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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:


*The Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.*

*Luke 1:49*


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***Philippians 2:8***

And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!



We thank Daniel Dockery for being our guest speaker and  
delivering the message this morning.



# ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

# December 24, 2023

# PRELUDE

# “Noël Nouvelet”

# Janis D. Wilson

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Daniel Dockery

## CALL TO WORSHIP “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

(MBW 298)

Hark! The herald angels sing:  
 “Glory to the newborn King!  
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled!”  
 Joyful, all you nations, rise,  
 Join the triumph of the skies;  
 With th’ angelic host proclaim:  
 “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
 Hark! The herald angels sing:  
 “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;  
Christ, the Everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come  
To the earth from heaven's home;

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th' incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus our Immanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Deron Mabe

SONG

"Christmas Offering"

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds  
Three Wisemen seeking truth they traveled from afar  
Hoping to find the Child from heaven

Falling on their knees they bowed  
Before the humble Prince of Peace  
I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You  
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The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne  
Before the Holy One of heaven  
It's only by Your blood  
And it's only through Your mercy Lord,  
I come

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“Angels From The Realms” (MBW 293)

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story;  
now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship;  
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God on earth is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant light.

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
you have seen his natal star.

Refrain

Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,

suddenly the Lord descending  
in his temple shall appear.

Refrain

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to th'eternal Three in One.

Refrain

READING

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:6

See, My servant will act wisely;

**He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted;**

Just as there were many who were appalled at him---  
His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any  
man and his form marred beyond human likeness---

**So will he sprinkle many nations,  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told, they will see,**

And what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.  
Like one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
Surely he took up our infirmities  
and carried our sorrows,**

**Yet we considered him stricken by God,  
smitten by him, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.**

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to his own way;  
And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

**PRAYER**

**Daniel Dockery**

**ANTHEM**

**“Silent Night”**

**Choir**



SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:8

SERMON

Born To Die

Daniel Dockery

HYMN

“I Will Sing the Wondrous Song”

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.

Refrain     Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw His loving arms around me,  
Drew me back into His way.

Refrain

Days of darkness still come o'er me,  
Sorrow's paths I often tread;  
But the Savior still is with me;  
By His hand I'm safely led.

## Refrain

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.

## Refrain

POSTLUDE      "Nun komn, der Heiden Heiland"      J.S. Bach

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*The large poinsettias are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God remembering the earthly birth of our Lord and Savior.*

*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 Loving Memory Of:***

Emily Shaffner Burge

J. Kenneth Burge

Richard S. Disher

***By:***

Sandy Burge Disher  
Wayne Burge

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### Today, Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

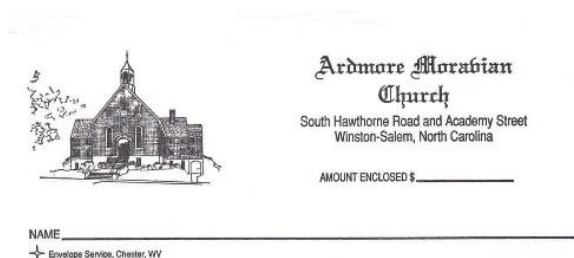
- 10:30 AM    Worship Service – Daniel Dockery  
2:00 PM    Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service  
5:00 PM    Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service

### Sunday, December 31 – First Sunday after Christmas

- 10:30 AM    Worship Service – Daniel Dockery  
Immediately after the worship service, we will share  
a pot luck luncheon as we thank Daniel Dockery for  
his service.  
8:00 PM    Salem Congregation Watchnight Service @  
St. Philips Moravian Church



Mailboxes for Christmas cards are located in the Lovefeast Kitchen. Please check to see if you have any mail.



The 2024 offering envelopes will be in the Lovefeast Kitchen next week.

# PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



## ***Members***

Marie Adams  
Amanda Bowles  
Lee Ebert  
Fanchon Funk  
Clive Goodson

Adam Lefevre  
Ruth Long  
Alice Pierce  
Frances and Gerald Walker  
Donna Ebert Williams

## ***Friends***

Brad Brookshire  
Don & Dot Hill  
Dwayne Jones

Mary Matthews  
Ray Shelton  
Rev. Sandra Thigpen

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

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