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-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Festival of Christ Our Chief Elder

November 15, 2026

11:00 am Worship

Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

Rev. Margaret Norris, Pastor

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

So teach us, O Lord, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Psalm 90:12

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *We pray to the Holy Spirit* *Buxtehude*

Welcome and Announcements Meredith Cohoon

Introit Lord God, Merciful and Gracious Christian Gregor

Call to Worship* (Inspired by Psalm 90) Meredith Cahoon

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

People: You are our eternal home. In you, we find our rest.

Leader: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

People: Give us wisdom for the time we are given. Fill our hearts with your truth.

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord be upon us and our children; establish the work of our hands.

People: Yes, prosper the work of our hands! We come to worship the Lord!

Liturgy* *General Liturgy 1 (pp. 1-4,10-12) with the Shorter Church Litany* Beth Smith

Prayers of the People Meredith Cohoon

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Rev. Margaret Norris

I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 24:14-30

Homily Taking Action, Anyway Rev. Margaret Norris

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts Rev. Margaret Norris

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory O the Blessedness is Great Johann C. Bechler
Doxology*
Prayer of Dedication

Robing Anthem *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Franck

The Service for Holy Communion Rev. Margaret Norris

In Celebration of the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ (booklet, p. 3)

We Carry God's Word into the World

Benediction* p. 14

Postlude *Majestic March* *Peery*

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

Welcome, Rev. Margaret Norris

We welcome the Rev. Margaret Norris with us today. Margaret grew up and was nurtured in faith at Raleigh Moravian Church. She has spent her professional life working as a Director of Christian Education, a Montessori teacher, a homeschool parent and a pastor. Margaret was ordained as a Moravian minister in 2022.

Communion in the Moravian Church

We welcome all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table. Baptized children are invited to partake once they begin to understand the significance of the sacrament, following appropriate preparation by parents and the pastor. Please give the right hand of fellowship to people near you. At the beginning of the Communion service, it signifies oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace. At the conclusion, it signifies renewed dedication and unity of purpose.

The elements will be served separately to communicants in the pews. Please stand if you wish to receive communion. If you wish not to partake, remain seated. After all participants have been served, we will partake together. This symbolizes our union in Christ.

All our bread is gluten-free

November Joyful Noise: Salvation Army Angel Tree

Joyful Noise offering: Please help the Mission Committee bring joy to local children through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree project. During November, we ask you to contribute your loose change, paper money or checks to the collection cans in the narthex (or send contributions to the church office) to help us reach our $500 goal. Please give generously this month.
Through November 8, donations collected totaled $396.18

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.

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 15	Sunday School (9:45am, Library)
	Worship (11:00am Sanctuary
	Chicken pie assembly 12:30pm NFH
Wed, Nov 18	Praise Band Practice (6:00pm, OFH)
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
Thurs, Nov 19	Line Dancing
Sun., Nov 22	NC A&T's Opera Workshop (4:00pm Sanctuary)

Birthdays this Week

Margie Godwin, 16th
Gray Styers, 16th
Mike Cockman, 16th
Jesse Mashburn, 17th
Ashley Newton Morrison, 18th
Wyn Hrdlicka, 20th
Mandy Wall, 20th
Erika Powell, 21st
Zack Dunn III, 21st

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2026 Church Board

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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