

Calvary Moravian Church



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 1, 2012

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11:00 a.m.

Watchword for the Week: *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.” Galatians 4:4,5*

(All selections in today's service are taken from the blue Moravian Book of Worship.)

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
14th Century German Melody; T. IN DULCI JUBILO
Paul F. Knouse, Jr., *guest organist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

GREETINGS AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Worship of God

+HYMN OF PRAISE #309

“With Praises and Thanksgiving”
T. AURELIA (151 L)

+LITURGY FOR THE NEW YEAR

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The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

SOLO

“Come, Let Us Anew”

James Lucas (1762-1800)

Glenn Siebert, *tenor*

+DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

T. WAREHAM (22 H)

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!

The Proclamation of the Word of God

SCRIPTURES

Pam Goforth, *Lay Reader*

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 4:4-7

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+GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:22-40

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Lay Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

+Ascriptions of Praise

HYMN OF PREPARATION #310

“At Your Feet, Our God and Father”

T. DULCE CARMEN (*167 G*)

(During the singing of this hymn, scriptural watchwords for 2012 will be distributed to the congregation.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

The Right Reverend Lane A. Sapp

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

COMMUNION LITURGY IN CELEBRATION OF CHRIST’S COMING

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BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“In the Name of Jesus, Amen.”

Moravian Liturgies (*1759*) [*539 B*]

POSTLUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

French melody, arr., Edward Shippen Barnes (*1937*)

T. GLORIA

+ **All who are able, please stand.**

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The Moravian Church
First Sunday after Christmas
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Waiting for God

We are an impatient people. We value instant gratification: fast food, movies on demand, speed dating, digital photos. Saving for a rainy day is impossible in a society which has forgotten how to wait.

Not so the people of Israel, who waited generations for God's deliverance. Simeon and Anna, elderly and devout Jews, spent their days in the temple, worshiping God, fasting and praying, waiting for the redemption of Israel. When Joseph and Mary came to the temple to present the infant Jesus to the Lord, Anna and Simeon were rewarded for their faithful waiting. Simeon cried, "My eyes have seen your salvation!" for he recognized the tiny baby as the long-expected Messiah of God. It is not easy to wait for God. Some people wait passively, doing nothing. Some refuse to wait or lose hope and turn against God. Simeon and Anna waited actively, doing what they could as God's partners. They worked and worshiped, prayed constantly, and served God in expectant hope.

The hardest part of waiting for God is recognizing and accepting God when and how God chooses to come. We pray for God to bring us new members to fill our pews, and God comes with a call to feed the hungry. We pray to God for healing, and God comes to us offering comfort in the midst of our sorrow. Anna and Simeon prayed for the redemption of Israel, and God came as a baby who would die on a cross. And their waiting was rewarded with the recognition that God had, in fact, begun his work of salvation through his Son Jesus. The God who came to Simeon and Anna will come to us too, challenging our expectations even as he comes to meet our deepest needs. Until God comes, like Anna and Simeon, we do what we can, serving our Lord with hope and expectation . . . and we wait.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We sincerely desire that everyone present will feel welcome in the Lord's house. Please make a special effort to greet those around you in the spirit of Christian fellowship. As the red Ritual of Friendship pad is passed, kindly take a moment to write down your name, address and phone number. If you are our guest today, please also fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. **Hearing aid devices** are available in the narthex; one of the ushers will be happy to assist you as needed. A **nursery is available** for children under three. Any of the ushers will be glad to show you its location. We thank *Donna Cheek, Sally Meehan* and *Jan Bullins* for their service today.

TODAY IS NEW YEAR'S DAY and the First Sunday after Christmas. We will celebrate **Holy Communion** during worship today, using the Communion Liturgy in Celebration of Christ's Coming. As we gather at the Lord's Table, we remind you that the Moravian Church practices an open communion, meaning all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord are welcome at His Table.

2012 WATCHWORDS for each member will be distributed **today** during worship. If you are unable to attend worship today, you are welcome to drop by the church office during the week to get your watchword or call the church office to request that one be sent to you.

THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR AFTERNOON OR EVENING ACTIVITIES at the church **today**. Regular activities resume **next Sunday (Jan. 8)**.

