

## **'Revelation'**

Advent 4

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"Well, here it is. Finally!" thought Gator when he woke up this morning. "This is the day I see my mother for the first time in years." You see, Uncle Floyd adopted Gator a few years ago when his mother could no longer care for him.

Gator's mother's name is Florence and Uncle Floyd has arranged for her to come up from the Alligator Farm in Florida. Gator is not sure what to expect. She is supposed to get here at 7:00AM THIS morning.

Gator went down the stairs to the kitchen and found Uncle Floyd and Francis and Frank (Barabas's father) all at the breakfast table. When Francis and Frank saw Gator come into the room, they quietly left and went into the living room.

"Where is my mother?" Gator asked Uncle Floyd. "I thought she would be here by now."

"I reckon I need to talk to you about this. Have a seat son." said Uncle Floyd.

Gator went over to the table and felt nervous.

"Your mother's flight was canceled. She texted me about 3:00AM this morning!" he said.

Gator surprised himself when he started to cry. He has worried about seeing her again but in his heart, he really does want to see her.

"I reckon it is time to get ready for church. Perhaps we will hear from her later."

Gator reluctantly went back upstairs and he and Barabas silently got ready for church. Barabas was so excited because his father Frank was already here. But when Barabas overheard the news about Gator's mother not getting here, he was afraid that his own happiness would make Gator feel even worse, so Barabas said very little to Gator.

(Light little Advent Wreath)

Reveal means to let someone know something they did not already know. The lesson from Romans this morning talks about a stunning Revelation where the arrival of God's Son Jesus (show Christ in manger) comes (show Christ figure) so that all the nations in the world might come to believe and obey God The Father.

So here at the end of this morning's worship service are all five Heffelfingers: Uncle Floyd, Frank, Barabas, Francis and off by himself sits Gator.



And because Uncle Floyd had forgotten to silence his phone, just at the end when Pr. Ed said: "Go in Peace, Serve the Lord", in that brief moment before everyone says "Thanks be to God" they heard a little sound from Uncle Floyd's phone and Uncle Floyd went "Oooohhh!".

He had just gotten a message, a revelation, from Florence, Gator's mother, that her flight would arrive at HIA at 6PM! One hour before church starts tonight at 7:00PM! Praise the Lord! Thank you, Jesus! TO BE CONTINUED