

Fairview Moravian Church



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Watchword for 2023

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

Psalm 119.67

**Welcome to Fairview Moravian Church Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 24, 2023**

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

Watchword for the week: *The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

Luke 1: 49

Prelude

Candle Lighting William Angel, Erin, Charlie and Barrett Wallen

Hymn 274 *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

Candle Lighting

This morning we light four candles: the candles of hope, peace, joy and today's candle, love. This candle reminds us that God so loved the world that he sent his only son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have life everlasting. Today we celebrate God's gift of love and remember that we have been commanded to love others as God loves us.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we are reminded that "Love came down at Christmas – love amazing, love divine." You loved the world enough to send your Son, and now it's up to us to love others as you loved us. Remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of infinite, everlasting, pure love. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy: Christmas, page 59

Pastor Tony

Giving of Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem *Oh to Hear What Mary Heard with O How I Love Jesus*
Wayne Haun Pilot Point Music 2012
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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 heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Reading of God's Word

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
Luke 1: 26-38

Dick Joyce

Hymn 268

How Shall I Meet You, Jesus

Sermon

What Conditions?
Luke 1: 26-38

Pastor Tony

Hymn 286

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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 Marty Martin in honor and remembrance of a life well lived. By Charlie & Cathie.

Please join us as we welcome our newest member, William Angel, who was received by a special ceremony at his home.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 24

10:00 AM Worship

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

Monday, December 25

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

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Sunday, December 31

10:00 AM Worship

11:15 AM Sunday School

Our Church Family Prayer List: William Angel, Doris Bostian, Judy Byerly, Danny Flowers, Riff Footland, Sondra Goforth, Sam Hardister, Gary Harrold, John Harrold, Anne Hauser, Kaleb Krause, 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: Ellison Armfield (friend of Mollie and Robert and Rick Vaughn), Hoyt Beard (husband to Mary Beard), Carolyn Briggs (friend of Pam Tatum), Alan Clark (grandfather to Katie Keaton), Karen Foster (aunt to Katie Keaton), Cele Shaver (cousin to Pam Tatum), Shirley Sonbert (sister to Cleo Willard-Weems and Rev. Don Griffith), Becky Ward (sister to Robin Yokley), 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 memory of Doris Brame** from Susan and Richard Kilpatrick; **in honor of Cynthia Faircloth** from Circle 4.

Sunday's Worship Attendance:

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for December 17 \$ 29,980.00

Monthly Budget Needs \$ 34,870.00

Monies Received Month to Date 51,736.81

Needed as of December 17 \$ 16,866.81+

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. Please start using your new books on January 1st. 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!

Our **Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study** will resume on January 3rd.
Look for more information about this program in the coming weeks.

Watchnight Service-Sunday, December 31st at 8:00p.m.-St. Phillips MC