

# Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.* Luke 1:68-79

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....The Rev. Andrew Heil

PRELUDE - Prelude on *Veni Emmanuel*.....setting by Aaron Shows (2014)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Matt, Jennifer and Sam Graham

GODLY PLAY STORY - *The Birth of John the Baptist* .....Margaret Norris

LITURGY: *Advent 2*, page 54

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.**

He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

**that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

**to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

**to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Philippians 1:3-11

(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 2nd floor of CE for the Comenius Corridor Children's Library and then to Sunday School.)

HYMN 267 - *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*.....T. *Puer Nobis*

GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 3:1-6 .....The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

SERMON - *These Things Take Time*

HYMN 256 - *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* .....T. *Rejoice*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM - *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes*.....Hal Hopson (1982)  
Choir

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

HYMN 274 - *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*.....T. *Veni Emmanuel*  
(after the hymn, the congregation will be seated)

POSTLUDE - Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*.....setting by Adolphus Hailstork (1996)

BENEDICTION

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*  
Andrew Heil, *Associate Pastor*  
Margaret Norris, *Director of Christian Education*  
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music*  
Susan Foster, *Organist*  
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(10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 *Mitchell A. Gough* and *Mozelle Disher, brother and grandmother of Dana Myers*, by their family and in honor of their 46th and 103rd birthdays.

**The wreaths** are placed on the outside doors of the Sanctuary in loving memory of *I.B. and Mary Southerland* by their family.

**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.

**During the Advent season we will remain seated for the postlude**, as a time of prayer, meditation, and expectant waiting to mark this season. This morning's postlude, a setting of "O Come, Immanuel," is full of dissonant harmonies and fast passages meant to reflect swirling chaos in a world without Christ. The toccata finally ends with a big E major chord, signifying harmony that comes with Salvation breaking into the world with Christ's birth.

**Your pledge** is your financial commitment to support our church's programs and ministries. It is a heartfelt decision and recognizes that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from God. As of December 4, we have received 250 commitments totaling \$ 612,925 for 2019. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**Advent Devotionals** are available in the Vestibules.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Children/Youth

**Little Lambs** (ages 1-3), *Samuel! Samuel!*, CE-105

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

**Good News!** (Elementary), Art, CE-202

#### 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 & 14

**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

**We extend our sympathy to** the family of John Siewers, who died on December 1.

## CALENDAR

Today -	10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, 2nd Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Senior Friends) 11:15 a.m. - Sunday School 12:00 p.m. - Wild Irish Roses lunch, Parlor 3:00 p.m. - <i>Music@Home Concert</i> , Sanctuary 4:45 p.m. - Youth to supper and <i>Festival of Lights</i> 5:00 p.m. - Sociable Saints Dinner, RG House
Monday -	2:00 p.m. - Gemeinschaft, Parlor 5:00 p.m. - Finance Committee, RB-225 7:00 p.m. - Trustees meeting, Club Room
Tuesday -	2:00 p.m. - Lovefeast at Creekside Terrace 5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor, RB-120
Wednesday -	7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Lighthouse Restaurant 5:30 p.m. - Home Is... Leadership Team, CE-101
Thursday -	6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5
Next Sunday -	10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, 3rd Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Women's Fellowship) 11:15 a.m. - Sunday School

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join us for Gathering and Decorating - A Christmas Tradition** - We will gather greens on Cedar Avenue in God's Acre on Tuesday, December 18, beginning at 9:00 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 2:00 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 4:00 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 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:00 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.

**'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.

**The Advent Hopewell Moravian Concert Band** will offer a Christmas Concert at Salemtowne on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in 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.