



# HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH

*Welcome Home*



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**Sunday, April 12, 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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 12, 2026**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 A.M.**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *“Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3*

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

PRELUDE: *Fugue à la Gigue*.....Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

CALL TO WORSHIP

## GENERAL LITURGY 5

### Grace

(Standing)

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

**Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.**

WAREHAM (22 H)

Lord God of hosts! O may our praise your courts with  
grate - ful in - cense fill, still may we stand be -  
fore your face, still hear and do your sov - ereign will.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

GENERAL 5: GRACE

God spoke these words, saying:

- You shall have no other gods besides me.**
- You shall not make for yourself an idol.**
- You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

SOUTHAMPTON [14 F]

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord God, with shame I now con - fess I've turned a - way from you;". The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are: "for - give me all my sin to - day, my heart and soul re - new." The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one sharp (F#).

[Kneeling or sitting]

Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, yet by no means clearing the unrepentant: incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more.  
Peace be with you.

(Standing)

PILGRIMAGE (166 A)

The peace which God a - lone re - veals and by his word of grace im - parts,

This system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line begins with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a series of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1.

which on - ly the be - liev - er feels, di - rect, and keep, and cheer our hearts!

This system continues the melody from the first system. The vocal line starts with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a series of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line of quarter notes: G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1.

And may the ho - ly Three - in - One, the Fa - ther, Word, and Com - fort - er,

This system continues the melody. The vocal line starts with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a series of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line of quarter notes: G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1.

pour an a - bun - dant bless - ing down on ev - 'ry soul as - sem - bled here!

This system concludes the melody. The vocal line starts with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a series of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line of quarter notes: G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1.

GENERAL 5: GRACE

In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

**With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.**

**We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.**

**In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

CHOIR

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

ALL

Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men, A - men.

GENERAL 5: GRACE

(All may join in the following or other intercessions,  
or the service may continue as the liturgist directs.)

(Sitting)

CHOIR

Lord God, Fa - ther, hear us as we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses** — OR — **as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR

Lord God, Son, the Sav - ior of the world, be gra - cious un - to us.

CHOIR

Lord God, Ho - ly Spir - it, a - bide with us for - ev - er.

GENERAL 5: GRACE

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions for church, nation, and world, the afflicted, and the coming of God's kingdom may be offered. These prayers may close with the following:)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common intercession to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**Amen.**

(The prayers may close with the following stanza:)

(Standing)

REGENT SQUARE [585 D]

Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's joy - ful sound;

may the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound;

may your pres - ence, may your pres - ence, with us ev - er - more be found.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;**

**I have no good apart from you.”**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out,  
or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant  
places;**

**I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**I keep the Lord always before me;**

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;**

**in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

1 Peter 1:3-9

During the next hymn, children aged 3 through 3rd grade may follow  
Children’s Worship leaders to continue with worship in CE-106.

HYMN 404 - *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* ..... T. Duke Street

REIGN OF CHRIST

**404 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns, the pris - 'ners

ces - sive jour - neys run; his King - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -

shore to shore, till moons shall wax — and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blessed.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

TEXT: Isaac Watts (1719), alt.  
TUNE: John Hatton (c. 1790)

L.M.  
DUKE STREET [22 Q]

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31.....Rev. Guthrie

SERMON

HYMN: *Jesus, These Eyes Have Never Seen* ..... T. Dundee

1. Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
your radiant form divine;  
the veil of sense hangs dark between  
your blessed face and mine.

2. I see you not, yet you are here,  
beside me ever true.  
I find on earth no spot so dear  
as where I meet with you.

3. And though I have not seen,  
and still  
must rest in faith alone,  
I love you, dearest Lord, and will,  
unseen, but not unknown.

4. When death these mortal eyes  
shall seal,  
and still this throbbing heart,  
the rending veil shall you reveal,  
your glory to impart.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION..... Rev. Tobiassen

ANTHEM: *We Walk by Faith*.....Kenneth T. Kosche (2002)  
based on T. *Dunlap's Creek*

*Home Church Choir*

*(Text: Henry Alford, 1844)*

*We walk by faith and not by sight, no gracious words we hear from Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near. We may not touch his hands and side; nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!" Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and make our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found: that when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

HYMN 356 – *Christians, Dismiss Your Fear* .....T. *Diademata*

EASTER

**Christians, Dismiss Your Fear**      **356**

1 Chris-tians, dis-miss your fear, let hope and joy suc-ceed;  
2 The Lord is ris'n a-gain, who on the cross did bleed;  
3 He has him-self the keys of death, the grave, and hell;

the joy-ful news with glad-ness hear: "The Lord is ris'n in-deed!"  
he lives to die no more, a-men, the Lord is ris'n in-deed!  
his is the vic-to-ry and praise, and he rules all things well;

The prom-ise is ful-filled in Christ our on-ly Head;  
He tru-ly tast-ed death to give us hope a-gain,  
death now no more I dread, but cheer-ful close my eyes;

now jus-tice, mer-cy, rec-on-ciled, he lives who once was dead.  
in bit-ter pangs re-signed his breath, but now has ris'n. A-men!  
death is a sleep, the grave a bed, with Je-sus I shall rise.

