980

CHRISTMAS EVE 7:30 p.m. - Family Service
11:00 p.m. - Community Service

Enjoy the beauty of God's House in Silence

PRELUDE: "What Child Is This" Johnson
"Pastoral On Greensleeves" Batman
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00 p.m.)
PASTORAL RESPONSE (11:00 p.m.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 112

CHRISTMAS GREETING AND CALL TO CELEBRATE:
Pastor: *Advent has ended and Christmas is here. I greet you in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And I call you to forsake the ill-intended ways of the outside world in order to give your full attention to the celebration now beginning. Join me as together we bring praise and honor to the living God, who through the Gift of His own Son showers blessings of fulfillment, forgiveness, justice and joy upon us.*
People: *We heed your call and bring greetings to you and to each other. We respond in faith to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are encouraged by the hope made sure by God's incarnation into our kind of humanity. And we are enriched by His never-ending love, given to each of us as an infant-child too fragile to feel secure without our kind of caring love.*

Pastor: *The faith, hope and love that you bring this night is also shared by others too sick, too feeble, too scared, or too unconcerned to be with us here in this place of worship and beauty. Therefore, our lives of faith, our words of hope, and our deeds of*

love must speak louder than the songs we sing. And our worship of the Christ-child can never remain just within these walls, but reach out like the beams of a star to those in need of His Guiding Light.

People: *We come here this night, as came the shepherds and kings to the manger in Bethlehem, to celebrate the giving of God's most precious gift to us, His only begotten Son. And we come as a response to that Gift to give of ourselves to Him, to His Church, and to others. With praise on our lips and love in our hearts, we are here to share together the story of that most blessed event.*

"Coventry Carol" - YOUTH AND SENIOR CHOIR,
INSTRUMENTS (7:30 p.m.)

"Do You Hear What I Hear?" - YOUTH CHOIR
(7:30 p.m.)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND HYMN 105

"Did Mary Know?" - SENIOR CHOIR (7:30 p.m.)

SERMON IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG:

"Our Lord Is Here"

The Witness of Prophecy - Isaiah 9:2-7
Hymn #88 (first verse only)

The Witness of Mary - Luke 1:46-55
Hymn #108 (first verse only)

The Witness of Joseph - Luke 2:1-7
Hymn #113 (first verse only)

The Witness of Angels - Luke 2:8-14
Hymn #107 (first verse only)

The Witness of Shepherds - Luke 2:15-20
Hymn #115 (all verses)

The Witness of Matthew - Matthew 1:18-25
Hymn #109 (all verses)

The Witness of Wise Men - Matthew 2:1-12
Hymn #118 (verses 1 and 5)

The Witness of John - John 1:1-18
Hymn #101 (first verse only)

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY RESPONSE (7:30 p.m.)

OUR CHRISTMAS RESPONSE OF GIVING GIFTS

Offertory Anthem - 7:30 p.m. - "Oh Holy Night" - Instrumentalists

Offertory Anthem - 11:00 p.m. - "Pastorale"
*OFFERTORY DEDICATION AND DOXOLOGY
SPECIAL MUSIC:
7:30 p.m. - Senior Choir - Allel. Chorus
11:00 p.m. - "Do You Hear What I Hear" -
Cathy Borkman, Diane Borkman, Kim Smith
OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Prayer Response)

*BENEDICTION
*RECESSIONAL HYMN 120
SILENCE AND MEDITATION
POSTLUDE: "Gloria In Excelsis Deo"
*Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent-Christmas Quarter Folders are being received at this worship service as a special Christmas Offering. Please place them on the receptacle in the Narthex or in the Offering Plate.

We welcome all visitors to our worship tonight and always. If you have no current active church connection elsewhere, we invite you to consider active membership here. Merely speak to an usher, or the Pastor.

We wish for you and yours a most meaningful Christmas season. We especially thank all of those who included a Christmas memorial in our Memorial Booklet this year. Share the good news of Christ's birth.

The Word
was made
flesh.

John 1:14

