SERMON OUTLINE – DECEMBER 2, 2018

"Wait Till Your Father Comes Home!"

(Isaiah 64:1-9)

INTRODUCTION: *The recurring refrain in many T.V. comedies:* "Wait till your father comes home."

- I. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Hmmm...)
 - A. We like to apply this to the joys of Christmas
 - B. The New Testament often applies this to Judgement Day (1 Thessalonians 5:2; 4:16, Matthew 25:13,31)
 - C. The Old Testament does the same (Amos 5:18-20; Isaiah 13:6-9)

II. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Oh no...)

- A. We have sinned and our just God is angry
- B. Our 'good deeds' cannot prevent His judgement (Isaiah 64:5)
- C. Our sins bring us destruction (Isaiah 64:6)



III. ADVENT: GOD IS COMING! (Hurray!)

- A. God is also our loving Father (Isaiah 64:8-9)
- B. Repentance brings forgiveness
- C. Advents annouinces the coming of our loving 'God in the flesh' (John 1:14)
- D. This God comes to us at the manger, the cross, the empty tomb & the end of the world (Revelation 22:20)

CONCLUSION: "Wait till your father comes home" (A Christmas story from my own childhood)