



Christmas

BEGINS
WITH

Christ

FOR UNTO US

A CHILD IS BORN...

AND HIS NAME SHALL

BE CALLED WONDERFUL,

COUNSELOR,

THE MIGHTY GOD,

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

Fairview Moravian Church
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 27, 2020, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, in order to redeem those who are under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as children.*

Galatians 4:4,5

Prelude

Joy to the World
Van Krause, trumpet

Arr. Althouse

Welcome and Announcements

Marshall Mathers

Call to Worship

Mr. Mathers

Praise be to God who has given God's light to us.

Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.

The darkness that enveloped the people,

Has been pierced by the Light.

Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!

Let us continually praise God with great joy and thanksgiving. AMEN.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Mathers

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Jerry Hailey

TUNE: ANTIOCH

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 all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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.

TUNE: IN DULCI JUBILO

Dear Christian friends, rejoice,
with heart, and soul, and voice;
hear the news that John did cry:
"God to us is drawing nigh;
turn away from fear and sin,
to let the Savior enter in."
God is drawing nigh!
God is drawing nigh!

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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. Amen.

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 One 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 the 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.**

TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES (39 F)

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!

O 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!

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 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.

TUNE: CHRIST THE LORD

Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious,
now is born; O shout aloud!
We by him are made victorious;
praise the Savior, hail our God!

Praise the Lord, God, our salvation,
praise him who retrieved our loss;

sing, with awe and love's sensation,
hallelujah! God with us!

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Prayer of Dedication

Mr. Hailey

Anthem

Still, Still, Still

Arr. Luboff

Still, still, still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star
its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close
your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch
you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.

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Doxology

Children's Message

Kimberly Brendle

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

Luke 2:22-40

Kathy Cooke

Sermon

The Prologue to Words for Life

John 1:1-18

Mr. Dick Joyce

Hymn 292

Once in Royal David's City

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Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless;
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that Child, so dear and gentle,
is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on
to the place where he has gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable
with the oxen standing by
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high.
There his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Benediction

Mr. Joyce

Postlude

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Arr. Innes

News of the Congregation

December 27, 2020

Reminders:

If you plan on making a 2020 donation to the church, it must be postmarked/received by 12/31/2020. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, 12/28 Lindsay Tise
Tuesday, 12/29 Al Butner
Thursday, 12/31 Kathy King, Kevin Krause

The General Fund has received gifts in memory of Gayle Heck from Pat and Harry Sapp and Barry Self and in memory of Keith Vernon Bess by his mother, Alice Bess.

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 12/20/20	\$12,748.75
Monthly Budget Needs	28,829.67
Monies Received Month to Date	37,884.75
Needed as of December 20	\$9,055.08+

The Southern Province is participating in the worldwide Moravian Church **Unity Prayer Watch in 2021**. Fairview will take part in this prayerful tradition between **Midnight and 8:00a.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2021**. Since we will not be able to send the signup sheet through the Sunday School classes, we ask that you just pick a time that is convenient for you during our assigned prayer time and pray. I will send out a list of topics the week of December 28th. Thank you!

As the New Year approaches us with new hopes, here is wishing you and your family a wonderful year ahead. Happy New Year!!

Lifting in Prayer

Our Church Family:

Tootie Barbour, Betty Bennett, Judy Byerly, Shirley Byerly, the Byerly/Mayer Family, Nelson Cannon, Roger Carmichael, Oneita Dease, Anna Frances Dull, Betty Fulp, Vicki Gwyn, Annie Harrold, John Harrold, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, the Heck Family, Nancy Manuel, Ann and David Marcus, Dot Moore, Tom Nicholson, Doris "DG" Noell, Bob Peek, Harry Sapp, Evelyn West.

Our Family and Friends:

Diane Durham (friend of Pam Tatum)
Cele Shaver (cousin to Pam Tatum)

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the church office and let us know.

Pray for our Friends and Family Members in the Military:

Jordan Hailey (Navy – son of Jerry Hailey)
Daniel Millikan (Army – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan)
Jeremiah Millikan (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan)
Christian Nixon (Army National Guard-nephew of Candice & Rod Back)
Timothy Raiford (Navy – nephew of Judy & Jerry Byerly)
Eric Tise (Air Force- Korea – grandson of Lindsay)
Michael Timmons (Army National Guard – son of LuAnn and David Timmons)
Cameron Yokley (Marine Reservist – son of Robin & Bill)