

Welcome to Fairview Moravian Church
Third Sunday in Advent
December 17, 2023

Please take a moment to sign the friendship pad in your pew.

Watchword for the week: *May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Prelude

Candle Lighting

Katie Keaton

Hymn 274 v3 *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

Candle Lighting

This morning we light three candles, the candles of hope, peace and today, joy. This candle reminds us that we have a reason to be joyful, even in the midst of strife. We remember that the angel proclaimed Christ's birth as "Good news of great joy, to all people." We celebrate today with joyful hearts and commit ourselves to spreading that joy to the world around us.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we ask that you open our eyes to the beauty and goodness around us, and fill our hearts with grateful joy. Remind us that Christ is our light and the source of all joy, and that we are here to serve you and to spread that joy to others. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy: Advent 2, page 54

Dick Joyce

Giving of Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

A Long Time Ago in Bethlehem

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Psalm Singer Music 2012

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Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

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Children's Message

Reading of God's Word

Psalm 126
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Sandy Smith

Hymn 264

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Sermon

Oil_You Ready?

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Pastor Tony

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 298

Christ the Lord, the Lord Most Glorious

Benediction

Postlude

♥**Please sign the Friendship Register at the end of your row and pass it down.** If you would like information about our activities or becoming a member of Fairview, please indicate your wish in the appropriate space.

✠**Children** three years old and under may go to the Nursery.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by the Women's Fellowship.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 17

10:00 AM Worship

11:15 AM Sunday School

Monday, December 18

10:30 AM WF Executive Bd. Meeting-CR

Tuesday, December 19

9:30 AM Prayer Meeting-Chapel

Wednesday, December 20

5:30 PM Choir Practice-S

Sunday, December 24

10:00 AM Worship (No Sunday School today)

1:30 PM Band Prelude

2:00 PM Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service

4:30 PM Band Prelude

5:00 PM Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service

Fairview Moravian Church

Our Church Family Prayer List: William Angel, Judy Byerly, Kathy Davis, Mike Faircloth Jr., Danny Flowers, Riff Footland, Sondra Goforth, Rev. Sam Hardister, Kristen Hailey, Gary Harrold, John Harrold, Anne Hauser, Kaleb Krause, the Krause family, Jean and Harvey Lunsford, Nancy Manuel, Marshall Mathers, Cathie Martin, Tom Nicholson, Sandy Smith, Lindsay Tise, Cleo Willard-Weems, Diane Wright, Melinda Yarbrough.

Friends and Family Prayer List: Carolyn Briggs (friend of Pam Tatum), Alan Clark (grandfather to Katie Keaton), Karen Foster (aunt to Katie Keaton), Shirley Sonbert (sister to Cleo Willard-Weems and Rev. Don Griffith), Jim Wilson (friend of Linda and Dennis Tuttle).

Our Military Prayer List: Jordan Hailey (Navy – son of Jerry Hailey), Daniel Millikan (Army – son of Dianne & Alan Millikan), Jeremiah Millikan (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan), Christian Nixon (National Guard – nephew of Candice & Rod Back), Eric Tise (grandson of Lindsay Tise).

The General Fund has received a gift in honor of Ruth Freeman from WF Circle #1.

Sunday's Worship Attendance:

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for December 10 \$ 5,390.21

Monthly Budget Needs \$ 34,870.00

Monies Received Month to Date 21,756.81

Needed as of December 10 \$ 13,133.19

A Big Thank You for your donations to our December Community Project (sponsoring a Speas Elem. School family). Your generosity enabled us to provide a happy Christmas for two families in need. We were able to purchase clothes, shoes, coats, toys, toiletries and grocery gift cards for two families. You are a warm and loving congregation and we appreciate all you do for our community members in need! Merry Christmas, the Women's Fellowship

The Speas Ministry Group is planning a **soup and sandwich fundraiser on Sunday, January 14th**. We want to raise money to buy books for the 3rd graders at Speas Elementary School to give them through an Easter Egg Hunt in March. Books are expensive so we need help with this project. We will start serving right after church for those who do not stay for Sunday School. For those who attend Sunday School, you can come for lunch afterwards. Thank you for always supporting our community outreach projects! Ruth Freeman and the Speas Ministry Group!

The 2024 Offering books are in the Parlor for you to pick up. Just a reminder that if you plan on making a contribution that you would like to get credit for in 2023, it must be turned in to the church office or postmarked by December 31st. Thank you!



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Watchword for 2023

*Before I was humbled I went astray, but now
I keep your word.*

Psalm 119.67

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Lovefeast Services*



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