



Home Moravian Church

Founded in 1771

Fulfilling Christ's call to love God, live in community, and serve our neighbor.

*"Let thine eye be opened toward this house night and
day, even toward the place of which thou hast
said, My name shall be there."*

— Text for the day on which the Site of Salem was selected.

Salem Square

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.* John 14:27

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Andrew L. Heil

PRELUDE - *Christian Hearts, in Love United*.....T. Cassel (167 A)
setting by Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: *I Search for You, Lord*

I search for you, Lord, in the washing and churning of ocean's tide.
I look for your presence in all of the brightness of morning's sky.
I wander in fields of clover and flowers that smell so sweet.
I feel the brown earth and soft grass under my feet.
Refrain: Lord, I know you're not far away.
God, I reach for you each day.
You are my life; you are my way.

I stand in the city and notice the people who live and die.
I look in their faces and see the nothing of years gone by.
I weep for the heartache and all of the dreams that are shattered here.
I feel the dark shadows, the loneliness, and the fear.
Refrain

Lord, I wonder in all there is and all of time
Will the power of love and peace be known to humankind?
Will oceans and skies and fields and flowers ever know
That we are here because you love us so?
Refrain

PRESENTATION OF BIBLESMargaret Norris

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Acts 16: 9-15William Sanders
Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5Ben Grimstead

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLDRev. Heil

During the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-101.

HYMN - *Won't You Walk with Me, Jesus* (insert)
(verse 1, choir; verses 2-5, all)T. Walk with Me Jesus

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14: 23-29Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

SERMON - *Why Do I Have to Go to Church?*

HYMN 556 - *Peace Be to This Congregation*T. Cassel

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/> Click the "Give Now" button on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to HomeMoravian.org/online-giving. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM: *Psalm 67*.....Connor May Kelly (2022)
Mykaela Caviness, Salem Caviness, Lilly Greene, Adelaide Merrick, Sarah Southerland
Connor May Kelly, Harp

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Confirmation and My Walk of Faith.....Reesa Devers (confirmation class of 2019)

LITURGY: *Confirmation and Affirmation of Baptism*, pages 170-174

PSALM 67 Jackson Spivey

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere God.

HYMN: *Abide with Us*.....T. Eventide

Abide with us, within this house of grace.
Be present with us where we seek your face.
Here in your church, by one another's side,
We seek your comfort, Lord; with us abide.

Abide with us, within the homes we make.
Give us foundations that no storm can shake.
Bless bonds of love, and keep them firmly tied;
Teach us your love, O Lord; with us abide.

Abide with us, where in your name we go.
Call us to service, let us not be slow.
Show us your path, and ever be our guide.
And as we walk the road, with us abide.

Abide in us; may we abide in you.
Through all our actions let our love be true.
In every time, throughout this world so wide,
Make us your dwelling, and in us abide.

POSTLUDE - *Join We All with One Accord*T. *Gaudeamus pariter*
setting by Károly Köpe (1926-2002)

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 832.....T. *Gregor*

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CONFIRMATION

We welcome these young people into communicant membership this morning by Confirmation: *Mykaela Caviness, Salem Caviness*; daughters of Piper Caviness and Ronnie Caviness; *Lilly Greene*, daughter of Catherine and Brad Greene; *Ben Grimstead*, son of Amanda and Jamie Grimstead; *Adelaide Merrick*, daughter of Elizabeth Turner and Sam Merrick; *William Sanders*, son of Ashley and Kirk Sanders; *Sarah Southerland*, daughter of Valerie and Scott Southerland; and *Jackson Spivey*, son of Heather and Ron Spivey. Teachers: Robyn Goslen, Rev. Ginny Tobiassen, Lucy Strawsburg, Steve Strawsburg

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today by the Home Church Senior Friends in honor of the wedding anniversary of *George and Patsy Ernst, who were married at Home Church on May 27, 1962.*

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

NURSERY, CE-105: *Have a Great Day!*

GODLY PLAY continued, 10:20 a.m., CE-101 (ages 3 and up): *The Road to Emmaus*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:15 a.m.:

Bible Discussion, Club Room (RB-4) and via Zoom: *The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 7, verse 24 and following*

Zoom link for Bible Discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83528560373>

Scripture Encore, Parlor (CE-102) and via Zoom: Acts 11: 1-18, *Transforming Change*

Zoom link for Scripture Encore: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88570958774>

PERSONALS

Recovering at home: Hallene Brindle - 2249 Westover Drive, 27103; JoAnne Livengood - 5000 South Bend Drive, 27107; Maude Mock - 3609 Ebert Court, Apt. 300D, 27127.

At Salemtowne: David Pfaff, Westerly Place, 1550 Babcock Drive Room 7122, 27106

We embrace in sympathy: the family of Rev. Wilfred Dreger, non-resident member, who died on May 14 in Nazareth, PA.

CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, *Confirmation*
10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play continues*, CE-101
11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion, Club Room RB-4 & Zoom
Scripture Encore, Parlor, CE-102 & Zoom
- Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting,
Club Room and Zoom
- Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - Candle Tea Committee Meeting, Zoom
- Wednesday - 4:00 p.m. - Volunteer Accelerator Team, Zoom
5:10 p.m. - Children's Choir, RB-5
- Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Club Room
5:00 p.m. - World Mission Committee Meeting, Club Room
5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor, RB-120
6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
- Next Sunday - 9:10 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105
9:15 a.m. - *Godly Play with Families*, CE-101
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play continues*, CE-101
11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion, Club Room RB-4 & Zoom
Scripture Encore, Parlor, CE-102 & Zoom

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next weekend is FAMILY CAMP AT LAUREL RIDGE, May 27-29; contact Margaret at mnorris@homemoravian.org for more details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars for *Monumental Vacation Bible School*. The family-based weekend is July 22-24 and the Monday-Thursday morning time for children and younger youth is July 25-28.

Update College-age Moravian Records - If you have a Home Church family member who is graduating from any school or receiving a degree of any kind, send the information to Jane Shore at jshore@homemoravian.org, or call 336-722-6171 or place a note in the offering plate. Please include the name of the school and the degree being received, particularly if it is a postgraduate degree. Also, we need information on your child's current college studies. Send the below information to Jane (see the above on how to send). Name, Email address, college or university name (if applicable), cell phone number.

Join Salem Band on May 24 for its season-opening concert. All concerts FREE in Salem Square, Old Salem. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Food vendors on site. RAINDATE = May 27.

Observers at Synod - Want to see what Synod looks like? A limited number of seats will be made available for Moravians to come and observe the plenary sessions of Synod, June 1 – June 4 at Winston Salem State University. Each plenary session has seating for up to 15 observers. In order to provide the opportunity for as many people as possible, each observer is limited to one session. Observers do not have voting or speaking privileges, and they must register for the session they plan to attend. If you are interested in being an observer, please follow the link below to fill out the form: <https://forms.gle/Wnge9Ny5FB4JwV5bA>. If you have any questions or have trouble filling out this form, please contact The Rev. Walter Bishop by email at wcbishop001@gmail.com

Back to Breakfast!! - Breakfast lovers and early birds, rejoice! Plans are afoot to resume our weekly fellowship breakfast! Beginning on Wednesday, June 8, we will gather at 7 a.m. each Wednesday at the Olive Tree on the corner of Stratford Road and Westview Drive. We look forward to Home Church members' sharing the Daily Text, good conversation and great food (don't miss the huevos rancheros!). See you there!

250th Anniversary t-shirts are still available. Contact Beth Baldwin or Mallie Graham to purchase.



**Southern Province Synod
to Convene at
Winston-Salem State University
June 1-4, 2022**

Every four years, delegates from all congregations and fellowships of the Southern Province gather for a Synod. Our 2022 Synod will be called to order at Winston-Salem State University, June 1-4.

In Moravian polity, synods represent the highest decision-making body of each province and tremendous responsibility in the life of the Moravian Church. Southern Province Synod delegates will help decide how the province continues its work while exploring ways to strengthen the church in the future.

During the four-day event, delegates elect provincial leadership for the upcoming four years, including the Provincial Elders' Conference, members of provincial and interprovincial boards and agencies, and in some years, bishops of the Moravian Unity (at the 2018 Synod, delegates elected two bishops: the Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz and the Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton).

Synods also establish direction and priority for provincial ministries and encourage activities on the congregational level. They help answer questions and set guidelines on key topics and issues facing the province, while providing a platform for new ideas for strengthening the church and the faith of its members.

In addition to the legislative and decision-making duties of synod, these gatherings also provide a rare opportunity to bring together clergy and lay persons from all areas of the province, including its agencies and leadership, to worship, pray, and talk about ministry together. Synod gathers the collective wisdom and experience of the entire province to work with each other and discern what God is calling us to do now.

All pastors under call are delegates to Synod, and every congregation has one lay delegate for every 125 adult communicant members. Small congregations are entitled to one delegate in addition to the pastor, while each fellowship is represented by an advisory (non-voting) delegate. Provincial boards and agencies are also represented, as are retired pastors and certified, full-time DCEs. Advisory delegates representing our various interprovincial agencies, ecumenical partners and emerging ministries also attend.

Home Church's delegates, elected by our Church Council in October 2021, are Betsy Bombick, Betty Cole, John Dewees, Debbie Drake, Bob Hunter, Toni Kapp, Paul Knouse, Charles Turner, and Laura Watson.

Pray for our Synod as it prepares to discern the Chief Elder's direction for our Province over the next four years and beyond.

More information about the upcoming Synod is available at the Southern Province website, www.mcsp.org. In addition, the Interprovincial Board of Communication and Commission on Congregational Development will cover the 2022 Synod and will report on key events and decisions.