

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.*

- Matthew 3:2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLEKirk and Kate Sanders

PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude on “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”(BWV 645)

-J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

LITURGY: *Advent 2*, pages 54-58

ADVENT 2

(Standing)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

We will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds in songs of joy.

Awake, awake, you people of God, put on your festive garments.

For God has already clothed us with the garments of salvation and has covered us with the robe of righteousness.

The Holy One has delivered us and has become our salvation.

BRESLAU

All praise to you, e - ter - nal Lord, clothed in a
All this for us your love has done; by this to
garb of flesh and blood; choos - ing a man - ger
you our love is won; for this we sing through
for your throne, while worlds on worlds are yours a - lone.
all our days and shout our thanks in cease - less praise.

We give thanks to you, eternal God, for the Word in human form given to us in the child of Bethlehem.

The Word speaks to us in a way we cannot avoid:

Therefore, let us put aside the masks of pretended righteousness and confess our sins to God.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Gracious God, this Advent season stirs a longing to have Christ come alive within us, yet we allow ourselves to become enslaved to cynicism, selfishness, and greed. In a season for freely giving and receiving, we tend to live by debt and obligation. We rush from task to task, scarcely opening our eyes to the peace and beauty around us. We glory in the visions of the old man Zechariah in the temple, which were fulfilled in his wife, Elizabeth; but our ministry to the elderly in our midst falls short. We sing of One who was laid in a borrowed manger, but we ignore the poor and homeless among us. We decry the violence of a wicked king, yet we are too often silent in the face of abuse and injustice around us. For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray, gracious God.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to them and proclaim that they have suffered long enough, that their penalty is paid, and their sins are forgiven.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Christ Jesus gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own. Thanks be to God!

(Standing)

JUDGMENT (585 A)

Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from realms on high;
 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are bowed with care;

Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion, low - ly came on earth to die:
 Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who lived among us as foretold by the prophets, who was descended from the royal line of David, and who was baptized in the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might.

He does not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he judges the poor and decides with equity for the meek of the earth.

We believe in the coming reign of God when justice will be established in the earth.

How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains who brings good news, the news of peace, who announces salvation, who says, "Your God reigns."

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

REJOICE (151 I)

Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear!

A - rise, the sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere!

With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we look, O Lord, to you

for all the earth's re - demp - tion, cre - a - tion made a - new.

(All may join in the following prayers of intercession,
or the service may proceed as the liturgist directs.)

(Sitting)

Christ, the Light of the world, empower us to shine as lights in this dark world of sin.

Christ, the Creative Word, by whom all things were made, lead us into good stewardship of creation that we and our children may preserve and enjoy the world entrusted to us.

Christ, the Living Truth, give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that sees beyond temporal values to discern your truth and to declare it.

Christ, our Righteous Judge, give us courage to stand by the poor, the meek, and the oppressed; and strengthen our support for all who are their advocates.

Christ, the Lamb of God, send us forth as your ambassadors of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world; bring peace to the conflicts of nations, races, and tribes.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that we might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. May our lives show forth that which we truly are. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Standing)

May the Lord make us increase in love for one another and for all.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to become more like Christ as we eagerly await his coming.

GERMANY (22 R)

We long for might - y signs of God - ca - the - dral,
 But poor, in weak - ness, comes the Christ; his glo - ry
 Not in our own strength, Lord, we move; your king - dom

mir - a - cle, and sword, his pow'r and glo - ry
 gone, no king we see; a ser - vant Lord, no
 falls not when we fall, but for - ward press - es

writ - ten plain - so none may doubt that he is Lord.
 praise he seeks. Thus comes God's power to you and me.
 day by day un - til your truth is known to all.