TEXT: St. 1 Joseph Hart (1762), st. 2,3 John Cennick (1754), alt.  
TUNE: George Job Elvey (1868)

S.M.D.  
DIADEMATA (595 C)

BENEDICTION

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

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

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: *Toccata* .....Michelle Leclerc (1961)

\* "Jesus, These Eyes Have Never Seen" text by Ray Palmer (1858), alt.

**Welcome, Rev. Madi Guthrie**, our preaching pastor today! Rev. Guthrie was ordained as a deacon of the Moravian Church on November 6, 2022. She is a graduate of the School of Divinity at Wake Forest University and completed her ordination credentials at Moravian Theological Seminary. Her pastoral service includes resident chaplaincy at Atrium Health and a pastoral internship at The Dwelling.

**Welcome, Marti Bessinger**, our guest organist today! Ms. Bessinger is presently the music teacher at Arts Based School and teaches piano at UNCSA Community School here in Winston-Salem. She holds a Master of Music degree in piano performance from the University of Oklahoma. She served as organist and as children and youth choir director at the First United Methodist Church in Weatherford, Oklahoma, for many years.

### **SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (aged 3 and up), *Jesus is Risen- The Road to Emmaus*

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

FEASTING ON THE WORD, 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., Lot 63

***Please Note: Zinzendorf: The Man, the Myth, the Legend will not meet today. We will resume regular schedule on Sunday, April 19.***

## 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 *Jonathan Radford* by his family; and in memory of *Bishop Samuel and Mrs. Edith Tesch, Reverend Alan and Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Barnes, and Ray and Mickey Hine* by the family.

**A Caring Word ministry is updating our list** of young adults and college students. We would like to send them uplifting cards throughout the year. To have your young person added to the list, please send their contact information (including email) to Debbie Drake at: [debbtide75@gmail.com](mailto:debbtide75@gmail.com)

**Those registered for the Moravian Heritage Tour** are invited to meet with travel agent Samantha Mendal on April 16 at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will go over what to pack and other practical details for the trip.

**Save the Date!** The Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 31, following worship. It will be a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall followed by dessert on The Square. More information will be announced.

## CALENDAR

- Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Educational Programming (see box)  
5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Games, CE Building
- Monday - 5:30 pm Circle 5, Parlor  
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, Club Room
- Tuesday - 12:00 pm Circle 8, Parlor  
1:30 pm Living Faith, Club Room  
4:00 pm Home Missions Ministry, 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 Candle Tea Meeting, Parlor  
12:00 pm Deadline for Home-to-Home Articles  
5:45 pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Children's Program, CE Building  
6:45 pm Wednesday Night Program, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday - 11:30 am Men of Church Lunch, Club Room  
5:30 pm Gregor BellChor, Bell Room  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, RB-5  
7:30 pm Moravian Heritage Tour Pre-trip Mtg., Fellowship Hall
- Saturday - 10:00 am Women's Day, Fellowship Hall (coffee at 9:30 am)  
Childcare provided upon request; must pre-register
- Next Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:15 am Educational Programming  
5:00 pm Youth Pizza & Games, CE Building

**Youth News:** Pizza and Games tonight at 5:30PM in the CE Building!

## Scripture Meditation 4/12/2026

*“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.”* – John 20:30

The author of the Gospel of John mentions that there are other acts of Jesus that aren't written in the Gospel. That's a curious thing to say. Why doesn't John tell everything Jesus did after the resurrection? Wouldn't the author want to note as much as possible, so that future readers would have every shred of evidence they needed to believe?

We'll never know for sure, but I think the author understood that Christian faith isn't always a question of evidence. Sure, we could get more stories of amazing miracles, but to believe that Jesus was brought back from the dead defies what we understand to be physically possible. Written evidence just doesn't cut it; at some point, every Christian must take a leap of faith and trust that in God, all things are possible.

