

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

11:00 am Worship

with the 11:00 O'Clock Rock Praise Band

Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

Watchword for the Week

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine,
that we may be saved. Psalm 80:19

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Preservice Music	Medley	Jim Schnefel
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome and Announcements		Meredith Cohoon
Song	<i>Little Drummer Boy</i>	For King and Country
Lighting of the Advent Wreath (insert)		Aurora and Greg Cohoon
Song	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	For King and Country
Liturgy*	Advent 2 (pp. 54-55, no hymns)	Nancy Jackson
Song	<i>Baby Boy</i>	For King and Country
Liturgy*	Advent 2 continued (pp. 56-58, no hymns)	Nancy Jackson
Song	<i>Light of the World</i>	We the Kingdom
Offering Our Prayers of Intercession		Meredith Cohoon
Song	<i>Joy</i>	For King and Country
Children's Message		Meredith Cohoon
Song	<i>Make Room</i>	Matt Maher

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture	Rev. Barbara Styers
Matthew 1:18-25	
Homily	Rev. Barbara Styers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song	<i>Mary Did You Know</i>	Zack Williams
Offering Our Gifts		Rev. Barbara Styers
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>Silent Night</i>	Franz Gruber, Arr. Jim Schnefel
Doxology*		
Prayer of Dedication*		

WE CARRY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Song	<i>What a Glorious Night</i>	Sidewalk Prophets
Charge and Benediction*		Rev. Barbara Styers
Chiming of the Hour		
Postlude	<i>Praise</i>	Brandon Lake

*The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit.

DEDICATION

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of Donna Royster's birthday by Chuck Royster.

DECEMBER SUNDAY STAPLE STAMPEDE:

SCARVES, SOCKS, AND OTHER NEEDS FOR INTERACTIVE RESOURCE CENTER
Cold weather has arrived, and everyone needs warm socks, gloves, hats and scarves. Be sure to add them to your shopping list for December's Sunday Staple Stampede. All items we collect will be donated to the Interactive Resource Center, a day resource agency for people currently facing, experiencing or coming out of homelessness. Place your donations in the little red wheelbarrow in the narthex on Sunday or in the bin on the back porch of Moravian House.

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is **canned fruit (unsweetened or packed in natural juice preferred)**. Place your donations in the One Step Further wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday.

UNITY PRAYER WATCH SIGN UPS

Our congregation has been assigned a 6-hour window for the 2026 Unity Prayer Watch on Saturday, January 3 from 6:00pm-Midnight. We need 24 volunteers to commit to 15 minutes of prayer. Sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C44AFA929A2FB6-60888664-2026.

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.**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun, Dec 21 Worship (Sanctuary, 11:00am)

Wed, Dec 24 Children's Lovefeast (Sanctuary, 3:00pm)
Traditional Lovefeast (Sanctuary, 5:30pm)

Th & Fri, Dec 25-26 Office Closed. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sun, Dec 28 Worship (Old Fellowship Hall, 11:00am)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Eric McCandless, 26th
Geoffrey Pahel, 27th

Elvis Petersen, Sr., 21st
Patti Raxter, 24th

Chuck Royster, 24th
Keegan Smith, 22nd

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Come they told me, pa rum pum
pum pum
A new born King to see, pa rum pum
pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum
pum pum pum
To lay before the King, pa rum pum
pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum
pum

So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum
pum
When we come

Little Baby, pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum
pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum
pum pum
That's fit to give the King, pa rum
pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum
pum

Shall I play for you, pa rum pum
pum pum
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum
pum
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum
pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him, pa rum
pum pum pum
I played my best for Him, pa rum
pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum
pum

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum
pum pum
Me and my drum

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and
cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to
flight

Chorus x 2

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our Heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on
high
And close the path to misery

Chorus x 2

BABY BOY

If you told me all about your
sorrows
I'd tell you about a cure
If you told me you can't fight the
battle
There's a Baby Boy who won the
war
The war was won by a Baby Boy

Chorus

Alleluia, we can sing it
Alleluia, Heaven's ringing
Alleluia!

