



Ardmore Moravian Church

September 13, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits.

Psalm 103:2

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

Prelude “Song of Hope” Iouri Grichetchkine

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

“Your Grace Is Enough”

*Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart*

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people*

*Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
Yeah, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*Remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches down to us
Your grace is enough for me*

*Your grace is enough
I'm covered in your love,
Your grace is enough for me
For me*

"Good, Good, Father" Chris Tomlin

*I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone*

*CHORUS: You're a good, good Father
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

*Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
'Cause you know just what we need before we say a word*

CHORUS (2 x's)

*Because you are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways*

You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Oh you are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways to us

*Oh, this love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think.*

As you call me deeper still (x3)

Into love, love, love

*CHORUS: You're a good, good Father
 It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
 And I'm loved by you
 It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
 (2 x's)*

*Because you are perfect in all of your ways
 You are perfect in all of your ways
 You are perfect in all of your ways to us

 You are perfect in all of your ways
 You are perfect in all of your ways
 You are perfect in all of your ways to us*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy of Grace

(Please Stand, as you are able.)

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.

“Come, Now Is the Time To Worship”

*Come, now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come..*

*One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now*

*Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come.. Come..Come.*

(Sitting.)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

God spoke these words, saying:

You shall have no other gods besides me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Song

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

*Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;*

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
(Chorus)

Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, yet by no means clearing the unrepentant: incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on your great mercies.

SILENT CONFESSION

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. Peace be with you.

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.*

*Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.

We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.

In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes. Amen.

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” MBW # 745

*O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,*

*O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

Lord God, Father, hear us as we pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come.

**Thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

Amen.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions may be offered.)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common intercession to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” MBW # 680

*Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Merciful God”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Gerry, Stuart Townsend, arr. Craig Courtney

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

Genesis 50: 15-21

Psalms 103:1-13

Matthew 18:21-35

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” MBW # 777

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”

you taught us, Lord, to pray,

but you alone can grant us grace

to live the words we say,

to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless

the unforgiving heart,

that broods on wrongs and will not let

old bitterness depart,

old bitterness depart?

*In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you,
how great our debt to you.*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace,
our lives will spread your peace.*

Sermon

“How Many Times?”

Rev. Joe Moore

*“Amazing Grace? How Sweet The Sound” MBW # 783
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be*

as long as life endures.

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

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 “One Lord, One Faith, One Birth”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, arr. Douglas E. Wagner



The flowers are placed today to the glory of God and in recognition of Grandparents Day and in loving memory of Kent Alexander Mabe by his grandchildren Emery Jane and Lyla Grace Mabe.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 13 – Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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

Tuesday, September 15

- 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends @ Westtown Restaurant

Wednesday, September 16

- No Bible Study this week
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

Sunday, September 20 – Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
 - 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore
- Immediately following the worship service, the Joint Board will meet and then the Board of Elders and Board of Trustees will meet for their monthly meeting.

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Meredith Bowles
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Please remember the Alspaugh family in your prayers.
Thomas Marion Alspaugh entered the more immediate presence of his Lord and Savior on September 10, 2026.

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

September 15	11:30 AM Seniors & Friends @ Westtown Restaurant
October 4	10:30 AM Worldwide Communion 4:00 PM Car Care Clinic 5:00 PM Blessing of Peets
October 20	11:30 AM Seniors & Friends @ The Olive Tree Deli
November 7	Art Walk
November 8	10:30 AM Communion Celebration of the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ 11:30 AM Church Council Meeting
November 17	11:30 AM 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

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SERMON NOTES



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