We're all human, and we all have the urge to want more stories and more signs. I think the author of John wanted us to recognize that urge and realize that no amount of writing would ever feel like “enough.” Unfortunately, we don't have the same opportunity that Thomas did; we'll never see the wounds of Jesus. But as Jesus says, we have the opportunity to do something even more special: to believe in Jesus because of the impact the story of his life and his miracles have had on our lives. – Philip

## Youth Sunday + Graduation Lunch | Sunday, May 3

- **10:00 AM:** HMC youth will lead the worship service.
- **Senior Recognition:** We will honor our graduating seniors during the service.
- **Celebration Lunch:** A luncheon will follow worship to celebrate our seniors.
- **Families of Seniors:** If you have a 2026 graduating senior, please contact Becky Hodges at [bhodes@homemoravian.org](mailto:bhodes@homemoravian.org)



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**April 23**  
**11:30am - 8:00pm**

**19 Plaza Parkway Lexington, NC**

**NINTH ANNUAL**

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&  
*Beautifully*

**MADE GALA**

**Hosted by**  
**Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry**

**Where:** Old Salem Visitor Center  
900 Old Salem Road

**When:** Friday, April 24, 2026  
5:30-7:00 pm

Hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, silent auction, and  
special music by Brad Bennett

Event is free (donations are encouraged)

**Rt. Reverend Wayne Burkette will deliver remarks.**

Please RSVP to Tommy Cole at: [ctommycole@yahoo.com](mailto:ctommycole@yahoo.com)  
or contact a Steering Committee member.

[www.moravianprisonministry.org](http://www.moravianprisonministry.org)



# Women's Day

## Crafting for Community – Local & Global

Register Online:  
[homemoravian.org](http://homemoravian.org)

- **Sat., April 18, 2026** | Fellowship Hall | Home Moravian Church
- Coffee & pastries at 9:30AM; **Program begins at 10AM**
- Brief update from Julie Tomberlin of the Unity Women's Desk

Service Projects Include:

- Beaded bracelets & other items for Unity Women's Desk Global Market
- Teacher Appreciation gifts for Diggs-Latham
- Learning to string candles for Candle Tea
- Non-craft options

**Lunch prepared by the Soup Group.**

*Childcare available upon request.*



----- Register using the QR code or place the form below in the offering plate. -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary: \_\_\_ GF | \_\_\_ VEGAN | \_\_\_ REG

\_\_\_ I will attend | \_\_\_ I might attend | \_\_\_ I cannot attend

\_\_\_ I will attend & will bring \_\_\_ children (aged \_\_\_\_\_)



# MEN AFTER GOD'S HEART!

Laurel  
Ridge  
Camp, Conference & Retreat Center

2026 Men's Spiritual Retreat  
1 Samuel 13:14a  
"The Lord has sought  
out a man after His own heart"

## Facilitators

Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher  
Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

JUNE 26-28, 2026

## Cost

Salem Wing Double occupancy - \$211.50  
Salem Wing Single occupancy - \$350.00  
Bishop Wing Double occupancy - 176.50  
Bishop Wing Single occupancy - \$280.00



**REGISTER NOW**



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## ***Peace behind Locked Doors***

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel, John 20:19–31, places us behind locked doors with the disciples, overwhelmed by fear, confusion, and doubt. Just days after the crucifixion, they were not celebrating. They were hiding. It was into that fear that the risen Christ came, not with condemnation, but with peace: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19).

The disciples were locked away—emotionally and physically—because their world had collapsed. In 2026, many of us can relate. Global unrest, political instability, the lingering effects of pandemics, climate anxiety, and economic uncertainty have left many feeling like the disciples: isolated and afraid. The locked doors may not be literal, but we too hide—behind screens, ideologies, and even faith that struggles to believe.

But Jesus walks through locked doors. He enters not with wrath, but with wounds. He does not shame Thomas for doubting but invites him to touch and see (John 20:27). In a world that often silences questions, Jesus dignifies doubt and meets it with presence.

Historically, John's Gospel was written to a community facing exclusion from the synagogue and pressure from Rome. The story of Thomas wasn't to shame doubters but to encourage a persecuted church that had never seen Jesus in the flesh (John 20:29). Today, that encouragement remains: Faith isn't the absence of doubt. It's the decision to trust in the presence of Christ, even when we struggle to see.

During this season and beyond, let us be a church that welcomes the Thomases, that offers peace in a world of anxiety, and that carries the breath of the Spirit into all locked places (John 20:22).

***Heather Robinson Owens, pastor, Egg Harbor City Moravian Church,  
Egg Harbor City, New Jersey***

**The Moravian Church**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

April 12, 2026



**HOME  
MORAVIAN CHURCH**

*Welcome Home*

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*      Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*  
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