# 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

## Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 2025 11:00 AM Worship Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

#### Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "For the son of man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude** Prelude in F major. . Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Meredith Cohoon

Introit Shine, Jesus, Shine Graham Kendrick

Arr., Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship\* (inspired by Psalm 32)

Meredith Cohoon

Leader: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven. **People: Happy are those whose sins are cast away.** Leader: The Lord will protect them from trouble.

People: The Lord will surround them with songs of deliverance.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! Sing out! Shout for joy!

People: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice! Amen!

Liturgy\* All Saints (pp. 105-108) Dru Fulcher

Prayer of Intercession Meredith Cohoon

A Moment for Mission Caroline Council

November Joyful Noise: Mustard Seed Community Health

Hymn\* In Your Mercy Lord MBW #612

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Rev. Barbara Styers

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19·1-10

Sermon Rev. Barbara Styers

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts Rev. Barbara Styers

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Turn Thy Face from My Sins Arthur S. Sullivan

Doxology\*

Prayer of Dedication\*

## WE CARRY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

**Sending Hymn\*** Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing MBW #782

**Benediction\*** Rev. Barbara Styers

Chiming of the Hour\*

\*Please stand if you are able.

## NOVEMBER JOYFUL NOISE: MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITY HEALTH

A Joyful Noise fundraiser supporting Mustard Seed Community Health begins this week and continues throughout the month of November. We hope to raise at least \$500 to help with Mustard Seed's expansion plans. The medical clinic, located on South English Street, helps uninsured and underinsured patients improve their health. Please drop your contributions in the collection cans in the narthex or send checks for Mustard Seed Community Health to the church office.

A celebration: Thank you to everyone who contributed food for Greensboro Urban Ministry during October's Sunday Staple Stamped. We collected a load of Thanksgiving-themed groceries in our little red wheelbarrow (and \$205 in cash).

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is <u>beans</u> (pinto, kidney, northern, black and garbanzo – canned or dry. If canned, low- or no-sodium preferred). Place your donations in the One Step Further wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday.

#### CANDLE TEA YARD SIGNS

Yard signs are a great way to let new members of the community know about our event, and long-standing residents can mark their calendars and plan to attend! Please consider taking one to help us spread the word across the neighborhoods! A limited number are available in the narthex this week, but more are on the way.

## **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).

**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 met this morning, will skip next week (Nov. 9) and conclude with "make-up"/Q&A session on November 16.

#### Nominations Sought for Board and Synod

If you would like information about serving on the Church Board or as First Moravian's delegate (or alternate delegate) to the 2026 Southern Province Synod in June of next year, please contact an outgoing Board member or Pastor Barbara Styers. Elections are November 16 during Church Council.

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ian Hrdlicka, 3rd

Alec Carter, 6<sup>th</sup>

Rebekah Wofford, 7th

#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 2 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30am, NFH) Sunday School (9:45am) Inquirer's Class (9:30am, Conf Rm) Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary) Chicken Pie Assembly (12:00pm, NFH) Church Board Meeting (4:00pm, Conf. Rm.)

Wed, Nov 5 Praise Band (6:00pm, OFH) Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)

### FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH STAFF

Office: M-F, 9:00am-1:00pm; ph. (336)272-2196 Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor: pastor@greensboromoravian.org Meredith Cohoon, Dir. of Christian Ed.: dce@greensboromoravian.org Gay Cass, Treasurer: treasurer@greensboromoravian.org Jane McKinney, Director of Music: mckinneyi@greensboro.edu

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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 Charles McKinney James Paul (Vice Chair) Keegan Smith