

# 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

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

### **Ascension Sunday**

**May 17, 2026**

**11:00 am Worship**

**with the 11:00 O'Clock Rock Praise Band**

**Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor**

## WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Preservice Music	Medley	Jim Schnefel
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Barbara Styers
Song of Welcome	<i>Hallelujah Feeling</i>	Caleb and John
Call to Worship* ( <i>based on Psalm 68</i> )		Rev. Barbara Styers
Leader:	Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished.	
People:	Your flock <b>found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for those in need.</b>	
Leader:	Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord!	
People:	<b>Awesome is God in His sanctuary, the God of Israel; He gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be our God!</b>	
Liturgy	Celebration (pp. 43-47) <i>We will not sing the hymns.</i>	Beth Smith
Song	<i>Man on the Middle Cross</i>	Rhett Walker
Offering Our Prayers of Intercession		Rev. Barbara Styers
Song	<i>Take You at Your Word</i>	Cody Carnes
Scripture		Rev. Barbara Styers
Acts 1:6-14		
John 17:1-11		
Homily		Rev. Barbara Styers
Song	<i>Can't Steal My Joy</i>	Josiah Queen
Offering Our Gifts		Rev. Barbara Styers
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>All the People Said Amen</i>	Matt Maher
Doxology*		
Prayer of Dedication*		
Song	<i>In the Way of the Lord</i>	Kenny Carter
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.

## MAY JOYFUL NOISE: CAMP CAREFREE IN STOKESDALE

**Joyful Noise offering:** During the month of May, please bring your coins, checks, and folding money and place it in the collection cans in the narthex in support of Camp Carefree in Stokesdale, which provides free, one-week camping experiences for children ages 6-16 with chronic illnesses and disabilities. The money we collect will be used by the Mission Committee to provide a meal for campers and staff in July.

**Fill the box:** This month's emphasis is **sugar**. Place your donations in the SimpleWays Community Support and Nutrition Program wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday or in the plastic bin on the back porch of the Moravian House at other times.

## MEMORIAL DAY

As we approach Memorial Day, we pause to honor and give thanks for the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Their sacrifice calls us to gratitude and prayerful remembrance. On the Sunday before Memorial Day, we will include a special insert or recognition in the bulletin honoring loved ones who died in military service. If you would like to have someone included, please send their name(s) to the church office by May 20.

*The office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.*

## PSALM OF JOY WITH MORAVIAN MUSIC FOUNDATION

*The Psalm of Joy* will be presented at the Raleigh Moravian Church, 1816 Ridge Rd., May 17, 2026 at 3:00pm. An informative talk will precede the concert at 1:30pm.

## CANDLE TEA CRAFTERS—ALL LEVELS OF CRAFTERS ARE WELCOME!

Please note that crafts are canceled for May 20 this week, but we will resume May 27. The Crafters meet Wednesdays at 2:00pm in the Craft Room in the basement of NFH. Please join us as we work to prepare for the 2026 event. All levels are welcome. Bring your ideas, or we will have suggestions of crafts you can help us make. For information, call or text Penny Wofford at (336) 312-7500.

## NEXT WEEK'S SHIRT COLORS

Red, Orange, or Yellow for Pentecost; or Red, White & Blue for Memorial Day.

## HALLELUJAH FEELING

Some days I climb the mountains  
Some days I touch the clouds  
Some days my best friend has been  
the cold, hard ground  
But there's mercy new each morning  
Comfort through the night  
My eyes are fixed on Jesus  
And I'm gonna be alright

### CHORUS

I got that hallelujah feeling down in  
my soul  
I got that hallelujah feeling and it  
won't let go  
I've been born again  
Yes and amen  
No matter what comes I know  
I got that hallelujah feeling down in  
my soul  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

Oh just because it's raining  
Doesn't mean the sun won't shine  
There's a season for the struggle  
And a season for the prize  
But my hope is never fading  
Cause it's anchored in the truth  
My Father goes before me  
And His joy will see me through

### CHORUS

When everything is shaking  
Got that solid rock like pavement  
I might bend but I'm not breaking  
I know who's on my side  
When everything is shaking  
Got that solid rock like pavement  
I might bend but I'm not breaking  
The Lord is on my side  
(On my side)

### CHORUS

Hallelujah (6x)

## MAN ON THE MIDDLE CROSS

I heard the preacher talking  
About three wooden crosses  
Upon a hill for everyone to see  
Two sinners on the outside  
Couldn't save themselves if they tried  
All I could think is man, that sounds  
like me

### CHORUS

I've been the one on the left, full of  
guilt and regret  
Long-gone on the wrong side of  
living  
I've been the one on the right, always  
looking for a fight  
Thinking I could never be forgiven  
I'm standing here today,  
overwhelmed by grace  
'Cause I know who paid my cost  
Thank God for the Man on the  
middle cross

He didn't have to do it  
But for me, He went through it  
A love like that, I'll never understand  
Lord knows I don't deserve it  
And I know I couldn't earn it  
Let mercy rain down on this  
desperate man

