

First Moravian Church

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Vision Statement

United in Christ, reaching out in love, changing lives.

Watchword for 2025

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan
and the widow. Psalm 146:9

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025
11:00 AM Worship
Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

Watchword for the Week

Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Trumpet Tune and Ayre* Clarke

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Barbara Styers

Introit *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship* (from Psalm 119 and Jeremiah 31) Rev. Barbara Styers

Leader: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

People: How wise are God's commandments!

Leader: Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.

People: Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

Leader: The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

People: God's word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.

Leader: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

All: Amen!

Liturgy* Discipleship (pp. 37-42) Jane Wall

Prayer of Intercession Rev. Barbara Styers

A Time for Children Bev Lozano

Hymn* *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire* MBW #749

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Rev. Barbara Styers

Genesis 32:22-31

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon Rev. Barbara Styers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts Rev. Barbara Styers

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Psalm 121, I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills*

Austin Lovelace

Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication*

WE CARRY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn*

Behold a Broken World

MBW #691

Benediction*

Rev. Barbara Styers

Chiming of the Hour*

Postlude

Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Walther

**Please stand if you are able.*

OCTOBER SUNDAY STAPLE STAMPEDE:

THANKSGIVING FOODS FOR GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY.

We have collected a load of Thanksgiving-themed groceries in our little red wheelbarrow (and \$50 in cash), but have room for plenty more. All donations will be given to the Greensboro Urban Ministry food bank. Please add your nonperishable food items to the wheelbarrow and monetary donations to the collection cans in the narthex each Sunday this month as we help fill the food bank's shelves with commodities to help our neighbors as the holiday season draws near. Donations may also be left during the week in the bin on the back porch of Moravian House.

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is jelly (low-sugar, if possible). Place your donations in the One Step Further wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday.

CURRENT CANDLE TEA NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES

Area Chairs & Volunteers: Please make sure you and your team have signed up online for the areas and time slots in which you/they plan to volunteer. Our planning team is working hard to fill open slots and needs to know where our actual vacancies are. Use the QR code at right to sign yourself or your team members up, or contact Meredith Cohoon if you need help entering your volunteers.



Costumes: Need help picking up/picking out your Candle Tea costume for this year? The Costume Room (beneath OFH) will be open immediately after worship on the following Sundays: October 12, October 19, and November 2. Come find the perfect outfit!

Baked Goods: Our Baked Goods table is always a Candle Tea highlight thanks to your homemade goodies. Cakes, pies, cookies, candies... variety is the spice of life! Food items should be packaged to sell (unpriced) and labeled with any common allergens. Contributions can be made/dropped off in advance (if freezer-safe) or at First Church Night (Thursday, 12/4). (*continued next page*)

Tavern Donations: Help stock our Tavern Kitchen (and our pantry for Christmas Eve Lovefeast services)! We need large canisters of **decaf** Folgers or Maxwell House coffee, Country Time Lemonade mix, and bags of granulated white sugar. Please place donations in the bin marked "Candle Tea" in the narthex. Thank you!

INQUIRER'S CLASS

The Inquirer's Class began last week and continued this morning from 9:30 to 10:30am in the conference room. The class will take a break next week for the retreat, then resume on November 2 at 9:30am in the Lift Room (first floor, NFH). After skipping November 9 while I'm out of town, a make-up class will be held on November 16.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR BOARD AND SYNOD

If you are interested in serving on the Church Board or as First Moravian's delegate (or alternate delegate) to the 2026 Southern Province Synod, please contact Pastor Barbara Styers.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

June Vernon, 19 th	Nancy Jackson, 21 st	Lisa Salo, 21 st
Robert Newton, Sr., 25 th	Stephanie Williams, 25 th	Madison Patterson, 25 th

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun, Oct 19 Sunday School (9:45am)
Inquirer's Class (9:30am, Conf Rm)
Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary)
Chicken Pie Assembly (12:00pm, NFH)

Wed, Oct 15 Praise Band (6:00pm, OFH)
Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)

Oct 24-26 Congregational Retreat at Laurel Ridge

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CHURCH BOARD

Class of 2025
Nancy Jackson
Libby McCandless
Donna Royster
Lisa Salo

Class of 2026
Vince Holbrook
Beth Smith

Class of 2027
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James Paul (Vice Chair)
Keegan Smith