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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026
11:00 am Worship
Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Bob Albritton, Guest Pastor

Watchword for the Week

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25:13

We Gather for Worship

Prelude *Prelude in F* Bach

Welcome and Announcements Meredith Cohoon

Introit Rejoice, the Lord is King Rev. John Darwell
Arr. Henry Pfohl

Call to Worship* (Psalm 78:1-7) Meredith Cahoon

Leader: Let us open our minds to God's teaching.
People: and tune our ear to God's word.
Leader: Let us listen to the stories of the faith of our ancestors;
People: and share our stories with our children.
Leader: We put our trust in God;
People: we worship the one who gives us life.

Liturgy* *General Liturgy 6: Discipleship* (pp. 37-42) Nancy Jackson

Prayers of the People Meredith Cohoon

Hymn* *Rejoice the Lord Is King* MBW #372

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Rev. Dr. Bob Albritton

Matthew 25:1-13
Joshua 24:14-25

Sermon Choose This Day! Rev. Dr. Bob Albritton

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts Rev. Dr. Bob Albritton

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory High on the Mountain Carey Pahel
Doxology*
Prayer of Dedication

We Carry God's Word into the World

Hymn *Stand Up, and Bless the Lord* MBW #531

Benediction* Rev. Dr. Bob Albritton

Postlude *O Lord My God* Dupre

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

Welcome to the Rev. Dr. Bob Albritton

Bob Albritton served on a church staff for 51 years and retired in June 2024 from Jonesboro UMC in Sanford, North Carolina where he and his wife, Becky, served for three years as co-pastors. Raised and ordained in the Baptist tradition, Bob has served as pastor for three United Methodist churches in North Carolina, Wendell- Bath- and- Sanford, during the years of 2013-2024. Rev. Barbara Styers served as Duke Ministerial Intern with Bob at Wendell UMC in 2023. He and Becky now live in North Raleigh. They have a son in Raleigh and a daughter, son-in-law, and three-year-old grandson in Richmond, Virginia.

November Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise: Please help the Mission Committee bring joy to local children. through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Contributions will be used to purchase gifts to be placed under their Christmas tree

Fill the box: This month's is **oatmeal**. Place your donations in the SimpleWays 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.

Congratulations, New Church Board Members!

At the November 1st Church Council meeting, the Council elected Greg Cohoon, Jesse Day, and Donna Royster to three-year terms. Lydian Averitt was elected to a one-year term to complete James Paul's third year. Please thank them, as well as outgoing Board members Mike Cockman, Vince Holbrook, Beth Smith, and James Paul, for their willingness to serve.

The Council also approved changes to the Endowment Fund Purpose Statement and received information about the updated Safe Sanctuary policy. Both are available via links in the Friday email.

Provincial Announcements Booklet

Most of the flyers and announcements from the Province, Provincial agencies and other churches are printed in a separate booklet. A link to the booklet is available in the Friday email and a limited number of copies are available in the narthex each week.

Greensboro Urban Ministry Night Shelter Meal

Our final night shelter meal of the year is November 23. That meal will involve the entire congregation; you will be asked to prepare a pot of chili or a pan of cornbread and leave it in the New Fellowship Hall kitchen on Sunday, November 22. We will also need four to five volunteers on the afternoon of Monday, November 23 to heat and serve the meal and clean up afterward. Please contact Beth Smith (bethsmith58@gmail.com) if you can help.

Calendar for the Week

Sun Nov 8	Sunday School (9:45am, Library)
	Worship (11:00am Sanctuary
	Chicken Pie Assembly
Tues Nov 10	Friendship Circle (11:30-1:00pm) OFH
Wed, Nov 11	Praise Band Practice (6:00pm, OFH)
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
Wed, Nov 11	FMC Office Closed for Veteran's Day

Birthdays this Week

Matthew Mashburn, 9th

James Paul, 11th

Erika Byrum, 12th

Ashlyn Brunning, 13th

David Mickey, Jr., 13th

Katie Setliff, 13th

Ilmira Pahel, 14th

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2026 Church Board

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Mike Cockman	Charles McKinney	Bev Lozano
Vince Holbrook	James Paul	Lauren Petersen
Beth Smith	Keegan Smith, *vice chair*	Penny Wofford