

# First Sunday of Advent

## December 1, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

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

BAND CHORALES.....Nola Knouse, leader Home Church Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

CHORAL INTROIT - *Hosanna*.....Edward W. Leinbach, Salem Composer (1823-1901) LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Cody Davidson and

Zach Stephens CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: *Advent*, pages 49-53

(At the place indicated on page 53, we will sing Hymn 239, "Hosanna." The children will sing the first part, and the congregation will respond.)

### ADVENT AND PALM SUNDAY

(Standing)

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.**

ST. THROGOLPH (151 G)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression, and rule in equity." The score is arranged in a standard format with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line for each system.

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.**

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

**You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.**

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear.

**So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.**

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on 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.**

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

(Kneeling or sitting)

(for Advent)

Gracious Lord Jesus, you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence and your leadership. We have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

(for Palm Sunday)

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior, not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

(Singing)

ADVENT/PALM SUNDAY

[The following hymn is used for Advent.]

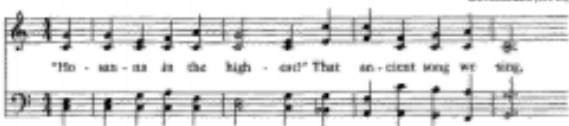
TUNO



VOICE Lift up your heads, you might - y gates, be - hold, the  
 CHOR: Hing wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 ALL So, come, my Sav - 'nigh, an - swer in; let new and  
 King of Glo - ry waits, the King of Kings is  
 tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use; for  
 no - ble like be - gin, the Ho - ly Spr - it  
 draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 here's our cry, a - demand with prayer and love and joy.  
 guide us on, un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

[The following hymn is used for Palm Sunday.]

LAWCARRI (11/90)



"Ho - san - na in the high - cast!" That an - cient song we sing.



For Christ is our Re-deem-er, the Lord of heav'n our King,  
 O may we ev-er praise him with heart and life and voice,  
 and in his bliss-ful pres-ence e-ter-nal-ly re-joice.

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

**Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.**

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

**Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.**

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

**Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.**

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

**As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.**

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

**For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.**

[Standing]

[Here the Hosanna, page 239, or another suitable hymn may be sung.]

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

**You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!**

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

**To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.**

UNACCOMPANIED VOICES

ALL

Praise to you, O Lord, we re-der for your love in Je-sus Christ,

may that love, so strong and ten-der, bind us fast to him a-love,

CHOR ALL  
now and ev-er, now and ev-er, gath-er us a-mong your own.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;**

do not let me be put to shame;

**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

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

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;**

**teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

**for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**

**according to your steadfast love remember me,**

**for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right

**and teaches the humble his way.**

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

**for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-106.*

COMMUNION: CHRIST'S COMING

TROVA (184 2)

The ad-vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer,  
 The ev-er-last-ing Son in-car-nate stoops to be,  
 All glo-ry to the Son, who comes to set us free,  
 come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre-pare,  
 takes on him-self the ser-vant's form to set his peo-ple free,  
 with Fa-ther, Spir-it, ev-er-one through all e-ter-ni-ty.

EMERSON (184 1)

Lo, God, our God, has come, to us a Child is born,  
 Re-joice! our God has come, in love and low-ly-ness,  
 We praise the Word made flesh, true God, true man in He,  
 to us a Son is giv'n, bless, bless the bless-ed morn! O hap-py  
 the Son of God has come God's chil-dren all re-joice, God with us  
 we praise the Christ of God, to whom all glo-ry be! We praise the  
 low-ly, low-ly birth! Now God, our God, has come to earth,  
 now de-scends to dwell, God in our flesh, Im-man-u-el  
 Lamb that once was slain! We praise the King that comes to reign!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:21-36 .....The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen  
 SERMON: *Over and Over*



HYMN 266 - *People in Darkness Are Looking for Light* .....T. Advent

ADVENT

**266 People in Darkness Are Looking for Light**

*Unison*

1 Peo-ple in dark-ness are look-ing for light, come, come,  
 2 Peo-ple with sick-ness are pray-ing for health, come, come,  
 3 Peo-ple in trou-ble would like to be free, come, come,  
 4 Peo-ple in sor-row are yearn-ing to sing, come, come,

come Je-sus Christ, peo-ple with blind-ness are long-ing for sight,  
 come Je-sus Christ, peo-ple in pov-er-ty want to have wealth,  
 come Je-sus Christ, peo-ple with ar-gu-ments want to a-gree,  
 come Je-sus Christ, peo-ple in mis-cr-y want bells to ring,

come, Lord Je-sus Christ. — These days of ad-ven-ture when  
 come, Lord Je-sus Christ. — These days of ad-ven-ture when  
 come, Lord Je-sus Christ. — These days of ad-ven-ture when  
 come, Lord Je-sus Christ. — These days of ad-ven-ture when

all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of Love.  
 all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of Hope.  
 all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of Peace.  
 all peo-ple wait are days for the ad-vent of Joy.

