



**September 23, 2018**

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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be first  
must be last of all and servant of all"*

*Mark 9:35*

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## **Sermon Text**

### **James 3:14 - 4:3, 7-8a**

But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

# **ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 23, 2018**

PRELUDE                      “Chromatic Fugue”                      Pachelbel

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP      “Only a God Like You”                      arr. Sorenson

PRAISE SONGS

   “Ten Thousand Reasons”                      Words p.5

   “In Christ Alone”                      Words p.6

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## WORSHIP IN OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY     "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"     Hayes

## SONG OF THANKS

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise Him all creatures here below.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

PRAYER

ANTHEM            “O For a Closer Walk with God”            arr. Grassi

THE WORD OF GOD            p. 982            James 3:14-4:3,7-8a

MESSAGE                            *The Good Life*                            Chaz Snider

HYMN                            “We are Called to be God’s People”            MBW p.635

POSTLUDE                            “All Glory, Laud and Honor”                            Smith

## **“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)

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 forever more!  
(Chorus 2 times)

Worship Your holy name Lord, Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

## **“In Christ Alone”**

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all. Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to  
save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home. Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of her late husband by Melissa Hall.*



### **Serving Today**

**Elder Greeter:** Joyce Leonard **Trustee Greeter:** Dennis Adams

**Elder Greeter for September 30<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy Crouse

**Trustee Greeter for September 30<sup>th</sup>:** Matt Eckard

**Nursery Worker for Today, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Tracie Marshall

**Nursery Worker for September 30<sup>th</sup>:** Michaleh Snider

### **People for Whom We are Praying**



**Members:** Marie Adams; Annie Boyd; Amanda Bowles;  
Cindy Culverhouse; Ruth Long; Alice Pierce; Bett Warner;  
Connie Wester; Jim Brookshire; Priscilla Johnson; Bob Burton

**Home Bound Members:** Peggy Gimmon

**Friends:** Emily Burge; Olive Moore, Cheryl Bain friends of Ruth Long and MaryAlice Adams; Rosemary Stewart, Jake Williams, Donna Williams's son; Judy West, friend of Beth Mabe; Marolyn Schauss; Ashley Conway, Marolyn Schauss' daughter.

### **AMC Opportunities for the Week**

**Sunday, September 23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Prayer in Prayer Room     |
| 9:15 AM  | Joyful Voices             |
| 9:30 AM  | Sunday School             |
| 10:30 AM | Worship Service           |
| 4:00 PM  | Board of Elders Meeting   |
| 4:00 PM  | Board of Trustees Meeting |

**Wednesday, September 26**

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 5:30 PM | Prayer in Prayer Room     |
| 6:00 PM | Family Oasis Supper       |
| 6:30 PM | Handbell Rehearsal        |
| 6:45 PM | Ardmore Connections       |
| 7:30 PM | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

**Sunday, September 30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Community Worship Service, Fellowship Hall**

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|----------|-----------------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Prayer in Prayer Room |
| 9:15 AM  | Joyful Voices         |
| 9:30 AM  | Sunday School         |
| 10:30 AM | Worship Service       |

**Community Opportunity**

September 29 – A Little Night Music at Olivet Moravian 7pm, Bluegrass

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Sunday, October 7 – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast is back @ AMC 8:30 am**

**October 16 – Aging Well Fall Rally, Konnoak Hills Moravian, 12:30 pm**

**October 20 – Ardmore Moravian Fall Festival 4pm – 6pm**

**Special Note: If you would like to dedicate a small poinsettia in honor or in memory, please contact Pat Nelson by November 19. Poinsettias are needed for December 2, 9, and 16 and are \$12.00 ea. Pat can be reached at 336-775-1134 or [pabenelson@aol.com](mailto:pabenelson@aol.com)**

**Fall Fundraising Dinner: Anthony's Plot Lead Abatement Project  
Friday October 12, 2018 at 6 pm @ Trinity Moravian**

The meal is being prepared by an international team led by Rev. Sam Gray and is a celebration of Latin American flavors. After dinner, Russ May will provide a **“What's Up at the Plot”** update on their exciting ministry. To celebrate the completion of the project there will be a **call for donations**.

- **The goal is raise at least \$6,000**
- We are seeking 12-14 “Table Sponsors” who each raise at least \$500 per table of eight, and can be churches, church groups, or individuals
- Table sponsors can 1) Sponsor a table with a \$500 donation and invite table guests **or** 2) They can invite guests/donors who know that we will be asking for donations at the dinner with a goal of \$500 per table.

**Our hope is that you or your congregation will be one of 12-14 Table Sponsors.** Please contact Rev Jeff Coppage or Rev John Jackman if you would like to participate in any way.

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## Board of World Mission - Moravian Disaster Response

### Update on Hurricane Florence

*September 18, 2018*

As of Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Hurricane Florence has finally moved north and the Carolinas have their first chance to begin to recover from the hurricane's initial fury, storm surge, and subsequent deluge. Wilmington, NC took the brunt of the storm both in terms of winds, rainfall, and now the flooding of rivers and streams. All of the rain that fell inland needs to make its way to the ocean, and the Cape Fear River which passes through Wilmington is one of the main tributaries that needs to carry all of this water. As of today Wilmington has become an island which has made getting need relief supplies into the area very difficult and expensive.

We have been in touch with Mr. Don Britt who serves as the vice-chair of the Board of Elders at the Covenant Moravian Church and he reports that the church property has been spared the worst of the storm as there seems to be no major damage to the exterior of the building. Since he and most members of the church evacuated during the storm and have not yet been able to return, we do not yet know the full extent of damages to the church or to the homes of members of the congregation. We continue to ask your prayers for everyone who has been affected by the storm.

Further inland, rain and a steady wind proved to be the biggest problem. We are thankful to report that none of our many North Carolina congregations have reported major issues.

Currently first responders are hard at work bringing aid where it is needed and utility crews are beginning the long process of reconnecting power, phone, and other services. The Board of World Mission will now await word from our contacts in Wilmington as they are able to return home and let us know how we can best help them. We will also continue to monitor conditions in North and South Carolina and communicate a plan of action as a path forward is discerned with our ecumenical partners. We may communicate some opportunities to engage through partner organizations in a coordinated response in the early stages of the recovery.

We would invite your support for Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) funding as we respond to the needs of not only this storm but the on-going needs in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Port Author, TX from last year's storms and the potential for hurricanes and other disasters yet to come this year. Designating your gift to "MDR" allows us to use your donation in the place where it is most needed at the moment.

To make a secure online donation please go to <http://moravianmission.org/give/> and click on the green "Donate Now" link at the top of the page.

**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”.

**CURRENT SERIES: A FAITH THAT WORKS**

September 30 ..... Powerful Prayer ..... James 5:13-20

*Community Worship Service – Invite your friends and neighbors!*

**UPCOMING SERIES: MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

October 7            The Children are Blessed..... Mark 10:2-16

*Communion*

October 14..... The Last are First ..... Mark 10:17-31

October 21..... The Least are Greatest ..... Mark 10:35-45

October 28..... The Blind Can See..... Mark 10:46-52

**Sermon Notes**





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