



Ardmore Moravian Church

August 23, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God –
what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Romans 12:2

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

John Rutter

Call to Worship (Please Stand, as you are able.)

This is the day which the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising to the setting of the sun,

The name of the Lord be praised.

Song of Praise

“10,000 Reasons”

*Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
oh my soul, worship his Holy name
Sing like never before,
oh my soul, I'll worship your Holy name.*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again
whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
let me be singing when the evening comes...*

*Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
oh my soul, worship his Holy name
Sing like never before,
oh my soul, I'll worship your Holy name.*

*You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great and your heart is kind
for all Your goodness I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find...*

Chorus

*And on that day when my strength is failing
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore...*

Chorus

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

Glory be to you, Lord God, our Father.

**You are the merciful Father, the God from whom all
help comes.**

You chose us in Jesus Christ our Lord before the creation of
the world.

**You rescued us from the power of darkness and brought
us safe into the kingdom of your dear Son.**

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

**You have made us worthy to share in that which you
have reserved for your people in the kingdom of light.
Your love is so great that we may be called the children of
God.**

**Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we join in proclaiming the glory of
your name.**

Here I Am to Worship

*Light of the world you stepped down into darkness
opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
hope of a life spent with you;*

*Chorus: Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days, oh, so highly exalted
glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
all for love's sake became poor*

*Chorus: Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God*

*You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

*Well, I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross (Repeat)*

Praise, honor, and glory be to you, Christ Jesus, Son of the living God.

To you be glory at all times, in the church which waits on earth for you, and in that which is with you in heaven, now and forever.

Jesus, you are the eternal Word, who became a human being and lived among us.

Those who were yours saw your glory, the glory which you received as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

In you, the full content of the divine nature dwells in a human body. You are the true God and eternal life.

Through you the whole universe is reconciled to God.
You made peace through your death on the cross.

Therefore God raised you to the highest place above, and gave you the name which is greater than any other name.

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

*Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises*

*I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us*

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high*

Glory be to you, Holy Spirit, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter.

We proclaim your righteousness and praise.

You pour out the love of God into the hearts of all believers, and make their bodies your holy temples.

By our own reason or strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but you call us through the gospel and enlighten us with gifts of grace.

You dedicate us to God in the true faith, and you enable us to remain in union with Jesus Christ.

We praise you, together with the Father and the Son, now and forever.

Prayers of Confession and Intercession

“Invitation Fountain”

*All who are weak, all who are weary;
Come to the rock, come to the fountain;
All who have sailed on the river of heartache,
Come to the sea, come on be set free*

*If You lead me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
Come and heal me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
I will go, I will go...*

Hear us now as we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Lord says: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

Lord, make us truly one in spirit with all your faithful people as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.**

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

“Invitation Fountain”

*All who are weak, all who are weary;
Come to the rock, come to the fountain;
All who have climbed on the mountains of heartache
Reach for the stars, come and give your life;*

*Refrain: If You lead me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
Come and heal me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
I will go, I will go...*

Almighty God, for the opportunity to be used by you in the
life of your church,
For our use of your splendid gifts,
For the joy of obedient service,
We dedicate ourselves to you.

For our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life,

For your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

For the fellowship and ministry of your body, the church,

For the opportunity of service in Christ's name through the power of the Holy Spirit,

For your personal presence among us to guide and bless,

We offer our thanks, dear Lord.

For our congregation, that we may know and do your will,

For our bishops, ministers, teachers, and leaders, that they may guide your people in the truth,

For the peace of the world, and for the renewal of your whole church by the power of the Holy Spirit,

For all who, in your name, work for justice, reconciliation, and peace,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our community, for the whole land, and all who live in it,

For the fruitfulness of the earth, and for the careful stewardship of our natural resources,

For those who travel,

For the poor, the homeless, the imprisoned,

For the afflicted, the persecuted, the abused, and those who face temptation, anger, or violence,

For the sick and dying, and for the salvation of all,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Be gracious to us, for to you alone are due all glory, honor, and praise.

Amen.

“Invitation Fountain”

*All who are weak, all who are weary;
All who are tired, all who are thirsty;
All who have failed, all who are broken
Come to the rock, come to the fountain,
If You lead me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
Come and heal me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
I will go, I will go...*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “I Can Only Imagine” Bart Millard, arr. Mark Hayes

Response “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Romans 12:1-8

Psalms 138

Matthew 16:13-20

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" MBW # 771

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*Refrain: On Christ the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.*

Refrain

*His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.*

Refrain

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne.*

Refrain

“The Church’s One Foundation” MBW # 511

*The church’s one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with ev'ry grace endued.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
longing eyes are blessed,*

*and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.*

Benediction

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 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Steven Scott



*The flowers are placed today to the glory of God and His Son
and in appreciation for all of Ardmore’s senior citizens. We
thank them for all their services, accomplishments and
dedication. (August 21st was National Seniors Day)*



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 23 – Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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

Wednesday, August 26

- 5:30 PM BYO Meal
- 6:15 PM Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 30 – Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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



On-Line Giving

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Tom Alspaugh
Meredith Bowles
Kaye Brookshire
Beverly Dillon
Fanchon Funk
Julie Johnson

Adam Lefevre
Barry Lyons
Beth Kiger Mabe
Mike Meritt
Polly Story
Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Lizanne Butner
Rachel Cloius
Sallie Goza
Dwayne Jones
Wanda Jones
Laura Mabe
Juan

Donna Myrick
Marolyn Schauss
Ray Shelton
Arkon Stewart
Suzanne
Larry

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

September 15	Seniors & Friends @ Westtown Restaurant
September 27	Theology and Film
October 4	Worldwide Communion Blessing of Pets
October 20	Seniors & Friends @ The Olive Tree Deli
November 7	Art Walk
November 8	Communion Celebration of the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ Church Council Meeting
November 17	Seniors & Friends @ The Carriage House
November 30 7:00 PM	Candle Trimming
December 2-4	Candle Tea
December 24	Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services
December 25	Christmas Day – Birth of Jesus Christ

Welcome to Ardmore Moravian Church
“Where Communion and Community Come Together”

We are a Christ-centered fellowship of people bound by love of Jesus and one another. Our greatest hope is that God will be glorified through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit among us. We have gathered to worship; celebrating the eternal life won for us by Christ through His death and resurrection as promised in the Bible.

God has created and called us into relationship with Himself (communion) and with one another (community). We need the Lord, and we need each other. As you draw close to God, may you also grow in friendship with those around you. We believe God has gifted people in every age. So our worship is marked by a variety of styles and expressions of music, liturgy, prayer and proclamation. We seek to blend these expressions in a way that pleases God and edifies one another.

The Moravian Church, while unfamiliar to many, is actually one of the oldest Protestant denominations in the world. Our roots and heritage run deep, even one hundred years prior to the Great Reformation. Yet our sense of mission is alive and active *today* as we serve the Lord in ministry together.

Jesus said to His disciples, “...you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” At Ardmore Moravian we sincerely strive to live that promise. We worship, study the Holy Scriptures, fellowship and grow as Disciples of Christ together here at the corner of Hawthorne and Academy. We ask the Lord then to send us out and employ us for His glory as we share the Gospel - the Good News of Christ - locally, regionally and globally.

If you are searching for a meaningful relationship with God and productive friendships with other people, you’ve come to the right place, “Where Communion and Community Come Together.”



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