



HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH

Welcome Home



HomeMoravian.org

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Founded 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, NC

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: God said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” Matthew 17:5

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

PRELUDE: Hymn-Prelude on

Immortal, Invisible.....T. St. Denio Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: *Christian Unity*, pages 122-126

CHRISTIAN UNITY

{Standing}

Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.

By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.

We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.

DUKE STREET {22 Q}

Lord of all being, throned afar,
Lord of all life, below, above,

your glory flames from sun and star;
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,

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cen - ter and soul of ev - 'ry sphere,
be - fore your ev - er - blaz - ing throne

yet to each lov - - ing heart how near!
we ask no lus - - ter of our own.

[Kneeling or sitting]

We know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And we have left undone those deeds of lovingkindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.

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(Sitting)

BEECHER

Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in - to ev - 'ry trou-bled breast;
 let us all in you in - her - it, let us find the prom-ised rest.
 Take a - way the love of sin-n-ing, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.

We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

We know that we need each other and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.

Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.

Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.

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Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

Fill us with that spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.

Teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(The liturgist may use one or more of the following or other expressions of worship from our own and other traditions to convey our sense of unity in Christ.)

Let us sing a new hymn.

(As the liturgist directs.)

Let us pause in silence and wait upon God.

Let us stand and greet each other with the right hand of fellowship and say, "The peace of God be with you."

Let us make prayer requests for ourselves and others.

(To be included in a prayer of intercession by the liturgist.)

Let us hear the watchword for the day and reflect upon it.

Let us lift our hands in a prayer of praise.

(The liturgist offers prayer.)

Let us pray together for the grace that we need, saying:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Dear God, as we your people gather in every time and place around this wondrous earth, may we be strengthened by our awareness of one another and united by our mutual prayers.

Hear us and help us all, we pray.

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May the variety of traditions and customs of your whole church become a multitude of lights to reveal the good news needed by people everywhere. May the variety of our ministries and service convey your redemptive love and bind us ever closer to one another.

Grant us grace to unite in essentials, to accept diversity in non-essentials, and to love one another in all things.

(Standing)

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Join we all with one ac-cord; praise we all our com-mon Lord;
One the name in which we pray, one our Sav-ior day by day;

for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.
with one Cup and with one Bread thus one cov-nant way we tread.

Part - ners with the saints of old, no more stran - gers in the fold,
One in spir - it, one in life, one a - mid earth's fre-quent strife,

one the Shep-herd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.
one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n a - bove.

SCRIPTURE:

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2:1-10

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

"Let us burst their bonds apart, and cast their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,

"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

2 Peter 1:16-21

HYMN 325 - *Jesus, on the Mountain Peak.....T. Mowsley*

TRANSFIGURATION

325 Jesus, on the Mountain Peak

1. Je - sus, on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2. Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God, pro - claim - ing
 4. Je - sus is the cho - sen One, liv - ing hope of
 glo - ry blaz - ing. Let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
 in its thun - der, Je - sus as the Son by name!
 ev - 'ry na - tion, hear and heed him, ev - 'ry one;
 join the saints and an - gels prais - ing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der: Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing, with earth and all cre - a - tion, Al - le - lu - ia!

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TUNE: Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907). ©1985 by Hope Publishing Company

7.8.7.8. with Alleluia!

MOWSLEY

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

SERMON: *Get Up*

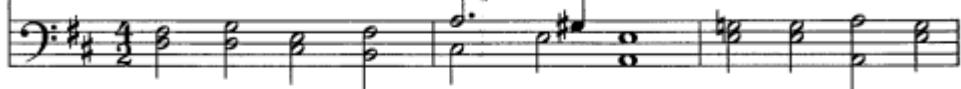
HYMN 521 - *Sun of Righteousness*.....T. Sonne der Gerechtigkeit

NATURE OF THE CHURCH

Sun of Righteousness **521**



1 Sun of right - eous - ness, ____ a - rise; dawn up - on our
 2 Wake your sleep - ing church ____ to live, not a - fraid our
 3 Heal di - vi - sion; love ____ re-new; help us all to
 4 O - pen gates for souls ____ to find your true way with



cloud - ed skies, ____ shine with - in your church to - day
 all to give. ____ Let the might - y acts of God
 turn to you. ____ Might - y Shep - herd, gath - er near
 heart and mind. ____ Come with all your gen - tle might,



that the world may see and say, "Have mer - cy, Lord."
 spread through all the world a - broad: have mer - cy, Lord.
 all your sheep op - pressed by fear: have mer - cy, Lord.
 bring - ing light to dark - est night: have mer - cy, Lord.



