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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.*

*Psalm 29:2*

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## Matthew 2:1-12

**2** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

# ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

First Sunday after Epiphany

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## THE HEART OF WORSHIP

When the music fades, all is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That would bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

**CHORUS:** I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
And it's all about You, it's all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, it's all about You Jesus

King of endless worth, No one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours  
Every single breath

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

CHORUS (X 2)

# **AGNUS DEI**

Alleluia, Alleluia  
For the Lord God almighty reigns

Alleluia, Alleluia  
For the Lord God almighty reigns

Alleluia  
Holy, holy  
Are You Lord God almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb  
For You are holy, holy  
Are You Lord God almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb  
Amen

(Repeat)

## INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND TRUSTEES

*Board of Elders: Carol Ann Bowles, Beth Kiger Mabe, Jo Spach*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

*T. Hus*

*Be present with your servants Lord:  
We look to you with one accord;  
Refresh and strengthen us anew  
And bless what in your name we do.*

### *Addressing the Joint Board of Elders and Trustees*

After prayerful consideration and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, you have been chosen by the membership of this congregation to serve a term of office on the Joint Board of Ardmore Moravian Church. It is now our privilege to install you into your respective offices.

### Prayer

### *Addressing the Board Members*

Brothers and Sisters, do you now accept service on the Joint Board of Ardmore Moravian Church as a trust committed to

you by our Lord and Master, the Head of the body, the Church?

*The board members respond:*

**I Do.**

*Addressing the Congregation:*

Brothers and Sisters, these Elders and Trustees have publicly pledged their commitment to the service and well-being of this congregation, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By the same Spirit, do you now promise to support them in prayer, word, and your participation in ministry?

*The Congregation responds:*

**We do.**

*Addressing the Board Members*

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, I now declare you to be duly installed into the service for which you have been chosen. Dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in Him, your labor is not in vain.

*(While the following hymn is sung, other members of the Joint Board welcome them with a handshake. We urge the congregation to pray for the Boards this year. You may greet the new members after the service).*

T. Rockingham

*In mercy, Lord, this grace bestow  
That in your service we may do  
With gladness and a willing mind  
Whatever is for us assigned*






*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God and remembering Epiphany.*



We thank Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp for being our guest speaker, delivering the message, and serving communion this morning.

Lane grew up in the Clemmons Moravian congregation. He graduated from High Point College and Moravian Theological Seminary. He was ordained a Deacon of the Moravian Church in 1987. He has served as the founding Pastor of Good Shepherd Moravian Church and a Calvary Moravian Church. He was elected a bishop of the Moravian Unity in 2002. Lane currently serves as Director of the Commission on Ministry, Moravian Church, Southern Province. Lane is married to Lilyann Sapp, a retired RN. The Sapp's have twin sons, Charles and Jonathan.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Today, Sunday, January 7 – First Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM “Biscuits with Brian”
- 9:00 AM Prayer in Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Communion Worship Service –  
Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp

### Monday, January 8

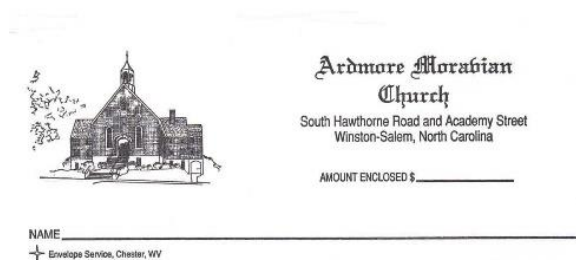
- 6:30 PM Joint Board Meeting with PEC

### Tuesday, January 9

- 10:00 AM Circle # 3
- 1:30 PM Circle # 4
- 5:30 PM Circle # 5

### Sunday, January 14 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM Prayer in Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Robert Wolfe



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# PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



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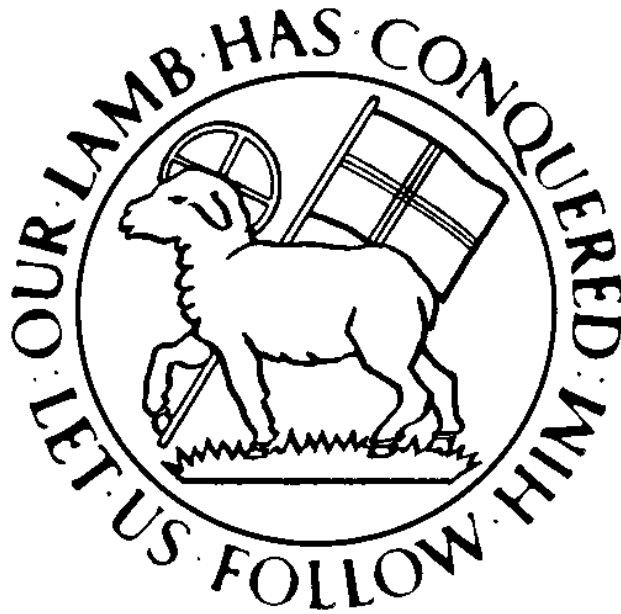
Adam Lefevre  
Ruth Long  
Alice Pierce  
Frances and Gerald Walker  
Donna Ebert Williams

## ***Friends***

Brad Brookshire  
Don & Dot Hill  
Dwayne Jones

Mary Matthews  
Ray Shelton  
Rev. Sandra Thigpen

***\*Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.***



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