

Fairview Moravian Church



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020, 10:00 AM

Watchword of the Week:

The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Luke 1:49

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Arr. Innes

Welcome and Announcements

Marshall Mathers

Call to Worship/Candle Lighting

Pat and Harry Sapp

Jesus, the Light of the World

Arr. Raney

Advent is a time to praise.

Praise the Lord, and rejoice in his goodness.

Advent is a time to remember God's faithfulness.

Praise the Lord, and rejoice in his goodness.

Advent is a time to remember God's blessings.

Praise the Lord, and rejoice in his goodness.

Advent is a time to remember God's promises.

Praise the Lord, and rejoice in his goodness.

Advent is a time to celebrate the end of darkness.

Praise to Jesus, the Light of the World.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Mathers

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Kristen Hailey

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

We will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds in songs of joy.

Awake, awake, you people of God, put on your festive garments.

For God has already clothed us with the garments of salvation and has covered us with the robe of righteousness.

The Holy One has delivered us and has become our salvation.

TUNE: BRESLAU

All praise to you, eternal Lord,
clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
choosing a manger for your throne,
while worlds on worlds are yours alone.
All this for us your love has done;
by this to you our love is won;

for this we sing through all our days
and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

We give thanks to you, eternal God, for the Word in human form given to us in the Child of Bethlehem.

The Word speaks to us in a way we cannot avoid:

Therefore, let us put aside the masks of pretended righteousness and confess our sins to God.

Gracious God, this Advent season stirs a longing to have Christ come alive within us, yet we allow ourselves to become enslaved to cynicism, selfishness, and greed. In a season for freely giving and receiving, we tend to live by debt and obligation. We rush from task to task, scarcely opening our eyes to the peace and beauty around us. We glory in the visions of the old man Zechariah in the temple, which were fulfilled in his wife, Elizabeth; but our ministry to the elderly in our midst falls short. We sing of One who was laid in a borrowed manger, but we ignore the poor and homeless among us. We decry the violence of a wicked king, yet we are too often silent in the face of abuse and injustice around us. For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray, gracious God.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to them and proclaim that they have suffered long enough, that their penalty is paid, and their sins are forgiven.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Christ Jesus gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own. Thanks be to God!

TUNE: JUDGMENT (585 A)

Jesus came, adored by angels,
came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
alleluia, alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest heartfelt prayer:
alleluia, alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who lived among us as foretold by the prophets, who was descended from the royal line of David, and who was baptized in the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might.

He does not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he judges the poor and decides with equity for the meek of the earth.

We believe in the coming reign of God when justice will be established in the earth.

How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains who brings good news, the news of peace, who announces salvation, who says, "Your God reigns."

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

TUNE: REJOICE (151 D)

Our Hope and Expectation,
O Jesus, now appear!
Arise, the 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.

Christ, the Light of the world, empower us to shine as lights in this dark world of sin.

Christ, the Creative Word, by whom all things were made, lead us into good stewardship of creation that we and our children may preserve and enjoy the world entrusted to us.

Christ, the Living Truth, give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that sees beyond temporal values to discern your truth and to declare it.

Christ, our Righteous Judge, give us courage to stand by the poor, the meek, and the oppressed; and strengthen our support for all who are their advocates.

Christ, the Lamb of God, send us forth as your ambassadors of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world; bring peace to the conflicts of nations, races, and tribes.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that we might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. May our lives show forth that which we truly are. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

May the Lord make us increase in love for one another and for all.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to become more like Christ as we eagerly await his coming.

TUNE: GERMANY (22 R)

We long for mighty signs of God,
cathedral, miracle, and sword,
His power and glory written plain
so none may doubt that he is Lord.

But poor in weakness comes the Christ;
His glory gone, no king we see;
a servant Lord, no praise he seeks.
Thus comes God's power to you and me.

Not in our own strength, Lord, we move;
Your kingdom falls not when we fall,
but forward presses day by day
until your truth is known by all.

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Prayer of Dedication

Jerry Hailey

Anthem

Mary's Song

Larson

Kristen Hailey and Lewis Phillips, soloists

Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God! You will bear a child; you will birth a son. His name shall be called Jesus! He will be great and be called the Son of the Most High God! God will give Him David's throne and His kingdom will never end!

My soul magnifies the Lord! My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior! The Lord has done great things!

Do not be afraid! God has done great things! Do not be afraid! Magnify the Lord! Holy is the Lord!

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Doxology

Children's Message

Kathy Cooke

Reading of God's Word

Sandy Smith

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

Romans 16:25-27

Sermon

Mr. Bill Shields

Divine Announcement through Gabriel

Luke 1:26-38

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heav'n's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

O ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow;
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold,
when the new heav'n and earth shall own
the Prince of Peace their King
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Benediction

Mr. Shields

Postlude*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Arr. Innes

News of the Congregation

December 20, 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

Thursday, 12/24 Teresa Krause
Saturday, 12/26 Gay Nell Hutchens

Pledges/Offerings/Gifts/Other for 12/13/20	\$18,059.00
Monthly Budget Needs	28,829.67
Monies Received Month to Date	<u>25,136.00</u>
Needed as of December 13	\$3,693.67

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!

The congregation was saddened by the loss of two of our members, Gayle Heck on Friday, December 11th and Jill Byerly Mayer on Wednesday, December 16th. Please keep the Heck and Byerly/Mayer families in your thoughts and prayers.

Lifting in Prayer

Our Church Family:

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

Our Family and Friends:

Sarah Draughn (friend of Pam Tatum)
Shane Draughn (friend of Pam Tatum)
Diane Durham (friend of Pam Tatum)
Phyllis Hix (friend of 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)

May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill. And may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. Have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2021. Lewis, Patricia, Nancy and Van.