TEXT: Doane Calkins (1961, 6th. ed. and 8c. 4 added 1995) H. & R. 333.11.8  
 TUNE: Doane Calkins (1961) ADVENT  
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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 DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to [homemoravian.org/donate](http://homemoravian.org/donate). You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.*

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM: *Morning Star, in Darkest Night* .....Georg Friedrich von

Hellström  
 (1825-1912)

HMC Choir

*Morning Star in darkest night, who the world with joy makes light, Jesus dear, come be near, shine in my heart's temple here! Your most radiant, glorious light far exceeds the sun so bright; You shall be constantly, as a thousand suns to me. Morning star, my soul's true day, come to me without delay; come be near Jesus dear, shine in my heart's temple here. Amen*

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ADVENT

268 How Shall I Meet You, Jesus?

*Descant*

3 No long-er need we see - sow nor win - ry night and

1 How shall I meet you, Je - sus! How shall I wel - come  
 2 Great love a - lone com - pelled you to leave e - ter - nal  
 3 No long-er need we see - sow nor win - ry night and

day how we might draw him to — us with -  
 you? What all the world is seek - ing, great  
 light, to come and dwell a - mong — us and  
 day how we might draw him so — us with -

in our heart's em - brace. He of his own will  
 trea - sure of the soul! O, set your light be -  
 shine our com - mon plight. The whole world's grief and  
 in our heart's em - brace. He of his own will

Altogether Day, October 1997  
 TERRY: Paul Gerhardt (1605), Ty. Isaac Daughrity (1962), Ty. ©1995 by Isaac Daughrity  
 TERRY: Michelle Tardieu (2015), C. Gregor O'Brien (1984)  
 DMC/AMT: Mike Road (2008)

ADVENT

find — us and full of love and grace take  
 side — me, my spir - it now re - newe, so  
 suf - f'ring and earth's un - spo - ken pain, your  
 find — us and full of love and grace take

up each anx - ious bur - den and bless each soul with peace.  
 that I may dis - cow - er what great - ly pleas - es you.  
 per - fect love em - brace - es till on - ly love re - mains.  
 up each anx - ious bur - den and bless each soul with peace.

BENEDICTION

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

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.*

SERVICE MUSIC

**832**                      **The Grace of Our Lord**

The musical score for 'The Grace of Our Lord' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of 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 lyrics are: '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.'

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

Irregular  
(540 E)

POSTLUDE: *Savior of the Nations, Come* (BWV 659) .....T. *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**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 serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Charles and Marjorie Beardsley* by Steve and Charlene Beardsley Ewing, and in loving memory of *Sid Disher and Richard Disher* by Juanita and Jennie Disher.

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

## PERSONALS

**Recovering at Atrium Health:** Joe Madaras

**We lift prayers of gratitude** for the life and call of the Rt. Rev. John F. Wilson, who died November 13. Rt. Rev. Wilson, was a Moravian pastor and bishop from Nicaragua who served in the South Florida district in recent years.

## SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

**GODLY PLAY, CE 106 (ages 3 and up), *The Advent Wreath***

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via Zoom), 11:15 a.m. Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom**

<https://bit.ly/3ZsrlyP>

**Intro to Moravian Theology, Saal, Podcast**

**homemoravian.org/resources Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom <https://bit.ly/3OpggsS>**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR/POWER HOUR MUSIC, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 3rd floor CE**

**building CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CE-106 and 107**

## CALENDAR

- Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105  
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, First Sunday in Advent  
10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106  
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room  
11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir/Power Hour Music, CE-104  
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School Classes (see **Sunday Educational Programming**)  
11:30 a.m. - Children's Power Hour (see **Sunday Educational Programming**)  
Monday - 1-7 p.m. - Decorations Committee, Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - MOC Prayer Group, Club Room  
9-7:30 p.m. - Decorations Committee, Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. - Congregational Care, Club Room to assemble bags  
11-1 p.m. - Praying in Color Parlor (Registration required)  
4:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Planning Team, Saal  
6:30 p.m. - Beginner Band Class, RB-5  
7:00 p.m. - Elders, CE-101  
7:30 p.m. - Salem Chorale Band, RB-5  
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant  
2:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor  
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. - HMC Night at Candle Tea  
Thursday - 11:30 a.m. - MOC Lunch, Club Room  
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice  
Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105  
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106  
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room  
11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir, Power Hour Music, CE-104  
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School Classes (see **Sunday Educational Programming**)  
11:30 a.m. - Children's Power Hour (see **Sunday Educational Programming**)  
2:00 p.m. - Music at Home Concert, Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. - Forsyth IAF Sponsoring Committee Voting Assembly St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church

**THE DIGGS-LATHAM WNF FUNDRAISER** was a big success! We shared dinner with 85 friends from Diggs-Latham. Students danced and played their band instruments. We collected \$1,166 for Teacher Gift Cards. We still need contributions so we can buy 40 gift cards. We Thank You. Home Mission Team.

**The Men of the Church** will be selling candles after worship outside the office. Sales will continue each Sunday in December. A box of 2 (10 inch) candles costs \$6.50, or buy a case of 24 boxes for \$120.00. Contact Gary Hauser.

On **Tuesday, December 10, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the **Home Church Saal**, our **Winter Vesper Service** will provide a quiet peace that seeks to unite us to the authenticity of Advent joy. This will be an inspirational time in community, noticing that sadness often accompanies the season of great joy. The Saal will open at 5:00 p.m. for quiet contemplation.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*  
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*  
Becky Hodges, *Director of Christian Formation*  
Philip Montgomery, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*  
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