### CHORUS

The cross is where He went (He  
went)  
Oh, but that ain't where He stayed  
(He stayed)  
He brought me back to life  
When He rose up outta that grave  
(that grave)  
Someday I'll stand before Him  
And I'll see Jesus face to face  
I'll worship and adore Him  
For a life forever changed

### CHORUS

## TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD

Your word is a lamp unto my feet  
Your way is the only way for me  
It's a narrow road that leads to life  
But I want to be on it  
It's a narrow road and the mercy's  
wide  
'Cause Your good on Your promise

### CHORUS

I'll take You at Your word  
If You said it, I'll believe it  
I've seen how good it works  
If You start it You'll complete it  
I'll take You at Your word

You spoke and the chaos fell in line  
I know 'cause I've seen it in my life  
It's a narrow road that leads to life  
But I want to be on it, yeah  
It's a narrow road and the tide is high  
But You parted the waters

### CHORUS (2x)

You're good on Your promise  
You said Your love  
Will never give up  
You said Your grace  
Is always enough  
You said Your heart  
Would never forget or forsake me  
(hallelujah)  
Oh, You said I'm saved  
You call me Yours  
You said my future's  
Full of Your hope  
You've never failed  
So I know that You'll never fail me

### CHORUS (2x)

## CAN'T STEAL MY JOY

Whoa, whoa, Woah  
In the valley of the shadow  
I got a feeling it's the season that'll  
make me grow  
I'm still breathing, I got praise in my  
lungs  
And a choir in my soul

### CHORUS

Can't steal my joy  
Can't steal my joy  
What the world couldn't give, no, it  
can't take away

Sorrow may come but it can't  
Steal my joy

### Can't steal my joy

In the high highs, in the low lows  
You fill my cup, You fill it up until it  
overflows  
I remember, I'll keep holding on to  
hope  
'Cause you're the King of rolling stones

### CHORUS (2x)

Can't steal my joy, joy, joy down in my  
heart  
Down in my soul, deep in my bones  
I got the joy, joy, joy I can't contain  
Nothing can quiet my praise  
I got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart  
Down in my soul, deep in my bones  
I got the joy, joy, joy I can't contain  
Nothing can quiet my praise

### CHORUS (2x)

You fill my cup, You fill it up until it  
overflows (whoa, whoa)  
You fill my cup, You fill it up until it  
overflows (whoa)  
You fill my cup, You fill it up until it  
overflows (whoa, whoa)  
You fill my cup, You fill it up until it  
overflows (whoa)  
Can't steal my joy

## ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid, you're not the  
only

We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on  
But thank God, it's all you need

### CHORUS

And all the people said Amen, whoa,  
oh-oh

And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love  
never ends

And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't  
matter

Weak or strong, you know love is what  
we're after

We're all broken, but we're all in this  
together

God knows we stumble and fall

And He so loved the world He sent  
His son to save us all

### CHORUS

Blessed are the poor spirits who are  
torn apart

Blessed are the prosecuted and the  
pure in heart

Blessed are the people lonely for  
another start

For this is a kingdom, the kingdom of  
God

### CHORUS (2x)

## IN THE WAY OF THE LORD

Walk – let me walk in your ways.

Let me walk in the way of the Lord.

Pray – I will pray on Your Word.

I will pray on the Word of the Lord.

### CHORUS

Let me go into the house of the Lord.

That I may see for myself  
the grace of His promises.

Let me go into the House of the Lord.

Let me walk in the way of the Lord.

Faith is not just things unseen,  
faith must trust and hope;

Let me show what His love means,  
Let me walk in the way of the Lord.

Sing – I will sing of His love,

I will sing of the love of the Lord.

Walk – Let me walk in Your ways.

Let me walk in the way of the Lord.

### CHORUS (2x)

## 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 Bailless, Drums*  
*Khaleigha Holdip, Vocals*  
*Nancy Jackson, Vocals*  
*Libby McCandless, Vocals*

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

**EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- May 17 & 18 Parking lot may be closed or spaces limited..
- Sunday, May 17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:30am, NFH)  
Sunday School (9:45am, Library)  
Worship (11am, Sanctuary)  
Church Board Mtg. (12:30pm, Conf. Room)
- Wed, May 20 Praise Band (6:00pm, OFH)  
Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
- Sunday, May 24 Holy Communion in Celebration of Pentecost  
Worship (11am, Sanctuary)
- Mon, May 25 Memorial Day Monday. Office Closed.
- Sunday, May 31 Mission Committee (following worship)  
(Phoenix Asian, Spring Garden Street)

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Evie Bruning, 18<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Mitchell, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Lucas Bruning, 18<sup>th</sup> Beth McLean, 23<sup>rd</sup> David Lozano, 23<sup>rd</sup>

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## 2026 CHURCH BOARD

### Class of 2026

Mike Cockman  
Vince Holbrook  
Beth Smith

### Class of 2027

Charles McKinney  
James Paul  
Keegan Smith, *vice chair*

### Class of 2028

Bev Lozano  
Lauren Petersen  
Penny Wofford