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS:.....Rev. Andrew L. Heil

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
 May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.
 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
 May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
 In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more....
 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

Romans 15: 4-13

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

HYMN 682 - *Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old*.....T. Samantha

682 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

Unison

Fm(Em) D^b(C) A^b(G) B^bm(Am) C(B)

1 I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world, and

Fm(Em) Cm(Bm) Fm(Em) D^b(C)

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

A^b(G) B^bm(Am) C(B) Fm(Em) Cm(Bm)

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow —

Fm(Em) D^b(C) A^b(G) E^b(D) Fm(Em) B^b(A) C(B)

lamb. The moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, the
wild. Lord, has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "peo - ples be led forth in peace; for the earth shall be filled with the no one shall hurt or de - stroy, when _ wis - dom and jus - tice shall knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters _ cov - er the seas. reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy." The guitar chords are: D^b(C), B^bm(Am), C(B), Fm(Em), D^b(C), A^b(G), B^bm(Am), A^b(G), B^bm(Am), C(B), Fm(Em), Cm(Bm), Fm(Em).

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3: 1-12.....Michael Schulte

SERMON: *Enacting God's Reign in Winston-Salem and Beyond*

-Michael Schulte, Gary Green

HYMN 692 - *Lord, Who Left the Highest Heaven*T. Eden Church

692 Lord, Who Left the Highest Heaven

1 Lord, who left the high - est heav - en for a home - less
 2 Lord, who sought by cloak of dark - ness ref - uge un - der
 3 Lord, who lived se - cure and set - tled, safe with - in the
 4 Lord, who leav - ing home and kin - dred, fol - lowed still as

hu - man birth and, a child with - in a sta - ble,
 for - eign skies from the swords of Her - od's sol - diers,
 Fa - ther's plan, and in wis - dom, stat - ure, fa - vor
 du - ty led, sky the roof and earth the pil - low

came to share the life of earth - with your grace and
 rav - aged homes and par - ents' cries - may your grace and
 grow - ing up from boy to man - with your grace and
 for the Prince of glo - ry's head - with your grace and

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EDEN CHURCH

PEACE AND JUSTICE

mer - cy bless — all who suf - fer home - less - ness.
 mer - cy rest — on the home - less and op - pressed.
 mer - cy bless — all who strive for ho - li - ness.
 mer - cy bless — sac - ri - fice for right - eous - ness.

5 Lord, who in your cross and passion
 hung beneath a darkened sky,
 yet whose thoughts were for your mother,
 and a thief condemned to die –
 may your grace and mercy rest
 on the helpless and distressed.

6 Lord, who rose to life triumphant
 with our whole salvation won,
 risen, glorified, ascended,
 all the Father's purpose done –
 may your grace, all conflict past,
 bring your children home at last.

REFLECTION ON GIVING

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

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLDRev. Tobiassen

HYMN 260 - *Rejoice, Rejoice, the Kingdom Comes*.....T. Kingsfold

260 Rejoice, Rejoice, the Kingdom Comes

1 Re - joice, re - joice, the king - dom comes; be
 2 Re - joice, re - joice, God's will stands firm through -

glad, for it is near. — It comes with joy sur -
 out all time and space. — It is a qui - et,

pris - ing us; it tri - umphs o'er our fears. Give thanks, for as the
 stead - y force per - vad - ing ev - 'ry place. It snaps the brit - tle

king - dom comes it brings God's own sha - lom, — a
 ness of hate, un - ties the bonds of greed. — It

state of peace and jus - tice where all with God are one.
 holds out love a - bun - dant which nev - er fails our need.

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TUNE: Traditional English melody. Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). From the *English Hymnal* [1906]

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C.M.D.

KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

While singing, we offer the right hand of fellowship

The congregation may be seated for a time of reflection, or exit quietly during the postlude.

SERVICE MUSIC

832 The Grace of Our Lord

The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of
God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
be with us all, be with us all. A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular
[540 E]

POSTLUDE: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

-Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Michael Schulte and Gary Green for leading us in worship today. Originally from Edwardsville, IL, Michael serves as the Pastoral Intern at the Dwelling, a joint Moravian-Lutheran ministry in Winston-Salem. He received a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School in May 2022 and is a candidate for Word and Sacrament Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Before pursuing pastoral ministry, Michael served as a high school English teacher in high-needs, Title I schools in Memphis and St. Louis. Michael is passionate about building inclusive communities where all people can experience God's grace in their everyday lives.

