

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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 23, 2025
11:00 AM Worship
Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

Watchword for the Week

Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10

Preservice Music

FMC Band

Preservice music begins at 10:30am outside.

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Please pick up a cup of coffee and a pastry before being seated.

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Prelude

We Pray to the Holy Spirit

Buxtehude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Meredith Cohoon

Call to Worship

Meredith Cohoon

Leader: Through the power of God,
Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

People: **As we worship together, may this truth guide our thoughts.**

Leader: Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

People: **May this love guide our hearts.**

All: **Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.**

Introduction to the Thanksgiving Singstunde

Rev. Barbara Styers

Moravian Table Blessing

Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be,
and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
Bless Thy dear ones everywhere
And keep them in Thy loving care. Amen

Anthem

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Carl F. Mueller

Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Rev. Barbara Styers

Anthem

We Gather Together (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Netherlands Folk Song

Hymns

For the Beauty of the Earth

MBW 538

Praise the Lord! You Heav'ns, Adore Him

MBW 454

Let All Things Now Living

MBW 448

Prayer of Intercession

Meredith Cohoon

Responsive Prayer: Psalm 46

MBW p. 245

Offering Our Gifts

Rev. Barbara Styers

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

O for a Thousand Tongues

Carl G. Glaser

Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication*

Hymn*	<i>For the Life That You Have Given</i>	MBW 819
Liturgy*	Thanksgiving (pp. 159-163) <i>We will skip the hymn on page 164.</i>	Vince Holbrook
Hymn*	<i>Bless, O Lord, This Congregation</i>	MBW 442
Benediction*		Rev. Barbara Styers
Chiming of the Hour*		
Postlude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Dupre
<i>*Please stand if you are able.</i>		

NOVEMBER JOYFUL NOISE: MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITY HEALTH

Please continue contributing to our November Joyful Noise offering in support of Mustard Seed Community Health's expansion plans, even though we have met our \$500 fundraising goal. With generous donations last Sunday, we have collected \$689.11 for the medical clinic that helps uninsured and underinsured patients improve their health.

Mustard Seed is currently moving ahead with plans to purchase a permanent building that will expand the medical clinic and consolidate all of Mustard Seed's services under one roof. Please drop your contributions in the collection cans in the narthex or send checks for Mustard Seed Community Health to the church office through the end of the month.

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

MORAVIAN NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 31 AT 8:00 PM, ST. PHILIPS MORAVIAN CHURCH

All are invited to share a Watchnight Service sponsored by the Southern Province on Wednesday, December 31, at 8:00pm. This one-hour service of Holy Communion will be shared at St. Philips Moravian Church in the Salem Historic District (911 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem). Angelica Regalado-Cieza, pastor of Fries Memorial Moravian Church, will speak. **All band members are invited to assemble for a prelude 30 minutes prior to worship.**

SMOKED MEAT SALE

Benefitting Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center

New Philly's Men's Fellowship is smoking tasty, farm-fresh meats! Just heat and serve a great, time-saving holiday meal! All meat is cooked on the Big Boy BBQ Smoker to delectable perfection by award-winning Pit Masters Joey Transou & Cliff Pranke! Proceeds benefit the Simmons-Dula Fund supporting maintenance for Laurels Lodge, four cabins, and Special Projects at Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp.

Thanksgiving Order Pickup is Tuesday, Nov. 25 (5:15 to 6:30pm). Christmas Order Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 7 and Order Pickup is Monday, Dec. 22 (5:15 to 6:30pm). Pick up all orders in the foyer of the New Philadelphia Moravian Church Fellowship Hall. If the weather is nice, we will be around back. ***Gray Styers will pick-up Christmas Orders upon request for delivery after the Christmas Eve Lovefeasts.***

- Pork Tenderloin, 1--¼ lbs, seasoned with mild spice rub: \$20
- Boneless Turkey breast, 3 lbs, seasoned with rosemary-garlic rub: \$25
- Tenderloin, 2--3 ½ lbs \$78 - \$137 (\$39 per pound)
- Meat Loaf, 2 ½ pounds* seasoned with a BBQ rub: \$24



Scan the QR code, Or contact Joey Transou at (336) 971-7804 or Joey@TransouRealty.com. Please contact Gray Styers if you want him to pick up your Christmas Order.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Emily Nunn, 24th

Harvey Veach, 24th

Maggie McCandless, 27th

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 23 Sunday School (9:45am)
Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary)
Chicken Pie Assembly (12:00pm, NFH)
Band Practice (3:00pm, OFH)

Wed, Nov 26 Praise Band (6:00pm, OFH)
Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)

Thurs, Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

Fri, Nov 28 Office Closed
Tavern Set-Up (Time TBD)

FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH STAFF

Office: M-F, 9:00am-1:00pm; ph. (336)272-2196

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CHURCH BOARD

Class of 2025
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Donna Royster
Lisa Salo

Class of 2026
Vince Holbrook
Beth Smith

Class of 2027
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James Paul (Vice Chair)
Keegan Smith