

# First Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Luke 21:33

BAND CHORALES .....Nola Knouse, band leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

INTROIT - *Hosanna* .....Edward W. Leinbach, Salem Composer (1823-1901)  
Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE .....Martha Holland and Pam Hopkinson

GODLY PLAY STORY - *The Advent Wreath* .....Margaret Norris

LITURGY: *Advent*, page 49

At the place indicated on page 53 we shall sing Hymn 239, *Hosanna*, before concluding the liturgy.  
First Part - Children, Second Part - Congregation

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Jeremiah 33:14-16, page 645  
Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;

**Do not let me be humiliated. Do not let my enemies triumph over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.

**Let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me.

**For you are the God of my salvation; in you have I hoped all the day long.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth and my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

**You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**to those who keep your covenant and your decrees.**

Luke 21:25-33, page 856

(During the singing of the next hymn, children age 4 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in RB-227. At 11:00, children will travel to Comenius Corridor and then to Sunday School.)

HYMN 380 - *God, Whose Almighty Word* .....T. *Italian Hymn*

EPISTLE LESSON - I Thessalonians 2:17, 3:1-13, page 959 .....The Rev. Andrew Heil

SERMON - *A Feeling of Separation*

HYMN 275 - *Faithful Soul, Behold Your King* .....T. *Gläubige Seel*  
(Choir sings verse 1, Congregation sings verses 2 and 3)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM - *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* .....William Mathias (1973)  
Choir

DOXOLOGY .....T. *Old Hundredth*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD .....Rev. Tobiassen

HYMN 265 - *Savior of the Nations, Come* .....T. *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*  
(after the hymn, the congregation will be seated)

POSTLUDE - *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* ...setting by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

BENEDICTION

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*  
Andrew Heil, *Associate Pastor*  
Margaret Norris, *Director of Christian Education*  
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music*  
Susan Foster, *Organist*  
Anne Saxon, *Director of Children's and Youth Choirs*  
Erik Salzwedel, *Director of Gregor BellChor*  
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(10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)

**We extend a cordial welcome** to all of our visitors this morning, and we invite you to join us again whenever possible. Ushers are always available to answer questions and to direct the way to Sunday School classes. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you after the service. Visitors, members and friends are invited to Coffee Fellowship in the lovefeast serving room to the right of the Sanctuary, immediately following the morning worship service.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of the *Rev. Paul Couch* and *Mr. Fred Couch* by the family, and in loving memory of *Sid Disher* and *Richard Disher* by Juanita and Jennie Disher.

**Beginning today and through Advent**, after the wreath candles are lit, a Godly Play story will be shared. Godly Play is a Montessori-based approach to learning Bible stories and traditions that incorporates a calm respect for the story being told. Children and their families may wish to sit closer to the front of the Sanctuary to be able to see the narrative unfold.

**The organ postlude** is always a wonderful ending to our Sunday worship. Our Board of Elders has asked that the congregation have more opportunity to fully enjoy this beautiful music. For this reason, **during the Advent season we will remain seated during the postlude**, which will be followed by the benediction. We look forward to this time of "Advent waiting," which begins today.

**Home Church is blessed by the generosity of its members.** Your pledges make our ministry possible. Can you help with an extra gift – perhaps a "baker's dozen" (13 pledge payments) or a 10 percent increase? As of this week, pledges are slightly (3%) behind last year. Your generosity will make a difference as we budget for the year ahead. Thank you!

**The 2019 Daily Textbooks have arrived!** They will be for sale in the lovefeast serving room following worship if you would like to pick one up. They also may be purchased in the church office during office hours. The paperback are \$9, hardback \$13, journal \$14, and large print \$11.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Children/Youth

**Little Lambs** (ages 1-3), *A Baby for Hannah*, CE-105

**Walking with Jesus** (Pre-K/K), CE-205

**Good News!** (Elementary), Games, CE-204

#### Youth

**Acts 29** (6th-8th grades), CE-301

**Confirmation** (8th and 9th grades), CE-208

**Confirmation Encore** (10th-12th grades), CE-208

#### Adults

**Bible Discussion: Club Room**, Gospel of Matthew 13:31 and following

**Faith Journeys: Saal**, Lectio Divina, Luke 21:25-33

**Scripture Encore: CE-101**, Continued exploration of today's service scripture passages

### PERSONAL NOTES

**Recovering at home:** Linda Frey, Robbie Harrison, William Phillips

**Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home:** John Siewers

**We extend our sympathy** to the family of Associate member, Bernice Masten, who died on November 28, in Pineville, NC.

## CALENDAR

Today -	10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, 1st Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Church Family Life) 11:15 a.m. - Sunday School
Monday -	7:00 p.m. - Elders meeting, Club Room
Tuesday -	7:30 a.m. - MOC Breakfast Group, Club Room 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study, Club Room 3:00 p.m. - Service for Bob Hoffman, Sanctuary 5:30 p.m. - Christian Education Committee, RB-225
Wednesday -	7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Lighthouse Restaurant 4:45 p.m. - Children's Choir 6:15 p.m. - Church Family Christmas Supper, Fellowship Hall
Thursday -	12:15 p.m. - MOC Lunch Group, Club Room 1:00-8:30 p.m. - Candle Tea 6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5 7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus, RB-5
Friday -	1:00-8:30 p.m. - Candle Tea
Saturday -	11:30-8:30 p.m. - Candle Tea
Next Sunday -	10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, 2nd Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Senior Friends) 11:15 a.m. - Sunday School

