



Ardmore Moravian Church

October 11, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things.

Isaiah 25:1

Philippians 4:1-9

4 ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

Mark Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship

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for you have done wonderful things.

Isaiah 25:1

Songs of Praise

“Forever” Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good, He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm

His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever, forever*

*From the rising of the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise*

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever, forever*

“Faithful God (I Am They)”

*I am surrounded on every side
Can't see the light of day
But I am persuaded, beyond all hope
You won't let go of me
I stake my claim on ev'ry word You say
You will not be late*

*I will sing through fire and thunder
'cause You are on my side
I trust You with my life
I know my story, it isn't over
Even against all odds
You are a faithful God
You're faithful, God*

*The darkest of weather though I can't see
I still believe You're good
So I'm moving forward through crashing waves
I know I'm safe with You
You hold my life, You hear my cry
With ev'ry breath inside*

*I will sing through fire and thunder
'cause You are on my side
I trust You with my life
I know my story, it isn't over
Even against all odds
You are a faithful God*

That's Who You are, You are a faithful God

*I am convinced that Your promises will hold together
And I will dwell in the hope of Your love forever
I am convinced that Your promises will hold together
And I will dwell in Your love*

*And I will sing through fire and thunder
'cause You are on my side
I trust You with my life
I know my story, it isn't over
Even against all odds
You are a faithful God
That's Who You are*

*Oh, You are a faithful God
Oh, You're faithful, God*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

(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.

"10,000 Reasons"

*Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship his Holy name
Sing like never before,
O 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

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.

“Sing Praise to God” MBW # 537

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of pow’r, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills,
and ev’ry grief he gently stills:
to God all praise and glory!*

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.

“Hail, O Once Despised Jesus” MBW # 330

*Worship, honor, pow'r and blessing
you are worthy to receive;
loudest praises without ceasing
right it is for us to give.
Help, O bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise,
help us sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Immanuel's praise.*

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 and 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.

“Spirit of the Living God” Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

(Please stand, as you are able.)

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.**

"10,000 Reasons"

*Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship his Holy name*

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

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, and 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.

“10,000 Reasons”

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

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

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Here Am I, Send Me" John Purifoy

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

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

"My Life Flows On" Robert Lowry MBW # 701
*My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation,*

*I hear the real, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul;
how can I keep from singing?
Refrain*

*What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior's living.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he's giving.
Refrain*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
Refrain*

Sermon

“Always Rejoicing”

Rev. Joe Moore

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Sydney H. Nicholson MBW # 372

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
to Christ the Lord are giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
bow down at his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope
for Christ, the Judge, shall come
to gather all his saints
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;*

the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

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 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Mark Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner



The flowers are placed today to the glory of God and his Son and in honor of Paul Crouse and Polly Crouse Story as they celebrate their birthday on the 16th by their other brother and sisters.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 11 – Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service - Rev. Joe Moore
- 4:00 PM Car Care Clinic
- 5:00 PM Blessing of Pets

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

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

Thursday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 17

- 2:00 – 4:00 PM Bingo

Sunday, October 18 – Twenty-first 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

Betsy Annese
Meredith Bowles
Kaye Brookshire
Beverly Dillon
Fanchon Funk
Julie Johnson

Adam Lefevre
Barry Lyons
Mike Meritt
Polly Story
Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Beeva Alspaugh
Lizanne Butner
Rachel Cloius
Sallie Goza
Bob Hudspeth

Wanda Jones
Marolyn Schauss
Ray Shelton
Arkon Stewart
Suzanne

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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| October 17 | 2:00 -4:00 PM Bingo |
| October 20 | 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends
@ The Olive Tree Deli |
| October 31 | 5:00 PM – Giving Halloween Candy |
| November 7 | 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM 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 (Scheduled Groups) |
| December 3 | 5:00 – 8:00 PM Candle Tea (Public) |
| 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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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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