

Fairview Moravian Church

Winston-Salem, North Carolina



First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

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

Luke 21:33

Band Prelude

Fairview Band

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Tony Hayworth

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Arr. Berry

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship/Candle Lighting

Gwen and Bill Shields

Love's Pure Light

Raney

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Candle Lighting

This morning we light the first candle, the candle of hope. This candle reminds us that God's promises give us reason to be filled with hope – hope for unity in a world of division, hope for healing in a world of pain, and hope for peace in a world filled with anger and strife. We remember that Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we begin our Advent journey, we thank you for the gift of your Son, and for sending hope into a world filled with dread. Help us remember that we are your people, and because of your promises we have every reason to be hopeful. Take away our doubt and fear, and remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of hope. Amen.

Liturgy for Advent, page 49

Kristen Hailey

(Standing)

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.

ST. THEODULPH (151 G)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on 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.

(Sitting)

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

(for Advent)

(for Palm Sunday)

Gracious Lord Jesus, you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence and your leadership. We have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

TRURO

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in;
let new and nobler life begin;
the Holy Spirit guide us on,
until our glorious goal is won.

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 faith, 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 love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

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

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

(Standing)

(Here the Hosanna, page 239, or another suitable hymn may be sung.)

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

REGENT SQUARE (585 D)

(ALL) Praise to you, O Lord, we render
for your love in Jesus shown;
may that love, so strong and tender,
bind us fast to him alone;
(CHOIR) now and ever,
(ALL) now and ever,
gather us among your own.

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Come, Light of Christmas

Arr. Gaines

Winter seems endless as snow falls on snow. The forests are frozen. The frosty winds blow. Like dreams of tomorrow when tree buds will bloom, we long for that moment when at last we'll see You!

Come, Light of Christmas, come to our world! Satisfy our souls! Shine down Your love, Immanuel! Fill our lives with hope.

Beneath clouds of snowflakes, we're lost and alone. We're cold in the shadows, a long way from home. Descend now from heaven; brighten our days; and melt ev'ry sorrow and worry away! Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, come and set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee!

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Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Message

Reading of God's Word

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Kimberly Brendle

Rod Back

Hymn 262*Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*

CASSEL (167 A)

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
O, in you our rest shall be.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all the earth impart,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born your people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now your gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.

Sermon*No More Weighting*

Pastor Tony

Luke 21:25-36

Hymn 256*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

REJOICE (151 I)

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.

With hearts and hands uplifted
we look, O Lord, to you
for all the earth's redemption,
creation made anew.

Benediction

Postlude

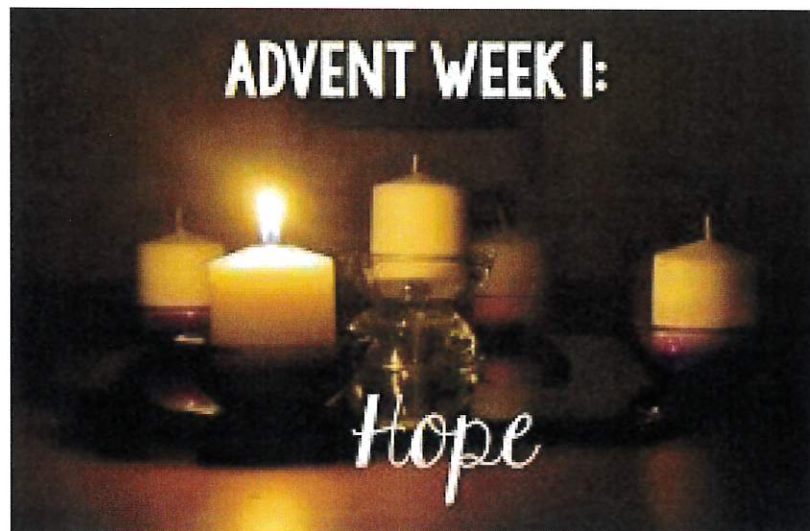
Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Arr. Doran

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News of the Congregation

November 28, 2021

Meeting Reminders:

