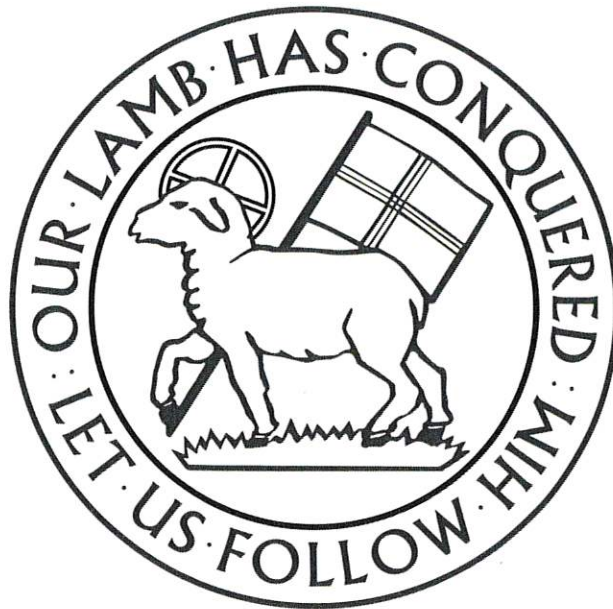


Fairview Moravian Church



November 22, 2020

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Christ the King Sunday
Stewardship Commitment Sunday
November 22, 2020, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

*God says, "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed,
and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."*

Ezekiel 34:16

Prelude	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	Arr. Berry
Welcome and Announcements		Marshall Mathers
Call to Worship	<i>This Day Is Holy to the Lord</i>	WORSHIP
Moment for Stewardship		Jody Brendle
Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer		Mr. Mathers
Liturgy: Stewardship, Page 154		Kathy Cooke

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible,
powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

TUNE: DUKE STREET (22 Q)

Join hearts and voices as we lift
our gratitude for ev'ry gift,
and multiply each gift with praise
to God who gives us all our days.

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Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We
recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present
among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

TUNE: WELWYN

O holy God, whose gracious pow'r redeems us,
make us, by faith, true stewards of your grace;
help us to hear and heed Christ's great commission,
sharing good news in this our time and place.

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Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sky and sea.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

Let our eyes be opened to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant -- use our time, our talent, our treasure.

TUNE: BUNESSAN

Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would be with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

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TUNE: Setting © by Brian Henkelmann

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church.

The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us.

The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

God calls us to commit our financial resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

TUNE: TOULON

Lord of all good, you now our gifts can see;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill;
tokens of love and pledges they shall be
that our whole life is offered to your will.

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May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts --

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives --

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end.

Amen!

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Prayer of Dedication

Bill Shields

Anthem

A Holy Sacrifice

Choplin

Doxology

Children's Message

Linda Mathers

Reading of God's Word

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Matthew 19:16-30

Mr. Shields

Hymn 650

As Saints of Old

FOREST GREEN

As saints of old their first fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring,
the wealth of this good land,

of farm, and market, shop and home,
of mind, and heart, and hand.

A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
that others too may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Mr. Shields

Sermon

The Heart of Stewardship

Rev. Jeff Carter

Matthew 25:14-30

Presentation of Stewardship Commitments

(As the music plays, we are invited to place our commitment cards in the baskets at the front and back of the sanctuary as an act of dedication to Christ and His Church).

Hymn 652

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store;
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son;
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,

lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred,
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Benediction

Rev. Carter

Postlude

Something for Thee

Arr. Whitworth

News of the Congregation

November 22, 2020

Reminders:

WF Executive Board Mtg. – Monday, November 23 at 10:30a.m.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday, 11/26 Lou Sikora

The congregation was saddened by the loss of one of our members, Jeff Pfaff, on November 13. Please keep the Pfaff family in your thoughts and prayers.

The General Fund has received a gift in honor of Gwen and Bill Shields by Marjorie Humbert.

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 11/15/20	\$11,502.00
Monthly Budget Needs	28,829.67
Monies Received Month to Date	<u>16,256.00</u>
Needed as of November 15	\$12,573.67

Results from Church Council on Sunday, November 15th

We want to thank the Nominating Committee members Dick Joyce, Shirley Byerly, Morgan Fox and Terri Southern for their hard work this year. Below are the Church Council results:

Elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Elders:

Amy Mendenhall and Bill Shields

Elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees:

Rod Back, Cynthia Faircloth, and Dick Joyce

We have several flower openings in December.

Please call Cynthia Faircloth at 336-731-4687 or call the church office if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings in honor or memory of a loved one.

Lifting in Prayer

Our Church Family:

Tootie Barbour, Betty Bennett, Jody Brendle, Judy Byerly, Nelson Cannon, Roger Carmichael, Oneita Dease, Annie Harrold, John Harrold, Dorcas Hauser, Gayle Heck, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Ann and David Marcus, Jill Mayer, Dot Moore, Tom Nicholson, Doris "DG" Noell, Bob Peek, Harry Sapp, Evelyn West.

Our Family and Friends:

Shane Draughn (friend of Pam Tatum)
Doug Grubbs (cousin to Bobby Bennett)

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)

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25th and Thursday, November 26th. We hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving!



Bethabara MC Food Drive

Saturday, November 21

11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

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Lower Parking Lot