



God comes
with might

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 1981

ISAIAH 40:1-5; 9-11

Advent marks an "already" and a "not yet." Already, God has entered the world in Christ to change it. And, despite sin, Christ has influenced the shape of humankind's institutions and cultures. What is more, many who know pain, sin, grief, or tragedy find in Christ powerful help. Even so, there are gaps in our living between the "is" and the "ought," between God's call and the world's response. "Not yet" complete is God's advent. So, in hope we pray and wait for God—for God who will come with gentleness and might to transform our life and our world.

HELP COMES FOR THE BOUDREAUX FAMILY

Call him Mr. Boudreaux. One of seven children, he left grade school to support his brothers and sisters and widowed mother. Illiterate, but hard working, he moved from fishing to spray-painting and sand-blasting, and married an abandoned woman with children of her own. Tuberculosis took him off the job, but with no other skills and a family to support, he returned—working for years at minimum wage with no health, vacation, or unemployment benefits.

When Mr. Boudreaux came to the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi, last year, he could no longer work. He was emaciated, weak, and suffered from dizzy spells and shortness of breath. His rent was due, his utilities had been turned off, and he was out of food for himself, his wife, and two children.

Throughout last summer, Back Bay Mission helped the Boudreaux family to qualify for supplementary welfare income. With other community agencies, Back Bay Mission maintained the family until regular Social Security checks began to arrive in the fall.

When you give to Our Christian World Mission, you help the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to provide part of the annual operating budget of Back Bay Mission.





FIRST UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH, U.C.C.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1981 10:45 A.M.

HOMECOMING

Prelude Brass Ensemble Optional Brass
Quartet "Yours, Yours, Yours" from 1776
Musical "Largo" from New World Symphony
Organ Prelude "In Hallowed Walls" Harris

* Hymn of Adoration Page 13
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

* Call to Worship

Pastor: Cry out unto God, all the earth!
People: Sing out the glory of his name!
Pastor: Say unto God, how awesome your
deeds!
Unison: Come now and see the things
God has done!

* Worship Response (Congregation and Choir)
Jesus stand among us, in thy risen power;
Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.
Breathe the holy spirit into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul
depart.
Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue
our way;
Watching for the dawning of eternal day.
Amen.

* Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you grant us
forgiveness before we begin to forgive
each other. Forgive us when we fail to
remember and claim your promise, and help
us today to walk anew with you. Help us
to rely on Your enabling power so that
our lives will be enriched and our rela-
tionship transformed. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

* Kyrie Assuance of Pardon
* Gloria Excelsis Page 336

Lighting of Second Advent Candle
Childrens' Sermon

The Anthem United Evangelical & First
United Choirs
"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun"

The Holy Scripture Philippians 1:3-11
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

* Hymn Page 40

"When I O Lord"

* Statement of Faith Page 11

The Anthem Senior Choir
"I Wonder" Lee Nichols

The Sermon - Henry Lawson

* Hymn "Hymn to First United"
Our God has led us in the past
Through trials, storms, and stress
For loving care and guidance sent
His holy name we bless.

God leads us still, and surely we
His leading clearly see
As sons of First Church we would share,
These blessings Lord from Thee..

In years to come, God still will lead
This prayer to Him we make
As thou, O Lord, does First Church lead
Lead us, for thy name' sake. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

Special Music by Mr. Jake Sause
"Take My Hands Dear Lord and Guide Me"
Gelcher

Announcements and Recognitions

The Offering of Our Gifts
The Offertory "A Closing Prayer"
Youth Choir Bessig

* The Offertory Response No. 351
* The Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

* The Closing Hymn Page 254
"God of Our Fathers"

* Benediction and Choral Blessing
(Congregation and Choir)

May the Lord, mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever,
Grant you peace, perfect peace;
.. Courage in every endeavor,
Lift up your eyes and see His face,
And His grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.

Postlude Brass Ensemble "Rowland Fanfare"

Organ Postlude "Joy to the World" Wilson

*Congregation standing

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Altar Flowers In Loving Memory of Anniversary
Death of William Fink by Mrs. Catherine
Fink.

Special Flower Arrangements:

In Loving Memory of the Birthday of George
Ball by Mrs. Louise Ball.

In Loving Memory of the Birthday of Anna
E. Wilson by Mr. Aaron D. Wilson.

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The Bulletin today is in Loving Memory of
Birthday of Pamela Bridges by Mr. &
Mrs. Eugene Bridges, Sr.

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Acolytes - Geoffrey Holland & Jeffrey Hawks

Greeter - Mrs. Marie Klingmeyer

Ushers - John Lowensen, Jr. Warfield Lee
Herman Buddemeyer Carroll Steele

This Week

Tuesday Bowling 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday Golden Age Club 10 A.M.

Next Sunday

Combined Church School Classes

Program to trim the tree in the Fellowship Hall - "Christmas

Around the World"

Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins

After worship a light lunch will be provided. See Pastor Bartell

or Lillian Lowensen if you are interested in joining us.

A warm welcome to all guests and visitors to our worship this morning. Please sign the guest register in the rear of the sanctuary.

We cordially welcome the choir from United Evangelical Church, UCC to our worship service, and thank them for enhancing our Homecoming Celebration.

We also welcome Peter Hengen, Stephen Hengen, Elizabeth Dunbar, and Tim Laswell of the Brass Ensemble.

A special THANK YOU to Henry Lawson on his message on our religious hertiage from its roots in Germany to the present time.

All are invited to the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Today is the last day to place your orders for the Poinsettias. Please see Thelma Addicks. The price will be \$8.00.

The Church envelopes for 1982 are available in the fellowship hall. Deliver any of the others if possible.

Our Ministry to the Sick:

Mrs. Margaret Pierce, Md. General Hospital

Mrs. Eva Kordek, Church Hospital

IHR KINDERLEIN KOMMET

Verse 1

Ihr Kinderlein, kommet, O kommet
doch all,
Zur Krippe her kommet in Bethlehems
Stall und seht,
Was in dieser hochheiligen Nacht
Der Vater in Himmel für Freude uns mach

Verse 2

Da liegt es, ihr, Kinder,
Auf Heu und auf Stroh,
Maria und Joseph betrachten es froh,
Der edlichen Hirten knie'n betend davor,
Hoch oben schwebt yubelnd
Der Englein Chor,

Verse 3

O beugt, wie die Hirten, anbetend
die Knie,
Erhebet die Handlein und danket wie sie
Stimmt freudig, ihr Kinder,
Wer sollt' sich nicht freu'n?
Stimmt freudig zum Jubel der Engel mit ein.