



# Ardmore Moravian Church

February 22, 2026

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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.*

Psalm 32:11

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## Matthew 4:1-11

**4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

# ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Prelude            “Let Us Break Bread Together”    Marvin Gaspard

Call to Worship            (Standing)

We give thanks to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**In our union with Christ you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.**

Even before the world was made, you had already chosen us to be yours through Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before you.

**We praise you for your glorious grace, for the free gift you gave us in your dear Son!**

“Lord, I Need You”    Matt Maher

*Lord I come, I confess*

*Bowing here, I find my rest*

*Without You, I fall apart*

*You're the one that guides my heart*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You*

*Every hour, I need You*

*My one defense, my righteousness*

*Oh God, how I need You*

*Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

*So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

*You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

*My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

Welcome and Announcements

## Liturgy for Lent

Lord Jesus, we come before you in humble confession. Help us conform our lives to you as the model for holy and righteous living.

**Forgive us for our desire for personal greatness, for our attempts to make gods of ourselves, for our willingness to exalt ourselves at the expense of others, and for our resistance to serving one another as you have served us.**

Forgive us for making light of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross by living an undisciplined and indifferent Christian witness; forgive us for yielding to fear rather than relying on your strength to take the risks of discipleship.

**Forgive us, dear Jesus, for times we have not looked to you as our Lord, and for allowing the clamoring distractions of the world to become higher priorities than you. Forgive us for yielding more to the pressures of this world than being transformed by your lordship over our lives.**

“Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God” MBW pg. 79

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of salvation;  
anoint me with your Spirit free.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, which was against us and which stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

**Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.**

“He Is Lord, He Is Lord” MBW pg. 80

*He is Lord, he is Lord!*

*He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!*

*Every knee shall bow,*

*every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

Throughout this Lenten journey, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**We thank you, Lord Jesus, not only for the privilege of believing in you, but of suffering for you as well, so that we may also be glorified with you.**

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” MBW pg. 80

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,*

*my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Is He Worthy?" Andres Peterson/Ben Shive

Response "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off'ring far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## Prayer

## Scripture Lessons

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Matthew 4:1-11

“Jesus, Still Lead On” MBW # 799

*Jesus, still lead on  
till our rest be won;  
and, although the way be cheerless,  
we will follow, calm and fearless;  
guide us by your hand  
to the promised land.*

*If the way be drear,  
if the foe be near,  
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,  
let not faith and hope forsake us;  
safely past the foe  
to our home we go.*

*When we seek relief  
from a long-felt grief,  
when temptations come alluring  
make us patient and enduring;  
show us that bright shore  
where we weep no more.*

*Jesus, still lead on  
till our rest be won;  
heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
still support, console, protect us,  
till we safely stand  
in the promised land.*

## Meditation

### Service of Holy Communion in Celebration of Lent

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

(Standing. During the playing of the following hymn, the congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another. As the hymn is played a second time, the congregation joins together to sing.)

“Spirit Song”

*O let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love;  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole  
  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
  
O come and sing the song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name  
O give him all your tears and sadness,*

*give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served,  
the communicants stand to receive it.)

“Most Holy Lord and God” MBW pg. 203

*Most Holy Lord and God,  
holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Savior,  
Thou eternal God!  
Grant that we may never  
lose the comforts from Thy death  
Have mercy, O Lord.*

*Most Holy Lord and God,  
holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Savior,  
Thou eternal God!  
Bless Thy congregation*

*through Thy sufferings, death, and blood.  
Have mercy, O Lord.*

*Most Holy Lord and God,  
holy, almighty God,  
Holy and most merciful Savior,  
Thou eternal God!  
Lamb of God unspotted,  
to our prayers, O lend an ear..  
Have mercy, O Lord.*

*“O Jesus, Highest Treasure” MBW # 484*

*O Jesus, highest treasure,  
in your communion blessed  
I find unfailing pleasure,  
true happiness and rest;  
myself a willing off'ring  
I give to you alone,  
because by death and suff'ring  
you did for me atone.*

*O Joy, all joys excelling,  
the Bread of Life, the Way,  
you came to make your dwelling  
in sinful hearts to stay.  
My spirit's hungry craving  
you can forever still;*

*from deepest anguish saving,  
with bliss my cup can fill.*

*O let my eyes be lightened  
by sight of your dear face;  
my life below be brightened  
by tasting of your grace;  
without you, mighty Savior,  
to live is naught but pain;  
to have your love and favor  
is happiness and gain.*

(When the bread has been served,  
the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence, by the holy sacraments, by all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served,  
the communicants stand to receive it.)

*“The Savior’s Blood and Righteousness” MBW pg. 201*  
*The Savior’s blood and righteousness*  
*my beauty is, my glorious dress;*  
*Thus well arrayed, I need not fear,*  
*when in his presence I appear.*

*The holy, spotless Lamb of God,*  
*who freely gave his life and blood,*  
*For all my numerous sins to atone,*  
*I for my Lord and Savior own.*

*Refresh your thirsting people, Lord,*  
*and bid our drooping spirits live,*  
*And more, that energy afford*  
*a Savior’s love alone can give.*

*“All In All”*

*You are my strength when I am weak*  
*you are the treasure that I seek*  
*You are my all in all*  
*Seeking You as a precious jewel*  
*Lord to give up I'd be a fool*  
*You are my all in all*  
*Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name;*  
*Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name.*

*Taking my sin my cross my shame  
rising again I bless your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down you pick me up  
when I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all  
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name;  
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name.*

(When the cup has been served,  
the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Grant to us your peace. Amen**

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

**Until he comes.**

(As the hymn is played, the congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ. As it is played a second time, the congregation joins together to sing.)