WF Circle 1 Mtg. – Wednesday, December 1 at 10a.m. (AB)
WF Circle 4 Mtg. – Wednesday, December 1 at 10a.m. (P)
WF Circle 2 Mtg. – Wednesday, December 1 at 11a.m. (CR)
Jt. Bd. Mtg. – Monday, December 13 at 7p.m. (FH)
WF Circle 3 Mtg. – Monday, December 20 at 7p.m. (FH)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, 11/29 Johanna Reich
Thursday, 12/2 Amelia Hailey
Friday, 12/3 Linda Overfelt, Rev. Scott Venable

Worship Attendance: 75

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 11/21/21 \$2,145.00
Monthly Budget Needs 35,065.59
Monies Received Month to Date 13,760.00
Needed as of November 21 \$21,305.59

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar!!

Monday, November 29th, 1p.m. – Candle Trim (FH)
Wednesday, December 1st, Noon – WF Circle Christmas Luncheon (FH)

The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Helen and William R. Wright from Cynthia Faircloth, Bill Wright, Jr. and Tina and Don Phillips.



All ladies of the church are invited to a Christmas Luncheon in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, December 1st at Noon. The meal is being prepared by the Women's Fellowship Executive Board. Please let your circle leader, Cynthia Faircloth or Shirley Byerly know if you plan to come so we can prepare enough food.

If you selected an angel from the Salvation Army Angel Tree this year, all gifts are due back by next Sunday, December 5. Thank you for your support of the children in our community!

Lifting in Prayer

Our Church Family:

David Barringer, Alice Bess, Doris Brame, Roger Carmichael, the Crump Family, Bob Dalton, Anna Faircloth and her Mission Team, Danny Flowers, Riff Footland, John Harrold, Anne Hauser, Marjorie Humbert, Betty Johnson, Nancy Manuel, Ann Carroll, Tom Nicholson, Doris "DG" Noell, Harry Sapp, Sandy Smith, Larry Sprinkle, Nancy Tomberlin, Bynum Wright, Diane Wright.

Our Family and Friends:

Shane Draughn (friend of Pam Tatum)
Henry Mathers (brother of Marshall Mathers)
Jonathan Nichols (friend of Pam Tatum)

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)
Christian Nixon (Army National Guard-nephew of Candice & Rod Back)
Eric Tise (Air Force-Italy – grandson of Lindsay)
Michael Timmons (Army National Guard – son of LuAnn and David Timmons)

Looking at What's Happening at Fairview in December...

Wednesday, 1st at 12:00 p.m. – All WF Circles Christmas Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, 4th at 9:00 a.m. – Putting the tree up in the Sanctuary

Saturday, 11th at 9:00a.m. – Decorating the Sanctuary

Sunday, 12th at 12:00 p.m. – Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, 12th at 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Candlelight Lovefeast (Sanctuary), Band Prelude at 6:30

Friday 24th at 2:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast (Sanctuary), Band Prelude at 1:30

Friday 24th at 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Lovefeast (Sanctuary), Band Prelude at 4:30

Monday, 27th Church Office Closed

Tuesday, 28th Church Office Closed



December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10am WF Circle 1-AB 10am WF Circle 4-P 11am WF Circle 2 Noon-WF Circle Luncheon	2 10am-1pm-Private Group-AB	3 6pm Back to Basics-AB	4 9am-Putting the Tree Up in The Sanctuary
5 9am Quaker Church-C	6 6pm Back to Basics-AB	7	8	9	10 6pm Back to Basics-AB	11 9am-Decorating the Sanctuary 11am Food Drive for Bethabara MC
12 Newsletter Deadline 9am Quaker Church-C 6:30pm Band Prelude 7pm Lovefeast	13 6pm Back to Basics-AB 7pm Jt. Bd. Meeting-FH	14	15	16	17 6pm Back to Basics-AB	18
19 9am Quaker Church-C 4pm-7pm Quaker Church in Chapel for their Christmas Program	20 6pm Back to Basics-AB	21	22	23	24 Band Prelude 30 minutes prior to each service 2pm Lovefeast 5pm Lovefeast A/B In Use by Private Party	25 Merry CHRISTmas! 
26 9am Quaker Church-C	27 Church Office Closed 10:30am WF Exec. Bd.-CR 6pm Back to Basics-AB	28 Church Office Closed	29	30	31 6pm Back to Basics-AB	