5 Glory, praise, and royal might
 to our God of endless light,
 who is perfect, three in one,
 and unites us in the Son:
 have mercy, Lord.

TEXT: St. 1 Christian David (1690-1751); st. 2,4 Christian G. Barth (1799-1862),
 st. 3,5 Johann C. Nehring (1671-1736)

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Tr. C. Daniel Crews and Roy Ledbetter (1977), alt. C. Daniel Crews (1994)

TUNE: Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengesang (1566)
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SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION.....Rev. Tobiassen

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. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

ANTHEM: *Transfiguration*.....Joel Martinson (1995)

Home Church Choir

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain. Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet: Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But worship give us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD.....Rev. Dr. Atwood

HYMN 326 - *How Good, Lord, to be Here*.....T. Swabia

TEXT: Joseph A. Robinson [1858-1933], alt.
TUNE: Johann Martin Spiess (1745). Arr. William H. Havergal (1847), alt.

S.M.
SWABIA [582 K]

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.
We invite you to continue your fellowship as you exit during the postlude.*

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.....T. Hymn to Joy
Richard Elliott (2006)

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (ages 3 and up), Jesus Heals a Paralytic

BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom

EPIPHANY CLASS, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom

CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building

YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building



Epiphany Sunday School Class Sunday | 11:15AM | CE-101

As the wise men once bore the radiant news of Christ's birth across distant lands, so we are called to carry that same light into every corner of the world.

- **February 15:** HMC Associate Pastor Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood will present highlights from his recent trip to South Korea, where he lectured and preached.

Class available via Zoom
at: homemoravian.org



CALENDAR

Sunday	-	10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:15 am	Educational Programming
		5:00 pm	Youth Pizza & Games, CE Building
Monday	-		Church Office Closed for Holiday
Tuesday	-	8:30 am	Men of Church Breakfast, Club Room
		1:30 pm	Living Faith, Club Room
		6:30 pm	Beginner Band, RB-5
		7:30 pm	Chorale Band, RB-5
Wednesday	-	7:00 am	Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant
		9:00 am	Old Salem Garden Club, Club Room
		10:00 am	Day of Prayer Coffee Fellowship, Parlor
		10:30 am	Nursery
		11:00 am	Day of Prayer, Sanctuary and Livestream
		5:45 pm	Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
		6:45 pm	Lenten Communion, Saal
Thursday	-	8:00 am	Men's Candle Making, Candle Room
		11:30 am	Men of Church Lunch, Club Room
		5:30 pm	Gregor BellChor, Bell Room
		6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
Friday	-		Deadline for Home-to-Home Articles
Next Sunday	-	10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:15 am	Educational Programming
			Bake Sale, Fellowship Hall (until all sold)
		2:00 pm	Day of Prayer, Christ Moravian Lovefeast
		3:00 pm	Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Announcements

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 *Patricia Sear Dyer and Stuart Bernard Sear* by the family.

The men of Home Church are invited to participate in candle making on Thursday, February 19 from 8AM – 1PM in the candle room. For more details contact I.B. Southerland at: 336.409.5175.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher for more information.

WORLD MISSION TEAM
BAKE SALE
Date changed due to inclement weather.

Sunday, February 22
in the Fellowship Hall
11:15 AM
(until all sold)



We need donated baked items such as:
**Cookies, Cakes, Brownies, Cupcakes,
Tarts, Pies, Fudge, Bread, etc.**



All proceeds will support World Mission needs.
Recent financial support went to Unity Women's
Desk, Board of World Mission, Ray of Hope (Kenya),
Building in Sierra Leone and the Czech School.

