



# Ardmore Moravian Church

December 28, 2025

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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord the  
praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord  
has done for us.*

Isaiah 63:7

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## **Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus

# ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

Prelude

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**For he has looked favorably on his people and  
redeemed them.**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high has  
broken upon 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.**

For unto us a Child is born,

**Unto us a Son is given.**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant” RH # 69

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!*

*O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!*

*Come and behold him, born the King of angels.*

*O come, let us adore him,*

*O come, let us adore him,*

*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,*

*O sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above!*

*Glory to God, all glory in the highest:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
O Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Greeting One Another in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy for Christmas

(Standing.)

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Thanks be to God for this gift beyond words!**

My eyes have seen your salvation,

**Which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.**

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*

*Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!*

*Let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sin and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

(Sitting.)

Saving God, we confess to you our sinfulness. We are consumed with greed and with self, instead of loving you as we ought. Too often we are indifferent to those for whom this season is not a time of joy. You call us to the simple life, but we engage in extravagance, which directs our hearts away from you and from those in need.

**Forgive us and renew us, gracious Savior.**

With Mary we exalt you, God our Redeemer:

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.**

**Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.**

**His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.**

**He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.**

**He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;**

**He has filled with hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.**

**He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants forever.**

“O Savior Of Our Race” RH # 53

*O Savior of our race, welcome indeed Thou art,  
Blessed Redeemer, Fount of grace, to this my longing heart!*

*Light of the world, abide through faith within my heart;  
Leave me to seek no other guide, nor e'er from Thee depart.*

*Thou art the Life, O Lord! Sole Light of life Thou art!  
Let not Thy glorious rays be poured in vain on my dark heart.*

Glory be to you, Lord our God; you have chosen us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, before the founding of the world.

**You have given us such love, Father, that we should be called the children of God!**

You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

**You have rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.**

You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, your Incarnate Son.

**For the sake of the great love with which you love us, make us alive in Christ, our Lord.**

Holy Child of Mary, Savior of the world,  
**Reveal yourself to us.**

By your holy incarnation,  
By your human birth,  
By your pure and blameless childhood,  
By your obedience and diligence,  
By your humility, meekness, and patience,  
By your extreme poverty,  
By your griefs and sorrows,  
By your prayers and tears,  
By your having been despised and rejected,  
By your cross and suffering,  
By your death and burial,  
By your triumphant resurrection and ascension,

**Help us and save us.**

For the poor, the abused, and the sick,  
For prisoners and the homeless,  
For the victims of natural disaster and war,  
For those who are in danger, misery, or distress,  
For those who minister to human need in your name,  
For all who share your good news,  
For your whole church on earth,

**We pray for your blessing, strength, and  
encouragement.**

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



**May we all be transformed into the image of Christ from one degree of glory to another.**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MBW # 295*

*Hark! The herald angels sing:*

*"Glory to the new-born 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 hosts proclaim,*

*"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Hark! The herald angels sing:*

*"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ, by highest heaven 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!"*

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)"

Chris Tomlin/Ed Cash

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 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Matthew 1:18-25

*It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heav'n's all-gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.*

*O ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow;  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing.*

*For lo! the days are hast'ning on,  
by prophet bards foretold,  
when with the ever-circling years  
comes round the age of gold,  
when the new heav'n and earth shall own  
the Prince of Peace their King  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.*

Sermon

“Joe Knows”

Rev. Joe Moore

Prayer

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 hope, 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 peace, you comfort us through our Savior's presence with us as we seek to live the lives to which you call us:

**We celebrate his birth today and ask that you grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we may share his hope and peace with all who are in despair and darkness.**

God of joy, let our hearts continue to make room for our Savior. Help us to share our joy in our Savior with all creation.

**Fill us with unending joy every day as we offer ourselves to serve you and your creation.**

God of love, you sent your Son into our world and fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

**As we live in the light and love of our Lord, let us rejoice. For Christ the Lord is born and lives in us, today and for all eternity.**

God of hope, peace, joy, and love, to you and to you alone we pray:

**For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.**

"Christ the Lord, the Lord Most Glorious" #91  
*Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious,  
now is born; O shout aloud!  
Man by him is made victorious;  
praise your Savior, hail your God!  
Praise the Lord! For on us shineth*

*Christ, the Sun of righteousness;  
he to us in love inclineth,  
cheers our souls with pard'ning grace.*

*Praise the Lord, whose saving splendor  
shines into the darkest night;  
O what praises shall we render  
for this never ceasing light.*

*Praise the Lord, God our salvation,  
praise him who retrieved our loss;  
sing, with awe and love's sensation,  
hallelujah, God with us.*

Benediction

My eyes have seen your salvation,

**Which you have prepared in the presence of all  
people.**

Let your servants depart filled with hope, peace, joy, and  
love.


**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

“In dulci jubilo, BWV729”

J. S. Bach



*The large poinsettia are given to the glory of God  
remembering the earthly birth of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ.*

*The Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God in loving  
memory of Ira Kiger and Rita Kiger by Beth Kiger Mabe.*



## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, December 28** – First Sunday after Christmas Day

9:30 AM    Sunday School Classes

10:30 AM    Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore

**Wednesday, December 31**

New Year's Eve

**Thursday, January 1**

New Year's Day

**Sunday, January 4** – Second Sunday after Christmas Day

9:30 AM    Sunday School Classes

10:30 AM    Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore



# PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



## ***Members***

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

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***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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