

Ardmore Moravian Church

November 15, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

So teach us, O Lord, to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Psalm 90:12

Matthew 25:14-30

14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted
his property to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once **16** the one
who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five
more talents. **17** In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. **18** But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug
a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. **19** After a long time the master
of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. **20** Then the one who had
received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents.’ **21** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.’ **22** And the one with the two talents also came
forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made
two more talents.’ **23** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ **24** Then the one who had
received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you
were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you
did not scatter, **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours.’ **26** But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I
did not scatter? **27** Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with
interest. **28** So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. **29** For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be
taken away. **30** As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

Prelude "How Majestic Is Your Name"
Michael W. Smith, arr. Fred Bock

Call to Worship Watchword for the Week—

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our days that we may gain a wise heart.
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Gathering Songs of Praise

"Everlasting God" Brenton Brown

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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"Evidence" Josh Baldwin

All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season, from where I'm standing

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

Help me remember when I'm weak
Fear may come, but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength and You always will be

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh, Jesus
See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh, Jesus

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life,

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life
So why should I fear
The evidence is here
Why should I fear
The evidence is here

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

(Please stand, as you are able.)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible, powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
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give thanks to the Holy One;
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Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks…

Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Sitting.)

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others.

Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

"How Great Thou Art" MBW # 465

Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the

water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sea and sky.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

"How Great Thou Art" MBW # 465

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Let our eyes be open to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant– use our time, our talent, our treasure.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church.

The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us.

The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy,

and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

God calls us to commit our financial resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

"How Great Thou Art" MBW # 465

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Faithful Servant" Cindy Berry

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 I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Psalm 90:1-12
Matthew 25:14-30

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" MBW # 461

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,

and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
remain our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Sermon "You Really Got Talent!" Rev. Joe Moore

Closing

May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts–

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives–

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end.

Amen!

Closing Song "Count Your Blessings"

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings ,name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Chorus: Count your blessings, Name them one by one;
Count your blessings, See what God has done;
Count your blessings, Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, See what God has done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.
Chorus

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.
Chorus

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.
Chorus

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 "Hail to the King!" David Paxton

The flowers are placed today to the glory of God and his Son and in honor of our dear Priscilla Johnson as she celebrates her 96th birthday from her Ardmore Moravian Church Family with love

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 15 – Twenty-fifth 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.

Tuesday, November 17

11:30 AM Seniors and Friends @ Carriage House

Wednesday, November 18

5:30 PM Meal

6:15 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19

8:30 AM Men's Fellowship @ Café Arthurs'

Sunday, November 22 – Reign of Christ Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service Rev. Joe Moore

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
Suzanne
Wanda Jones
Marolyn Schauss
Ray Shelton
Michael Simpson
Arkon Stewart

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

November 17 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends
@ The Carriage House

November 22 10:30 AM – Harvest Table
Food collection for Sunnyside Ministry

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 2:00 PM Christmas Eve Lovefeast and
Candle Service
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Lovefeast and
Candle Service

December 25 Christmas Day – Birth of Jesus Christ

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SERMON NOTES



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