



# Ardmore Moravian Church

November 9, 2025

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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last  
he will stand upon the earth.*

*Job 19:25*

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## John 10:1-10

**10** “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 9, 2025**

Prelude      “The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”      Larry Shackley

Call to Worship

Song of Praise

“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

Lord, hear my voice; let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

**If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?**

But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be feared.

**I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope.**

Beloved, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he will exalt you.

**We will search our hearts and try our ways and turn again to the Lord.**

Thus says the Lord: I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life.

“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.*

Silent Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, our only mediator with God the Father, our mighty Savior and our glorious King, we humbly bow before you and confess our manifold transgressions.

**We, your disciples, have often in word and deed dishonored the holy name we bear, and have turned aside from that path of holiness and loving service, in which you have called us to follow you. Pardon all our forgetfulness of your great love and our coldness of**

**heart, our frequent conformity to the ways of the world, and our failure to labor for the extension of your kingdom.**

Have mercy upon us, according to your loving-kindness; hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.

**Grant us, through the communion of your Holy Supper, the assurance of our pardon, a greater power of sanctification, a closer union with you, and the joyous expectation of eternal life in the heavenly kingdom.**

Thus says the Lord: 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.

“When Peace Like A River” MBW # 754

*My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                    “There Is Coming A Day”                    arr. Cliff Duren

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 heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Hebrews 4:14-16

Psalms 8

John 10:1-10

*"All Hail, Our Church's Elder Dear" MBW # 399*

*All hail, our church's Elder dear,  
O Jesus, glorious head!*

*To your disciples now appear  
as risen from the dead.*

*Let our rejoicing souls in you  
the tokens of your passion view,  
and hear your gentle voice anew,  
say "Peace be unto you."*

*Remembering what our fathers told,  
you did in their young day,  
this solemn jubilee we hold,  
may we, as then did they,  
ourselves in covenant now bind  
with soul and strength, with heart and mind,  
through life, in death, on land, o'er sea,  
to you disciples be.*

*Revive your work; amid the years  
our members still employ  
on needy souls to sow in tears,  
with hope to reap in joy.  
Though wide the fields, the laborers few,  
if you our failing faith renew,  
though weak, we as your servants, Lord,  
may still fulfill your word.*

Meditation

Rev. Joe Moore

**Service of Holy Communion  
in Celebration of Christ as Chief Elder**

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.)

“What Brought Us Together” MBW # 675  
*What brought us together, what joined our hearts?  
The pardon which Jesus, our High Priest, imparts;*

*'Tis this which cements the disciples of Christ,  
who are into one by the Spirit baptized.*

*Is this our high calling, harmonious to dwell,  
and thus in sweet concert Christ's praises to tell,  
in peace and blessed union our moments to spend  
and live in communion with Jesus our Friend?*

*O yes, having found in the Lord our delight,  
he is our chief object by day and by night;  
this knits us together; no longer we roam;  
we all have one Father, and heav'n is our home.*

*"Jesus, Source Of My Salvation" RH # 108*

*Jesus, Source of my salvation,  
conqueror both of death and hell,  
Thou Who didst, as my Oblation,  
feel what I deserved to feel,  
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit,  
I eternal life inherit;  
Thousand, thousand thanks to Thee,  
Dearest Lord, forever be.*

*Lord, Thy deep humiliation  
has atoned for all my pride;  
I need fear no condemnation,  
since for sinners Thou hast died.  
Thou becam'st a curse, dear Savior,*

*to restore me to God's favor;  
Thousand, thousand thanks to Thee,  
Dearest Lord, forever be.*

*Lord, I'll praise Thee now and ever,  
who for me was crucified;  
For Thy agony, dear Savior,  
for Thy wounds and pierced side,  
For Thy love, so tried, unending,  
for Thy death, all deaths transcending.  
For Thy death and love divine,  
Lord, I'll be forever Thine.*

(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.*

“Heart With Loving Heart United” MBW # 401

*Heart with loving heart united,  
met to know God's holy will.  
Let his love in us ignited  
more and more our spirits fill.  
He the Head, we are his members;  
we reflect the light he is.*

*He the Master, we disciples,  
he is ours and we are his.*

*May we all so love each other  
and all selfish claims deny,  
so that each one for the other  
will not hesitate to die.*