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today** at 4 p.m., all are invited to a "Words of Comfort" prayer service at Fries Moravian Church, 251 N. Hawthorne Road. A Words of Comfort Service is an opportunity to share in prayers, scripture, and music acknowledging that God's presence is for those who mourn and those who struggle – and that God's Word comes to shine light into our despair. Those suffering bereavement or coping with other grief in this holiday season may find this service particularly meaningful. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it), is welcome. A time of light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

**Join us for Gathering and Decorating - A Christmas Tradition** - Please note the change of plans for gathering the greens this year. We will gather greens on Cedar Avenue in God's Acre on Tuesday, December 18, beginning at 9 a.m. We will be working with Salem Congregation to prune the cedar trees, and will use the cuttings for our decorations. Many hands are needed to gather cedar and laurel for the greenery decorations in our Sanctuary and Saal.

**Decorating the Sanctuary** will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 21. Come to Fellowship Hall and join in the fun of preparing and hanging the greenery. Many hands are needed to accomplish this work. A light supper will be served and reservations will be required. Contact the church office to make your reservation. For more information contact IB Southerland at 336-768-0896.

**2018 Cancer Floor Lovefeast** - Home Church members are invited to sing carols and share a lovefeast with cancer patients and their families at Forsyth Medical Center. We will meet in the Petree Solarium on the 9th floor at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19 and go to the rooms of patients who wish to be served. The lovefeast candles are made by the children of our church. This has been a meaningful expression of Christmas joy for those who have participated the past 19 years. Please contact Beth or Sandy Baldwin, 336-724-0665 or [baldwic@aol.com](mailto:baldwic@aol.com), for more information.

**Special Announcement** - In consultation with our Ushers Committee, the Board of Elders has approved the recommendation that our Sanctuary will be closed between the Lovefeast services at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This will allow adequate time for the cleaning and preparation work necessary for each service. The Sanctuary doors will be opened to ALL worshippers one hour before each service. Ushers will be located at each door to help assist our worshippers and support our staff as we work to make each service a special part of the Christmas season for so many in our congregation and the community.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Tis the season of the year to decorate your homes with Moravian candles made by the Men of the Church. Candle sales will be available Sunday, December 2, 9, 16, and 23 immediately after worship in front of the office. 100% of our profits go to benevolent causes in our community. Delivery is available if needed; call the church office (336-722-6171) or Gary Hauser (336-345-3454 or email [ghauser464@aol.com](mailto:ghauser464@aol.com)) to place your orders.

**Sociable Saints Christmas Dinner Party** - Mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual event on Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m. in the Rondthaler Gramley House. Your check for \$29 per person, payable to "Sociable Saints Fellowship," is your reservation and should be mailed to Jan Henderson, 6201 Salemtowne Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 by Monday, December 3. Questions? please call Mary Jane Dewees (336-765-3980), Jan Henderson (336-768-5395) or Delores Sanders (336-659-1582).

**Sunnyside Ministry** is operating a Dewey's Holiday Store at 611 Peters Creek Parkway in the West Salem Shopping Center. There are ginger and sugar cookies, sugar cake, holiday cookies, Moravian music CD's, books from both the Archives and the Moravian Music Foundation, and specific Moravian gifts from SWAG (MoravianSwag.org). The best gift of all is that a substantial portion of the profits will benefit the work of Sunnyside Ministry.

**The Advent Hopewell Moravian Concert Band** will offer Christmas Concerts at Arbor Acres on Tuesday, December 4 in the Berrier Building at 7pm and also at Salemtowne on Tuesday, December 11 at 7pm in the Saal. Both concerts have great attendance, and Salemtowne generally packs the Saal. We will play sheet music including "White Christmas," "Little Drummer Boy", "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," etc., and, of course, Christmas and Moravian Christmas Carols.

Advent Devotionals may be found in the vestibules and the Comenius Corridor.

### *Home Church Family Christmas Party*

*Wednesday, December 5  
6:15 pm, Fellowship Hall*



*Mark your calendars and attend this festive occasion! A wonderful meal, including chicken pie, will be served. A very special musical presentation involving the children of our church family is currently in rehearsal and will be a highlight of this event. Children fifth grade and younger will receive treat bags as a gift from the church.*

*RSVP to the church office by Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday night fellowship standing reservations do not apply. The meal cost is \$8 each, except children fifth grade and younger are free since they are the special guests for the evening!*

*Please join us for this special intergenerational evening, where we will enjoy each other's fellowship while remembering the reason for our being together - God's gift to us in the birth of Jesus.*

*Tear off and place in offering plate -----*

### *Home Church Family Christmas Party*

**Name**

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**# attending (include children's ages)**

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