

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 20, 1981

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers

Prelude: "A Virgin Most Pure" Colvin  
\*Processional Hymn 112  
\*Solemn Declaration, Psalm 103:6-8 (p.533)  
\*Gloria Patri

Call to Confession and Confession of Sin:

Pastor: Advent is a time of preparation and new beginning. It is a time when we light our candles to welcome the Coming Messiah.

People: And we come to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming. We are here to be Christ's waiting church for His approaching kingdom of love and hope.

Pastor: Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Unto us a child is born! The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

People: Yes, unto us a child is born. Unto us God's Son is given. Come, long-expected Jesus.

Pastor: With the quietness of a burning candle we proclaim the joy and the humility of His Coming in our humanity. He is the light for the whole world.

People: Being led to Him we respond by becoming more aware of our sins and shortcomings.

All: We turn from the darkness of our sins toward the light of Your forgiveness, O Christ. Bring healing, help, and hope to our lives. May the kindness we need also be the kindness we share. Give us forgiving love as we forgive others. And grant us eternal peace.

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

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Collect and The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament: 2 Sam. 7:8-16 (p.276)

Epistle: Rom. 16:25-27 (p.156)

\*Gloria Tibi #497

\*Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 (p. 56)

\*Laus Tibi #497

Sermon: "The Unexpected Expected One"

\*Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)

Hymn and Lighting of the Advent Candle 102

Announcements and Moments of Concern

Collection of Attendance Cards and Offerings

Offertory: "Adante Pastorale" Adams

\*Dedication of Offerings and Doxology

Special Music:

8:00 a.m. - Solo - Willoughby Myrick -  
"O Holy Night"

10:30 a.m. - "Softly The Stars Were Shining"

- Senior Choir - Mrs. Clara Wise - Soloist

Morning Prayers, Lord's Prayer and Prayer

Response

\*Benediction and Threefold Amen

\*Recessional Hymn

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Silence and Meditation

Postlude: "Savior Of The Nations Come" Bach  
\*Congregation Standing  
\*\*Please sign Attendance Card

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CHOIR ANTHEM

"SOFTLY THE STARS WERE SHINING"

Softly the stars were shining,  
Shining with golden ray,  
Over the Baby Jesus  
Cradled upon the hay.

CHORUS:

Softly the Babe was sleeping,  
Angels their watch were keeping,  
Calm and secure, tender and pure,  
Jesus, the Holy Child.

Shepherds drew near to see him,  
Low in His manger bed.  
Glory and wondrous brightness  
Gathered around His head.

CHORUS:

Dear little Baby Jesus,  
Come to our hearts we pray.  
May we be pure and loving,  
Make us like Thee today.

CHORUS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALS:

Mrs. Louise Mack - Petersburgh, West Virginia  
When you are admitted to or released from the  
hospital please call the Church Office.



*And of his kingdom there shall be no end  
Luke 1:33*