

First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP -10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory.* Mark 13:26

BAND CHORALESChris Jones, band leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSThe Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLEMatt, Dana and Raine Myers

GODLY PLAY STORY - *The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem* ...The Rt. Rev. Graham Rights

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

SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 64:1-9, page 606
Psalm 80:1-7 and 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

I Corinthians 1:3-9, page 926

(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 the second floor of the CE building for the Comenius Corridor and then Sunday School.)

HYMN 271 - *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*T. Picardy
(Men sing vs. 1; women sing vs. 2; all sing vs. 3-4)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:1-7, 24-37, page 825.....The Rev. Andrew Heil

SERMON - *Beginnings*

HYMN 273 - *Once He Came in Blessing*.....T. Advent

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM - *Morning Star in Darkest Night*...Georg Friedrich von Hellström (1825-1912)

DOXOLOGYT. *Old Hundredth*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLDRev. Tobiassen

HYMN 258 - *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*T. *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*
(after the hymn, the congregation will be seated)

POSTLUDE - Finale on *Wake, Awake*T. *Wachet auf*
Setting by Wayne Wold (1996)

Virginia H. 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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HOSANNA: All children, youth, and their families are invited to sit in the designated section in front of the sanctuary to sing *Hosanna* during the liturgy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a cordial welcome to all of our visitors this morning, and we invite you to join us again whenever possible. 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 for 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 *Bob Williams* by Hessie Williams and the family. **The wreaths** are placed on the outside doors of the Sanctuary and church in loving memory of *I.B. and Mary Southerland* by their family.

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.

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 Stewardship Committee is pleased to share a pledge report update for 2018. As of November 28 Home Church has received 277 commitments totaling \$659,621. THANK YOU to all who have submitted pledges, and we encourage all members to prayerfully consider their commitment for 2018.

Have you benefitted from the recent rise in the stock market? Do you still need to pay your 2017 pledge? Did you know that you can give the church your appreciated stock and get extra benefits on your taxes? Interested? Call Kathy Barnes at the church office for more information or email your questions to kbarnes@homemoravian.org.

The next Music@Home Concert will be with the UNCSA Cantata Singers on Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Youth

Nursery: *A Baby for Hannah*, CE-104 (Nursery)

Pre-K-4th grades: Nativity play practice for December 6 HMC Family Christmas Party, CE-201

5th-7th grades: Help with the Nativity play practice, CE-201

8th-Post High: *Café Conversations*, Salem College Café (meet outside of South Vestibule door)

Adult

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

Bible Discussion: *I Corinthians 16 and I Corinthians wrap up*, Club Room

Faith Journeys: DVD study of the Bible: *Scripture Reads Us*, Will Willimon, CE-208

CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship/1st Sunday in Advent
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Church Family Life Ministry Team)
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School
12:15 p.m. - Lunch & children's play practice, Fellowship Hall
- Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Finance Committee, RB-225
7:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting, Club Room
- Tuesday - 7:30 a.m. - Men of the Church Group, Club Room
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/Moravian Minis
6:15 p.m. - Church Family Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday - 12:15 p.m. - Men of the Church Group, Club Room
5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor, RB-120
6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5
7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus, RB-5
- Thursday & Friday - 1:00 p.m. - Candle Tea
- Saturday - 11:30 a.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
3:00 p.m. - *Music@Home Concert*, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. - Sociable Saints Dinner Party,
Rondthaler Gramley House

Gathering and Decorating - Please note the change of date and plans for gathering the greens this year. This year the gathering of the greens will take place on a different schedule. We will meet on Cedar Avenue in God's Acre beginning on Monday, December 11, at 9 a.m. The cedar trees along the avenue are being pruned by Salem Congregation, and we will use the cuttings for our decorations. We will decorate the Sanctuary on Friday, December 15, starting at 2 p.m. Supper will be provided. Come to Fellowship Hall and join in the tasks of preparing and hanging the greenery. For further information contact I.B. Southerland at 336-768-0896.

Sociable Saints Christmas Dinner Party - Join the festivities to meet and mingle in an elegant and warmly inviting "home" on Sunday, December 10, at the Rondthaler Gramley House (white house behind the church), Social Hour at 5 p.m. and buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Your check for \$29 per person will be your reservation. Please make checks payable to Sociable Saints Fellowship and mail to Jan Henderson, 6201 Salemtowne Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 by Monday, December 4. Contact Mary Jane Dewees (336-765-3980), Jan Henderson (336-768-5395), or Delores Sanders (336-659-1582) for more info.

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 20 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 15 years. Please contact Beth or Sandy Baldwin, 336-724-0665 or baldwic@aol.com, for more information.

The 2018 Daily Texts have arrived! They will be for sale in the lovefeast serving room following worship if you would like to pick one up and they also may be purchased in the church office during office hours. The paperback are \$9, hardback \$13 and large print \$11.

PERSONAL NOTES

Ill at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center: Homer Widener

Ill at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center: Grady Dunn

Recovering at home: Pat Dyer, Richard Henderson

Ill at home: Jim DeViney

We express our sympathy to: Gray Petree, on the loss of his father, Howard Gray Petree, on November 27.