**Endless hope, relentless joy started
with a Baby Boy**

Oh, before that silent night
No Savior and no Jesus Christ
The world cried out so desperately
And the Baby Boy was the reply
Yes, Heaven's reply was a baby boy

Chorus

See, the King is coming down
And He's here without a crown
The Baby Boy without a bed
Giving life back to the dead

And hear the angels shout it out
As the people come and bow
Unexpected majesty
Alleluia, what a King

Chorus x 2

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Light of the world, treasure of
Heaven
Brilliant like the stars, in the wintry
sky
Joy of the Father, reach through the
darkness
Shine across the earth, send the
shadows to flight
Light of the world, from the
beginning
The tragedies of time, were no
match for Your love
From great heights of glory, You
saw my story
God, You entered in, and became
one of us

Chorus

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has
done
Come and adore Him, bow down
before Him
Sing hallelujah to the light of the
world

Light of the world, crown in a
manger
Born for the Cross, to suffer, to save
High King of Heaven, death is the
poorer
We are the richer, by the price that
He paid, ohh

Chorus

You're the light of the world
Light up the dark
Light of the world, soon will be
coming
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom

His own
Through clouds He will lead us,
straight into glory
And there He shall reign,
forevermore
Oh, forevermore

Chorus

JOY

Lately, I've been reelin', watchin' the
nightly news
Don't seem to find the rhythm, just
wanna sing the blues
Feels like a song that never stops
Feels like it's never gonna
Gotta get that fire, fire, back in my
bones
Before my hard heart turns into
stone
So won't somebody please pass the
megaphone?
I'll shout it on the count of three
(One, two, three)

Chorus

Oh, hear my prayer tonight, I'm
singin' to the sky
Give me strength to raise my voice,
let me testify
Oh, hear my prayer tonight, 'cause
this is do or die
The time has come to make a choice
And I choose
Joy
Let it move you, let it move, let it
move you
Yeah, I choose joy
Let it move you, let it move, let it
move you

Yeah, back when I was younger, my
eyes were full of life
But now that I am older, I live at the
speed of light
Feels like the cycle never stops
Feels like it's never gonna
Gotta get that fire, fire, back in my
bones

Before my hard heart turns into
stone
So won't somebody please pass the
megaphone?
I'll shout it on the count of three
(One, two, three)

Chorus

I need that joy, joy, joy, joy down in
my heart
Down in my heart to stay
I need that joy, joy, joy, joy down in
my heart
Down in my heart to stay
But I choose
Joy
Let it move you, when you let it
move, oh, let it move you
Oh, I choose joy
Let it move you, oh, let it move, let it
move you
Though I walk through the valley in
the shadow of night
Oh, with You by my side, I'm steppin'
into the light
I choose joy
Go let it move you, go let it move, go
let it move you
Oh, I choose joy.

MAKE ROOM

A family hiding from the storm
Found no place at the keeper's door
It was for this a Child was born
To save a world so cold and hollow
The sleeping town, they did not
know
That lying in a manger low
A Savior King who had no home
Has come to heal our sorrows

Chorus

**Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story?**

Shepherds counting sheep at night

Do not fear the glory light
You are precious in His sight
God has come to raise the lowly

Chorus

You can come as you are
But it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart
Make room in your heart
Mother holds the promise tight
Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight, the burden's
light
For in His hands, He holds
tomorrow

Chorus

You can come as you are
But it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart (x4)

MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Would save our sons and
daughters?
Did you know
That your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know
That your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod?

And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God?
Mary, did you know?
Oo, Mary, did you know?

The blind will see
The deaf will hear;
The dead will live again!
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Is the Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know
That your baby boy
Was heaven's perfect Lamb?
And the sleeping Child you're holdin'
Is the Great I Am!

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Darkness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
"Alleluia! hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend the light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;

Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT

The shepherds came to see the
baby
Stood by his mother's side
Here laid the Savior
Inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

Chorus

I hear the angels singing hallelujah
Let the earth receive her king
I know that love has come
Sing it out
Jesus Christ is born
Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds wondered
They couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight
All were amazed
When they heard how
God came down on the glorious
night
God came down on this glorious
night

Chorus

Glorious
Glorious
What a glorious night
Glorious
Glorious
What a glorious night

Chorus x 2

All is calm now
All is quiet
A star shining in the sky
Below in Bethlehem
The king is sleeping
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

PRAISE

Let everything
That has breath
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
(x2)

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in
As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus

Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul
Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul

I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
Because my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound

Oh, my praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
So how could I keep it inside?
Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul

Chorus

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated
the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody
greater than You (x2)

Chorus

I won't be quiet
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside?
I gotta praise the Lord
Oh, my soul
Let everything (let everything)
That has breath (that has breath)
Praise the Lord (praise the Lord)

FMC PRAISE BAND MEMBERS

Jane McKinney, Director & Vocals

*Chip Bailess, Drums
Khaleigha Holdip, Vocals
Nancy Jackson, Vocals
Libby McCandless, Vocals*

*Charles McKinney, Guitar
Jim Schnefel, Keyboard
Beth Smith, Vocals
Stuart Smith, Guitar*

and special guest Joshua Reich, Trumpet

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