

First Moravian Church



Vision Statement

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

Watchword for 2026

My dwelling place shall be over them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Ezekiel 37:27

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

11:00 am Worship

Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

Watchword for the Week

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! Psalm 95:6

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

- Prelude** *Sonata in D, KV 381* (1st & 2nd Movements) Mozart
- Welcome and Announcements** Meredith Cohoon
- Introit** *BWV 235, 5, "Qui tollis peccata mundi"* Bach
"You Take Away the Sins of the World"
Justin McKinney, baritone Martin Brinkley, oboe
- Call to Worship*** (from Psalm 95:1-3,7) Meredith Cohoon
Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!
**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us
make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
Leader: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all
gods.
**People: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. O that we would listen to his voice!**
- Liturgy*** Lent (insert) Dalton McLean
- Offering Our Prayers of Intercession** Meredith Cohoon
- A Moment for Mission** Cheryl Brandberg
Joyful Noise Recipient: Community Housing Solutions

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

- Scripture** Rev. Barbara M. Styers
John 4:5-42
- Homily** Rev. Barbara M. Styers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- Baptism of Mariel Rose** (pp. 165-169) Rev. Barbara M. Styers
- Offering Our Gifts** Rev. Barbara M. Styers
Invitation to the Offering
- Offertory** *The Lord Is My Shepherd* John Rutter
Martin Brinkley, oboe
- Doxology***
- Prayer of Dedication***

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

WE CARRY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Benediction*

Rev. Barbara M. Styers

Chiming of the Hour

Postlude

Sonata in D, KV 381 (3rd Movement)

Mozart

FLOWER DEDICATION

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Martin Brinkley, Jane McKinney, Ann Curtis, and everyone who contributes to the ministry of music at First Moravian Church by Gray and Barbara Styers.

WELCOME MARIEL ROSE TO THE FIRST MORAVIAN FAMILY!

Please welcome Mariel Rose, who joins the congregation this morning through the sacrament of baptism. Her Fellowship Friend (or sponsor) is Marian Carter.

SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY

We will be joined today by pianist and oboist extraordinaire Martin Brinkley. You may remember when Martin blessed us with his music two years ago. He will be accompanying the choir's performance of John Rutter's *The Lord is My Shepherd*, and Justin's singing of "Qui tollis peccata mundi," ("You Take away the Sins of the World") from Johann Sebastian Bach's Mass in g Minor. The prelude (beginning at 10:45) and postlude will be the three movements of Mozart's Piano Sonata in D Major for four hands (with a surprise duet pianist). For his day job, Martin is a professor (and former Dean) of the UNC School of Law. His oboe instructor is Keisuke Wakao, oboist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops.

JOYFUL NOISE GUEST SPEAKER:

CHERYL BRANDBERG, COMMUNITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Cheryl Brandberg, Associate Executive Director of Community Housing Solutions, will be speaking to us regarding our Joyful Noise campaign for the month of March to benefit Community Housing Solutions.

The Mission Committee hopes to collect \$500 (or more) to be used by Men's Fellowship, which is planning a building project for the agency in the coming months. Please bring your coins and dollar bills to add to the collection cans in the narthex each Sunday.

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is **breakfast bars**. Place your donations in the One Step Further wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday or in the plastic bin on the back porch of the Moravian House.

UNITY DAY OF PRAYER OFFERING

Last week we celebrated the founding of the Unitas Fratrum with a Day of Prayer and a special collection for the work of the Unity. This year, the Unity asked for donations to hire an administrator for the Moravian Unity

Heritage Foundation (MUHF) to oversee the management of the Moravian Unity Cultural Heritage sites. If you weren't able to give last week and still wish to do so, you can make a contribution today or mail a check this week to the office (please write "Unity" in the memo line).

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

March 29 - April 1	Palm Sunday through Wednesday	Soup & Salad Supper from 6:00 pm-6:45pm (OFH) Holy Week Readings at 7:00pm (OFH)
April 2	Maundy Thursday	Maundy Thursday Communion and Holy Week Readings (Sanctuary, 7:00pm)
April 3	Good Friday	Good Friday Lovefeast and Holy Week Readings (Sanctuary, 7:00pm)
April 5	Easter	Easter Sunrise Service (front of church, 7:00am) Traditional Easter Morning (Sanctuary 11:00am)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- March 8 Sunday School (9:45am, Library)
Worship (special music begins at 9:45am, Sanctuary)
- March 10 Friendship Circle Meeting (11:30am-1pm, OFH)
- March 11 Praise Band (6pm-7:30pm, OFH)
Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
- March 12 Personnel Committee (6:30pm, on-line only)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lauren Petersen, 9th Graham McCandless, 10th Amy Millikan, 10th
Heather Mitchell, 13th Steve Wilson, 13th

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