

December 2, 2018

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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Luke 21:33

Sermon Text

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Heckman

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP “Celtic Advent Carol” Angerman & Barrett

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

LITURGY FOR ADVENT MBW p.49

With “Hosanna” MBW p. 239

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

WORSHIP IN OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY “Come, Holy Ghost, our Souls Inspire” L. Smith

SONG OF THANKS

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER

ANTHEM “Waiting Here for You” Arr. Allen

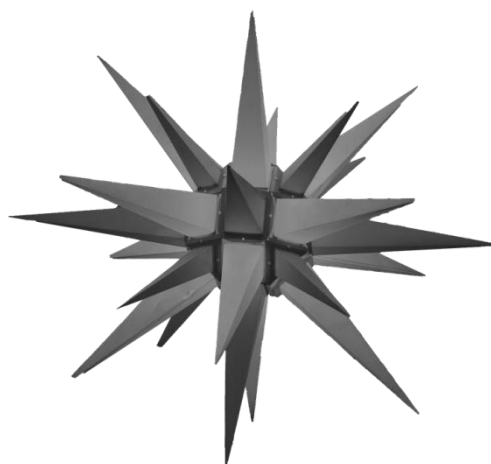
THE WORD OF GOD p. 856-857 Luke 21:25-36

MESSAGE *Looking for the Fig Tree* Chaz Snider

PRAISE SONGS “Agnus Dei” Words p.3

 “O For a Thousand Tongues” Words p.4

POSTLUDE “Glad Tidings” Chesterton



“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord, God almighty reigns

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord, God almighty reigns

Alleluia

Holy, holy, holy are You Lord, God almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

For You are holy,

Holy are You Lord, God almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

(Repeat)

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Chorus: So, come on and sing out.

Let our anthems grow loud.

There is one great love: Jesus.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

Chorus 2: So, come on and sing out.

Let our anthems grow loud.

There is one great love, there is one great love: Jesus.

He speaks, and list’ning to His voice new life the dead receive.
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav’n.

Chorus 2

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 by Ann Barefield in memory of her mother, Ruth Duggins Lee, a longtime member of our congregation.

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

In Honor of:

Thomas M. Alspaugh

Mary A. Alspaugh

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Mary A. Alspaugh

Barbara Blazer

Peggy Crouse

Jim

Margaret

By:

Amy Harriman

Amy Harriman

Rick and Beth Wilbins

Rick and Beth Wilbins

Secret Sister

Secret Sister

Mom

Polly Story

In Memory Of:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blazer

Lawrence Fulp

Francis and Grandot Hege

Donald Gene Lucas

Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Parker

By:

Ed and Barbara Blazer

The Family

Clive and Joann Goodson

Norma Wright

Ed and Barbara Blazer

Serving Today

Elder Greeter: Betty Paschal **Trustee Greeter:** Barry Lyons

Elder Greeter for December 9th: Betsy Annese

Trustee Greeter for December 9th: Beth Kiger Mabe

Nursery Worker for Today, December 2nd: Michaleh Snider

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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.



Flowers



If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in 2019, please let Pat know. **Dates available: January 6, 20, 27 and all of February and March.** Pat can be reached at 336-775-1134 or

pabenelson@aol.com

AMC Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

- 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 Elder's Meeting – Young Adult Class

Monday, December 3

- 7:00 PM Candle Trimming – All members invited – Bring snacks and desserts to share.

Tuesday, December 4

- 9:00 AM Bible Study – Mayberry's

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:00 AM Candle Tea for Groups
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

- 9:00 AM Candle Tea for Groups
- 5:00 PM Candle Tea – Open for the Public

Friday, December 7

- 9:00 AM Candle Tea for Groups

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent - Communion

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

2019 DAILY TEXTS ARE HERE!
Paperback: \$9 / Large Print: \$11
See an usher for your copy.

Mark Your Calendars

Yard Clean Up Day – We will have a leaf raking party Saturday, **December 15 starting at 8:30 am**. Please come one and come all, bring a rake or a blower and know if you can't be here at that time you are welcome to come solo any time between now and that day. Any questions, contact Ricky Peery.

Circle #5 December 11 – Christmas Potluck 6pm Fellowship Hall

December 24 – Lovefeast Services – 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM



IMPORTANT MUSIC NOTE:

Morning Star Singers needed! Please contact Brian Haskell at 336-655-5937 if your child would like to be one of the Morning Star Singers for Christmas Eve. Thanks!

CURRENT SERIES: IN BETWEEN

December 9 Repent and Follow Luke 3:1-6

December 16 What Then Should We Do? Luke 3:7-8

December 23 Can They Hear Us Singing? Luke 2:1-20

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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