

Ardmore Moravian Church

November 30, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2:5

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

Prelude “Savior Of The Nations, Come” Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship

(Please Stand, as you are able.)

Sing, O heaven, and be joyful, O earth, for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes to you; he is just, and brings salvation.

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” MBW # 263

*Hail to the Lord’s anointed!
Great David’s greater son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy
to those who suffer wrong,*

*to help the poor and needy
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.*

*He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains
shall Peace, the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.*

Greeting One Another in Hope

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Lisa, Clint, Libby, Ella Saint

Liturgy for Advent

(Please Stand, as you are able.)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant, David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, who have been since the world began.

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us.

To perform the mercy promised unto our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant:

That he would grant unto us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

“Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Truro

Voice: *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.*

Choir: *Just is our Lord, a helper tried,
with mercy ever at his side;
His kingly crown is holiness,
his scepter, pity in distress.*

All: *O bless the land, the city blessed,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed:*

*O happy hearts and happy homes,
to whom this King of triumph comes.*

(Sitting.)

Behold, his tabernacle shall be with men; yes, he will be their God, and they shall be his people.

**Justice and judgment are the habitation of your throne,
O God: mercy and truth shall go before your face.**

Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

**A bruised reed he will not break, and the smoking flax
he will not quench: he will bring forth judgment unto
truth.**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong and fear not. Behold, your God will come and save you.”

**He shall feed his flock like a shepherd. He shall gather
the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom.**

The voice of the herald cries: “Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

“Rejoice 151 I”

Choir: *O how shall I receive thee,
how greet thee, Lord, aright?
All nations long to see thee,
my hope, my heart’s delight!*

All: *O kindle, Lord, most holy,
thy lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please thee best.*

Therefore, rejoice in God, your Savior! For he who is mighty has done great things, and holy is his name.

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dayspring from on high has visited us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

“Rejoice 151 I”

*Love caused thine incarnation,
love brought thee down to me;
thy thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty;
O love beyond all telling,
that led thee to embrace,
in love all love excelling,
our lost and fallen race.*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	“Waiting Here For You”	arr. Dennis Allen
Response	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	MBW # 282

*How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!*

*So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.*

Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

"Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying" MBW # 258

*"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Where are the virgins pure and wise?
The bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!*

*With bridal care and faith's bold prayer,
to meet the Bridegroom, come, prepare!"*

*Now let all the heav'ns adore you,
let saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.*

*Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, joining with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.*

*No eye has seen that light,
no ear the echoed might of your glory;
yet there shall we in your vict'ry
sing shouts of praise eternally!*

Sermon “The Night is Far Gone, The Day is Near”

Rev. Joe Moore

Closing

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

**Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ.
As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of**

redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:


As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:
**For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever.
Amen.**

(Please stand, as you are able.)

"Hosanna" (Choir 1st, Congregation 2nd)

First Part



Ho - san - na! Bless - ed is he that comes!

Second Part




Ho - san - na! Bless - ed is he that


Organ




The first system of music features a vocal line for the First Part and a piano accompaniment for the Organ. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5, and finally a half note E5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a steady quarter-note pattern in the left hand, both starting on G4.



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!



comes! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!



The second system of music continues the vocal and organ parts. The vocal line for the First Part begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5, and finally a half note E5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the right hand and quarter-note pattern in the left hand, both starting on G4.

PSALMS AND CANTICLES

Bless - ed is he that comes, he that comes in the name of the

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Lord! Ho - san - na! Bless - ed is he that

comes in the name of the Lord!

comes! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

Ho - san - na! Bless - ed is he that comes! Ho - san - na! Ho -

The musical score is written for a vocal ensemble and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff, treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est!"

System 1:

- Vocal: "Ho - san - na in the high - est!"
- Piano: Accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

System 2:

- Vocal: "san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!"
- Piano: Continues the accompaniment.

System 3:

- Vocal: "Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!"
- Piano: Continues the accompaniment.

System 4:

- Vocal: "Ho - san - na in the high - est!"
- Piano: Continues the accompaniment.

System 5:

- Vocal: "san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!"
- Piano: Continues the accompaniment.

Benediction

Blessed be thou who dwells between the cherubim, and graciously regards them of low estate! Praise the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

To him be glory and power, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

“Regent Square”

*Praise to thee, O Lord, we render,
for thy love in Jesus shown;
May that love, so strong and tender,
bind us fast to him alone;
Now and ever, now and ever,
gather us among thine own. Amen.*

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

“Come, Let Us Sing”

David Paxton





The lovely poinsettias are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God:

In Honor Of:

Kaye & Jerry Carter
Our mother, Ann Cranford
Nancy Crouse

By:

Polly Story
James, John, and Janie
By her Circle #4 sisters

In Loving Memory Of:

Jim Brookshire
Bob & Jo Burton
Our father, Jim Cranford
Clive Goodson
Faye Kirby Ware

By:

Kaye Brookshire
Janie & Ivey Ann Martin
James, John, and Janie
JoAnn Goodson
Ann Cranford

The Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ira Kiger and Rita Kiger by Beth Kiger Mabe. The White Candles are provided in memory of Ruth Duggins Lee, a longtime member of our congregation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Sunay School Classes

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

Monday, December 1

7:00 PM Candle Trimming

Wednesday, December 3

Candle Tea for Children Groups

No Bible Study or Choir Practice

Thursday, December 4

Candle Tea for Children Groups

5:00 PM Candle Tea for the Public

Friday, December 5

Candle Tea for Children Groups

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Sunay School Classes

10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

For congregational and community fellowship

December 9 – Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings

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

Arthurs

December 24 Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candle Service

Services at 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM

December 25 Christmas

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
Lizanne Butner
Dwayne Jones
Ray Shelton
Larry
Juan

Ann M^cCurdy
Terry Moore
Allison Murray
Marlyn Schauss
Jerry Seivers
Steven Starling

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

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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