2026 Synod Nominations Close on February 21

This is your final week to submit nominations for leadership positions at the 2026 Synod! We are seeking faithful servants to serve in the following roles:

- **Provincial Elders' Conference (3 clergy, 3 lay)**
- **Board of World Mission (1)**
- **Moravian Mission Society (12)**
- **School of Theology Board (2)**
- **Provincial Women's Board (10)**

DEADLINE: February 21, 2026

To nominate someone, complete the Provincial Board Candidate Recommendation Form at:

[**www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLZLM7S**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLZLM7S)

Candidates must also complete either:

Provincial Board Candidate Information Form at:

[**www.surveymonkey.com/r/38CYG7Y**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/38CYG7Y)

or, for PEC, the PEC Candidate Information Form at:

[**www.surveymonkey.com/r/38Y8VZG**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/38Y8VZG)

Questions? Contact:

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Provincial Office: 336-725-5811

Wednesday Night Fellowship - February 18

- 5:45 PM - Meal in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM - Lenten Communion in the Saal



Menu: Baked Turkey Casserole, Tossed Salad, Bread, & Key Lime Pie

Adults & Children 13 and older - \$5;
Children aged 4 to 12 - \$3;
Children aged 3 and under - Free
(payable at the door; cash or check only)



*To reserve your spot, call the church office at:
336.722.6171 by 5PM on Monday.*

Weekly recurring reservations are available upon request.

Additional Announcements

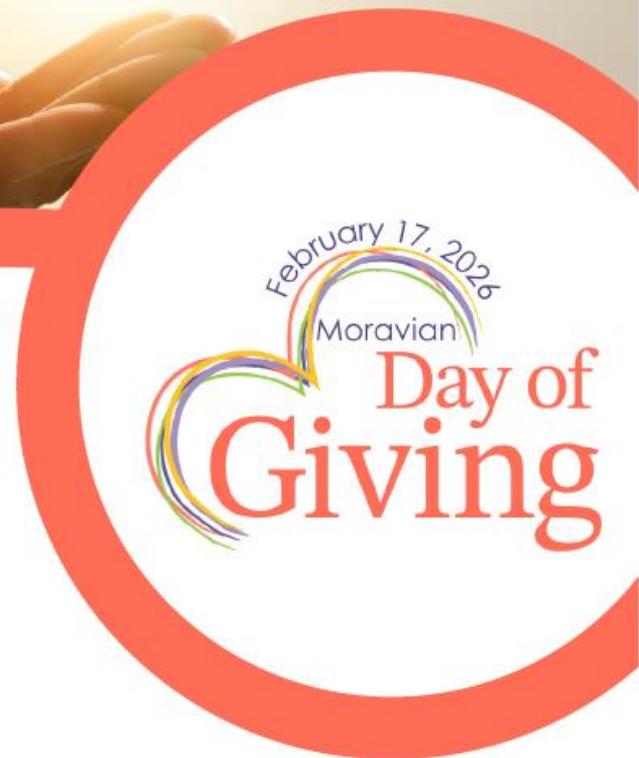
Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18! Our Day of Prayer observation begins with a coffee reception at 10 AM, followed by 11 AM worship in the Sanctuary. Our first Lenten communion will be held that night at 6:45 p.m. in the Saal. Join our church family for worship as we begin the season of Lent.

Holy Communion will be celebrated each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:45 p.m. in the Saal, following the Wednesday Night Fellowship meal.



Get Ready! Moravian Day of Giving is almost here!

February 17, 2026



The countdown is on for the 6th annual Moravian Day of Giving! Be part of an inspiring day that unites our Moravian community through faith, hope, and the spirit of generous giving.

Exciting Opportunities:



Maximize Your Gift! When you give to Field of Interest Funds, you'll unlock up to \$2,026 in matching contributions per fund!



Rally Your Community! The six ministries with the most individual donors will each receive \$2,026!

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This is your opportunity to make a meaningful difference and experience the incredible impact we can create when we give as one!

Youth News: Pizza and Games tonight! We'll be up on the third floor of the CE building from 5-7 p.m.

Scripture Meditation 2/15/2026

“But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’” Matthew 17:7

In the Transfiguration, it's not hard to see why James, Peter, and John are in need of some reassurance; Jesus reveals himself as divine by transforming into an entity of blinding light. Another cloud-shaped light, whom we assume to be God, comes into the scene and names Jesus as son. To be human in the midst of something like that is to feel completely powerless.

Phrases like ‘do not be afraid’ are some of the most common in the Bible, showing up around 100 times depending on the translation. Fear is our natural reaction when we are seeing and experiencing things that are new to us. That newness can often make us feel overwhelmed, small, and alone. But it is important to me that Jesus often goes out of his way to tell his disciples not to fear. It shows the loving nature of God—that God cares about our comfort and our feelings—and it shows that God’s infinite power is wielded for good.