*Even so our Lord has loved us;  
for our lives he gave his life.  
Still he grieves and still he suffers,  
for our selfishness and strife.*

*Since, O Lord, you have demanded  
that our lives your love should show  
so we wait to be commanded  
forth into your world to go.  
Kindle in us love's compassion  
so that ev'ryone may see  
in our faith and hope the promise  
of a new humanity.*

*(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.*

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.**

Postlude "Fanfare On 'Lobe den Herren'" Craig A. Penfield



*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in recognition that Jesus Christ is our Chief Elder.*



## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday, November 9**

- 9:30 AM    Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM    Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore  
                  Chief Elder Communion Service
- 11:30 AM    Church Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 11**

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

### **Wednesday, November 12**

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

### **Sunday, November 16**

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

## **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **For congregational and community fellowship**

November 9 – 10:30 AM Chief Elder Communion  
Service

November 9 – 11:30 AM Church Council

November 11 – Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

November 18 – 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends Lunch  
@ Carriage House

November 20 – 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café  
Arthurs

November 23 – Thanksgiving Harvest Table –  
Food for Sunnyside Ministry

December 1 – 7:00 PM Candle Trimming

December 3-5 – Candle Tea for Children Groups

December 4 – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Candle Tea for Public

December 9 – Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

December 18 – 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café  
Arthurs

December 24 Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candle Service

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nominations Needed for Church Boards:** Our annual Church Council meeting is coming up on November 9<sup>th</sup> and we need nominations for the Boards of Elders and Trustees and a delegate to represent Ardmore at the 2026 Southern Province Synod. If you are interested in serving as a member of either board or as Synod delegate, please contact Pastor Joe and he will share your interest with the Nominating Committee.

**Nominations needed for Delegate to 2026 Southern Province Synod.** Every four years, pastors and representatives from the congregations gather together for Synod: "to discern God's call to mission and service, to consider our response to God in faith, love and hope, and to give attention to matters of governance." Delegates to the Synod vote for the Provincial leadership, including the President and members of the Provincial Elders' Conference, Board of World Mission, Moravian Mission Society, School of Theology at Moravian University Board of Trustees, and Provincial Women's Board. Delegates also consider ideas and plans to help set the direction and focus for the ministry of the Moravian Church for the next four years.

Ardmore Moravian is entitled to 1 delegate to the Synod, in addition to the Pastor. The 2026 Synod will take place June 3-6 at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. If you are interested in being our delegate to Synod or would like to learn more about it as you consider serving as a delegate, please contact Pastor Joe. We need to elect 1 delegate and 1 alternate at our November 9 Church Council meeting.

At our November 9 Church Council meeting,  
we will be voting on the following:

**Changes to Rules and Regulations  
of Ardmore Moravian Church**

**Approved by the Joint Board on October 19, 2025**

**Article III Section 8 Manner of Elections**

Current Version:

“Retiring Board members are not eligible for re-election or appointment to either Board for one year.”

Change to:

“Upon completion of their term, Board members are eligible to be re-elected or appointed to either board for an additional 3 year term.”

**Article IV Section 1 Composition of Church Boards**

Current Version:

Each board shall consist of 9 members.

Change to:

Each board shall consist of 6 members.

**Article IV Section 1 Composition of Church Boards**

Current Version:

“No members serving a full term shall be eligible for reelection to either Board until after an intermission of at least one (1) year.”

Delete this sentence from Rules and Regulations

# PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



## ***Members***

Cindy Clore  
Beverly Dillon  
Fanchon Funk  
Adam Lefevre  
Mike Meritt

Alice Pierce  
Carolyn Spainhour  
Polly Story  
Frances Walker  
Donna Ebert Williams

## ***Friends***

Dr. Bill J. Beason  
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Dwayne Jones  
Ray Shelton  
Larry  
Juan

Ann M<sup>c</sup>Curdy  
Terry Moore  
Allison Murray  
Marlyn Schauss  
Jerry Seivers  
Steven Starling

Please remember the Kessler family. Dave's father, Ernest Ray Kessler, entered the more immediate presence of his Lord and Savior Monday evening November 3, 2025.

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



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