

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  
Thursday, December 24, 1981

CHRISTMAS EVE - 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

*Enjoy the beauty of God's House in Silence*

PRELUDE:

7:00 p.m. - Brass Quartet

11:00 p.m. - "Pastorale On Greensleeves"

\*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.*

ANTHEM:

7:00 p.m. - "E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come" - Senior Choir

"The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy" - Youth Choir

11:00 p.m. - "Do You Hear What I Hear?" - Trio - Cathy and Diane Borkman and Kim Smith

"The Birthday Of A King" - Solo - Mrs. Dolores Canoles

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND HYMN 105

ANTHEM:

7:00 p.m. - "Did Mary Know?" - Senior Choir  
"Stille Nacht" - Youth Choir

11:00 p.m. - "What Child Is This" - Solo - Diane Borkman  
"Softly The Stars Were Shining" Trio - Cathy and Diane Borkman and Kim Smith

SERMON IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG:

"Our Lord Is Here"

The Witness of Isaiah  
Isaiah 9:2-7 (page 607)  
Hymn #108

The Witness of Matthew  
Matthew 1:18-2:23 (page 7)  
Hymn #109

The Witness of Luke  
Luke 2:1-20 (page 58)  
Hymn #118

The Witness Of John  
John 1:1-18 (page 89)  
Hymn #101

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY RESPONSE (7:00 p.m.)  
OUR CHRISTMAS RESPONSE OF GIVING GIFTS  
OFFERTORY:

7:00 p.m. - Brass Quartet

11:00 p.m. - "Pastorale"

\*OFFERTORY DEDICATION AND DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC:

7:00 p.m. - "Hallelujah Chorus" - Senior  
Choir - It is customary to stand for  
the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

11:00 p.m. - "O Holy Night" - Solo - Mrs.  
Dolores Canoles

OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
(Prayer Response)

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 120

SILENCE AND MEDITATION

POSTLUDE: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

\*Congregation Standing

\*\*Please sign Attendance Cards

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special "Thank You" to Peter Hengen for providing us with instrumental music this evening. The members of the brass quartet are: Peter Hengen, Stephen Hengen, Pat Murphy and Liz Dunbar.

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

We wish for you and yours a most meaningful Christmas season. We especially thank all of those who included a Christmas memorial in



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