Sometimes when I think of the scary moments in my life—my first days at college in California as a young kid from Texas, or driving down to North Carolina from Brooklyn with my whole life in my car—I wish I’d held the Bible a little closer. Those words, “do not be afraid,” would have helped me understand that God cares for me and that God sets people on their path for a reason. While we often fear the unknown, trust in God can help us see the way forward with more clarity and peace of mind. – Philip

The 2nd Annual

Bagging Up Blessings

IN A SEASON OF LESS, GIVE MORE.



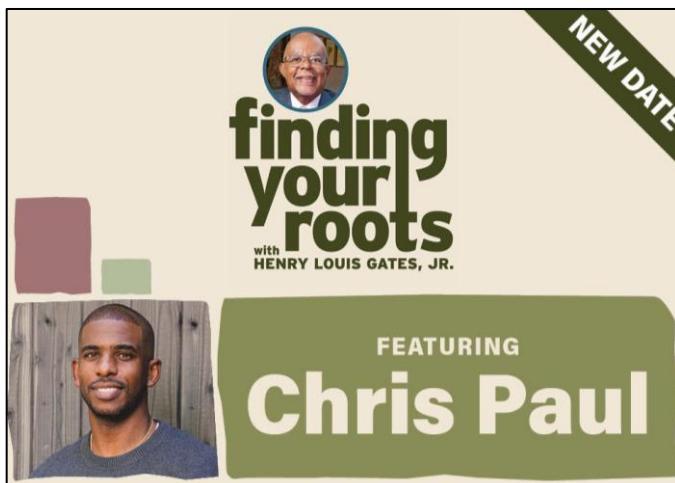
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FEB 15

THROUGH
APR 5



Non-perishable food items needed.

More information about how to participate in this event will be announced as the collection date approaches.



Free Public Screening

Join us on Sunday, February 22 at 3PM for a free public screening of the “Finding Your Roots” episode featuring Chris Paul, followed by a special panel and reception. This special screening will explore Chris Paul’s family history, including his connection to Peter Oliver (1766–1810). The event will be followed by a panel discussion and reception. The event will be held in the Main Theater at the Ace

Exhibition Complex-UNCSA School of Filmmaking, 1533 S. Main St. Admission is free. RSVP requested. To reserve your seat online, use this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-screening-of-chris-paul-finding-your-roots-episode-tickets-1982305996598?aff=oddtdtcreator>

Stop. Listen.

Years ago, after having an awful day teaching true little terrors how to ski, a group of us ski instructors went to the local watering hole, where randomly karaoke was going on. With our courage up, as a group we sang songs like “Achy Breaky Heart,” “Copacabana,” and “Just a Friend.” It was a magical moment. So much so that a few weeks later we tried to recreate the event—to no avail.

“Lord, it is good for us to be here!” In this moment, Peter speaks for all of us who have tasted something transcendent and want desperately to make it permanent. He sees the glory, feels the presence, and immediately starts planning how to preserve it. “Let us make three shelters,” he says—the human instinct to build, to contain, to control even the Divine. Up here, surrounded by God’s obvious presence, Peter can see clearly. The struggle is absent, doubt has evaporated, and faith comes naturally. The questions are answered. Everything seems right.

But God’s guidance cuts directly across human desire. Even as Peter speaks—trying to create space so they can either remain in, or possibly recreate, this holy moment—the voice from the cloud interrupts: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” God says, “Stop planning, Peter. Stop trying to hold onto this one experience; there will be others. Listen.” Where Peter sees an opportunity to stay, God instructs to listen and (presumably) follow. Where human instinct seeks to make a special event a regular activity, divine guidance points toward listening and following. If we keep going back to the same place, we will for sure miss the new places where God’s presence will also be.

I love the Moravian Church, and we suffer from this affliction. We make traditions out of events that were never planned to be more than a one-time thing, and we wonder, “Why don’t more people feel this thing that is so special to us?” We are convinced that returning to the same structures on the same mountain is our unique witness to the world, when the voice of God is still saying, “Stop. Listen.”

Zach Dease, pastor, King Moravian Church, King, North Carolina

The Moravian Church

Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026



Virginia Hege Tobiassen, Pastor Craig Atwood, Associate Pastor

Glenn Siebert, Director of Music Jonathan Williams, Organist

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Philip Montgomery, Youth Ministry Coordinator

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