Gary Green serves as the Minister of Showers at the Dwelling in Winston-Salem. In that capacity, Gary is essential in ensuring that thousands of showers are provided to our neighbors without homes. As someone with lived experience of incarceration and homelessness, Gary is passionate about telling his story, so that others can see how the power of grace and second chances

can transform one's life.

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and 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, pick up a beverage in the Lovefeast Serving Room (to the right of the Sanctuary) and enjoy fellowship in the Sanctuary or outside.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Andrew Hamilton and Annie Miller Disher and John W. and Ellen Burke Harrison* by their great-great grandsons, Hamilton Disher and Harrison Disher.

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

Interested in becoming a member? Beginning today, we will offer a series of four Inquirers' Classes for those who may desire membership in the Home Church congregation. Classes will be held today following worship, and the remaining classes will be held on December 6 (Zoom), 11, and 13 (Zoom). Contact ginnyt@homemoravian.org or ahell@homemoravian.org for more information.

Each fall we invite our members to make a financial commitment to support our church's ministries and programs. As of November 29, the Stewardship Committee is happy to report that 232 commitments totaling \$612,381 have been made for 2023! Thank you!

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Nursery, CE-105:

Godly Play with Families, 10:20 a.m., CE-101 (ages 3 and up): *The Prophet Isaiah* **Adult Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.:**

Bible Discussion, Club Room (RB-4) and via Zoom: Gospel of Mark, Chapter 14 **Scripture Encore, Parlor**

Zoom link for Bible Discussion:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83528560373#success>

CALENDAR

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, Second Sunday in Advent

10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-101

11:00 a.m. - (immediately following worship) Children's Choir,

RB-5 11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion, Club Room & Zoom

Scripture Encore, Parlor & Zoom

Inquirers' Class, Saal

4-6 p.m. - Upper Elementary to make cards, Club Room

Monday - 7:00 p.m. - Board of Elders Meeting, Club Room

Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. - Inquirers' Class, Zoom

Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Fellowship Breakfast, Arthur's

2:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor

6:00 p.m. - Church Family Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 11:30 a.m. - Women's Fellowship *Praying in Color*, Parlor

(sign-up required, contact Elizabeth Sides at eagsides@gmail.com)

5:30 p.m. - Gregor BellChor, RB-120

6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5

Next Sunday - 8:30 a.m. - Women's Fellowship *Praying in Color*, RB-227

9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105
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RB-5 11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion, Club Room & Zoom
Scripture Encore, Parlor & Zoom
Inquirers' Class, Saal
3:00 p.m. - *Music@Home* Concert, Sanctuary

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each year the Men of the Church make candles to sell as a fundraiser. The proceeds go to 'not for profit groups' in our community. Our candles will be for sale outside the front of the church immediately after the service this **Sunday December 4**. Remember that they make great Christmas gifts! The price is \$6 per box of two candles or \$95 per case. We accept cash or a check made to the "Home Moravian MOC".

Gathering Greens and Decorating the Church - Please join us on December 13 for gathering the greens from Cedar Avenue in God's Acre, starting at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Main Street entrance to God's Acre. We will be preparing the garlands on Friday, December 16, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Supper will be available. We will need a large crew of people around 6:30 p.m. to move the garlands to the Sanctuary and assist in their hanging. On Tuesday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m., we need your help in taking down the decorations. Please come and help whenever you are able. For questions, please call I.B. Southerland at 336-409-5175.

PERSONALS

At home: Max Brady (cards appreciated)

Recovering at home: David Cook, Liz Goode, Ed Hill, JoAnne Livengood **We extend our sympathy to:**

...Hastings Venable, whose daughter, Keara Yates, died November 23.
...the family of Charles Mickey (non-resident member), who died November 24. ...Roy Ledbetter, whose daughter, Anna Katharina Ledbetter, died November 30.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*
Andrew L. Heil, *Associate Pastor*
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*
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