

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 27, 1981

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Silence and Meditation - Pew Prayers  
Prelude: "Unto Us A Child Is Born" Lehegue

\*Processional Hymn 102

\*Solemn Declaration, Psalm 105:1-3 (p.535)

\*Gloria Patri

Call to Confession and Confession of Sin:

Pastor: Advent is past, Christmas is here, and Epiphany is about to happen. We greet each other with the joy of this season as we bring praise and honor to the living God, who through the Gift of His own Son showers blessings of fulfilment, forgiveness, justice and joy upon us.

People: We respond with greetings of joy and praise to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Come also to this time and place with the faith, hope, and love which this season stimulates. Come with faith sufficient to overcome fear. Come with hope to reach beyond our human future. And come with love enough to change the hearts of the selfish.

People: We come with faith, hope, and love but we need the Holy Spirit to guide us. We need each other to make our Christian love more effective.

Pastor: We have not done all we could and should. And so we come with words of repentance as well.

All: Accept, O God, our shortcomings as you accept our praise and faith. Change our imperfections into deeds of love and caring. Forgive our sins and help us to change our attitudes of selfishness. Bring mercy and peace to us in the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, for we pray in His Name and for His sake. 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 104

Collect and The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament: Jer. 31:10-13 (p.694)

Epistle: Heb. 2:10-18 (p.208)

\*Gloria Tibi #497

\*Gospel: Luke 2:25-35 (p. 58)

\*Laus Tibi #497

Sermon: "Like Us In Every Respect"

\*Statement of Faith (Front of Hymnal)

Hymn 101

Announcements and Moments of Concern

Collection of Attendance Cards and Offerings

Offertory: "Pastorale On An Austrian Carol"

\*Dedication of Offerings and Doxology

Special Music:

8:00 a.m. - "Softly The Stars Were Shining"

Trio - Jackie Bond, Dolores Canoles and Florence Gundlach

10:30 a.m. - "O Holy Night" - Senior Choir

Morning Prayers, Lord's Prayer and Prayer

Response

\*Benediction and Threefold Amen

\*Recessional Hymn 120

Silence and Meditation

Postlude: "God's Newborn Son My Comfort Is"

\*Congregation Standing

\*\*Please sign Attendance Card

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CHOIR ANTHEM

"O HOLY NIGHT"

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth,  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth,  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees!  
O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine!  
O night when Christ was born!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts, by His cradle we stand;  
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here come the wise men from the Orient land.  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our friend;  
He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger  
Behold your King! Before the lowly bend!  
Behold your King! Your King! Before Him bend.  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALS:

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today - Guild Bus Trip to "Three Little Bakers"  
Monday- Church Office closed  
Friday- New Year's Day, Church Office closed



*Ye know not when the time is  
Mark 13:33*