“We Who Here Together Are Assembled” MBW pg. 207

*We who here together are assembled,  
joining hearts and hands in one,  
Bind ourselves with love that’s undissembled,  
Christ to love and serve alone.*

*O may our imperfect songs and praises  
be well-pleasing unto you, Lord Jesus.*

*Say: “My peace I leave with you.”*

*Amen, amen, be it so.*

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto  
you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you  
peace.

**In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Please be seated and use this time to listen to the Postlude  
and reflect upon how God is calling you to live, to love, and  
to serve in the week to come.

Postlude “What Wondrous Love Is This?” arr. Marvin Gaspard

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

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday, February 22 – First Sunday of Lent**

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore
- 2:00 PM Day of Prayer Service @ Christ Moravian

### **Wednesday, February 25**

- 11:00 AM Day of Prayer Service @ Trinity Moravian
- 5:30 PM Meal
- 6:15 PM Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday of Lent**

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

# PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



## ***Members***

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Steven Starling  
Larry

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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO COME

- Wednesday, February 25 – 11:00 AM Day of Prayer @ Trinity Moravian Church  
Speaker – Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood
- Sunday, March 1 – 9:30 AM – Sunday School Classes
- Sunday, March 1 – 10:30 AM – Worship Service
- Wednesday, March 4 – 11:00 AM – Day of Prayer Service @ Ardmore Moravian  
Church – Speaker Rev. Craig Troutman
- Wednesday, March 4 - 5:30 PM Meal
- Wednesday, March 4 - 6:15 PM Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 4 - 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, March 8 – 9:30 AM – Sunday School Classes
- Sunday, March 8 – 10:30 AM – Worship Service
- Tuesday, March 10 – 10:00 AM - Women’s Fellowship Circle # 3 Meeting
- Tuesday, March 10 – 1:30 PM - Women’s Fellowship Circle # 4 Meeting
- Tuesday, March 10 – 5:30 PM - Women’s Fellowship Circle # 5 Meeting
- Wednesday, March 11 – 11:00 AM – Day of Prayer Service @ Fries Memorial  
Moravian Church – Speaker Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza
- Wednesday, March 11 - 5:30 PM - Meal
- Wednesday, March 11 - 6:15 PM - Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 11 - 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, March 15 – 9:30 AM – Sunday School Classes
- Sunday, March 15 – 10:30 AM – Worship Service
- Tuesday, March 17 – 11:30 AM – Seniors & Friends Luncheon @ Pete’s Family  
Restaurant
- Wednesday, March 18 – 11:00 AM – Day of Prayer Service @ Fairview Moravian  
Church – Speaker Rev. James Newsome
- Wednesday, March 18 - 5:30 PM - Meal
- Wednesday, March 18 - 6:15 PM - Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 18 - 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, March 19 – 8:30 AM – Men’s Breakfast @ Café Arthurs
- Sunday, March 22 – 9:30 AM – Sunday School Classes
- Sunday, March 22 – 10:30 AM – Worship Service
- Wednesday, March 25 – 11:00 AM - Day of Prayer Service @ Konnoak Hills Moravian  
Church – Speaker Rev. Judy Knopf

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO COME (continued)**

Wednesday, March 25 - 5:30 PM - Meal

Wednesday, March 25 - 6:15 PM - Bible Study

Wednesday, March 25 - 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 – 9:30 AM – Sunday School Classes

Sunday, March 29 – 10:30 AM – Worship Service

Sunday, March 29 – 7:00 PM – Holy Week Readings

Monday, March 30 – 7:00 PM – Holy Week Reading

Tuesday, March 31 – 7:00 PM – Holy Week Reading

Wednesday, March 31 – 7:00 PM – Holy Week Readings

Thursday, April 1 – 7:00 PM – Holy Week Readings and Communion

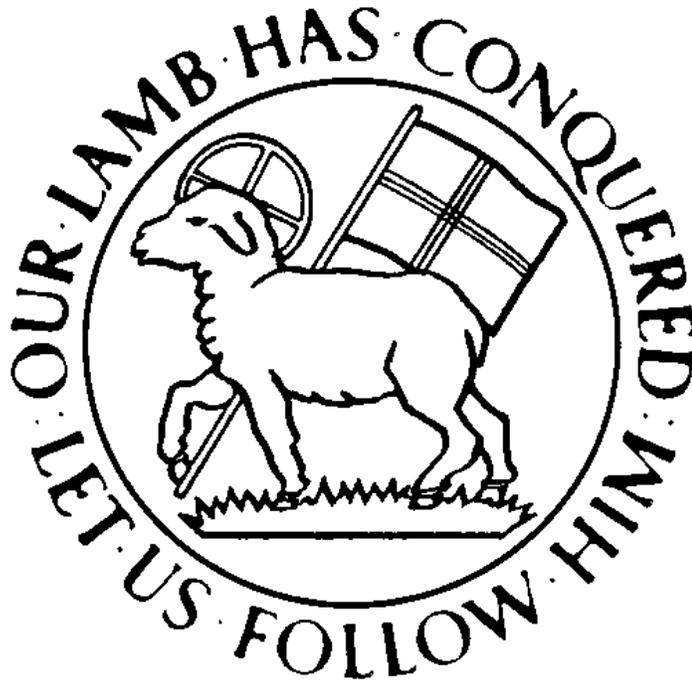
Friday, April 2 – 2:15 PM – Holy Week Readings

Saturday, April 4 – 9:00 AM -Cleaning and Decorating graves @ God's Acre

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 – 6:15 AM Easter Sunrise Service @ God's Acre

Sunday, April 5 – 10:30 AM Easter Worship Service



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