INSTALLATION OF THE 2012 JOINT BOARD will be **next Sunday, January 8**, during worship. All members of the congregation are invited to be present for this important installation of our continuing Joint Board members as well as newly-elected Elders and Trustees. New Elders for 2012 are *Alethea Segal* and *Melanie Nance*. New Trustees are *H. Lester Morris, Jr.* and *Linda Neighbors*. We express sincere appreciation to those Joint Board members whose terms expired at the end of 2011: Elders – *Carloyn Peddycord* and *Frances Swing*; and Trustees – *Bill Seippel* and *Jane Sofley*. We are grateful for their faithful service!

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed **tomorrow, January 2**, in observance of the New Year's holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES this **Wednesday, January 4**, at both the **12 Noon** and **6:00 p.m.** times.

THE NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL!) event will be on **January 15, 2012**. The evening will begin at **5:00 p.m.** with a potluck dinner, and then we will show “Wesley,” a biopic film about John and Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodist movement. The Rev. John Jackman, Pastor of Trinity Moravian Church and the film’s director, will be present for this event. Please see the enclosed bulletin insert for more details.

THE JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER AND CALENDARS were released on December 29. If you have not received your copy by Tuesday, January 3, please notify the church office.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, IS THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD and the traditional observance of the visitation of the Magi to the manger of our Lord in Bethlehem. The watchword for this January 6th is as follows: “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” (*Isaiah 60:1*). You are encouraged to be in prayer for all our brothers and sisters around the world on this special day, as we continue to be in celebration of the birth of our Lord!

THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN are still selling the beautiful Moravian Lovefeast prints at \$8 each. They are located outside the church office ready to take home. These prints are a wonderful representation of the heart of our Moravian Christmas tradition, and they are perfect for gifts to family and friends. The proceeds from the sale of the prints will go to help us plan and create new costumes for our youth for next year’s Christmas Pageant.

CIRCLE #2 wishes to invite the congregation to participate in our pillow drive for Sunnyside Ministries. Sunnyside needs **NEW** pillows (new pillows are required by law). You may bring new pillows to the Sunnyside box on the first floor or contact Betty Troutman or Belinda Linville if you would like for them to purchase pillows for you. Sunnyside also continues to need household linens. Your contributions are appreciated!

THE JANUARY “LUNCHTIME LECTURE” at the Archie K. Davis Center will be **Thursday, January 12** at **12:15-12:45 p.m.** The Rev. Dr. C. Daniel Crews and the The Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse will discuss the life and work of Johannes Herbst (*1735-1812*), Moravian minister, bishop, musician and teacher. The lecture is free and open to the public.

FLOWER RESERVATIONS FOR 2012 can now be made by calling or e-mailing Paul at the church office. You can make new reservations or confirm availability for a specific Sunday comparable to reservation dates for 2011.

† **REMEMBER IN PRAYER** †

Jennifer (Gordon) and Jeff Pace and their children Haley and Carson (family of the Stone and McKoon families), Eunice Sheppard (Pam Goforth's mother), Doris Boyce (Barbara Howard's mother), Mary Ellen Clodfelter, Lexi Swing, Dee and Shelton Jones, Michelle Williams (Camilla Williams' daughter), Lucy Hanes Fordham, Elaine Pace, John Polychron, Ethel Armstrong, Nola Fulcher (mother of Joeann Settle), Neil Laverty (husband of Gayle Laverty), Tom Transou, Donna Nash (friend of Wendy Goforth), Hanna Cheek, Frances Helderman (Becky Boner's mother), Holly Harris (friend of Wendy Goforth), Ashley Bitton (Jerry Wood's niece), Jimmy Newton, Heather Shaw, Debbie Green, Carol Jackson (Jim Pryor's cousin's wife), David and Cheryl Todd (friends of Vickey Pitts), Tony Coogler (Ann Coogler's stepson), Al Cobb, Jr. (brother of Shirley Hughes), Connie Poindexter, Kendall Lewis (Jane Sofley's cousin), Betty Doub, Jack Bender (Helen Peterson's great-grandson), Irving Neal (Barbara Howard's cousin), Dean Trivette (Jack Trivette's cousin), William Snyder (Bob Snyder's father), and Lee Raymer.



In Ministry TODAY (January 1, 2012)

Greeter.....Robert Stafford
Ushers.....Spencer Davis, Jerry Cox, John Middleton
.....J. Trivette, Matthew Kane and Bill Hampton
Lay Reader.....Pam Goforth
Nursery Attendants/Worship.....Donna Cheek, Sally Meehan and Jan Bullins
(No Godly Play today.)

In Ministry NEXT SUNDAY (January 8, 2012)

Greeter.....Mary Anne Tilley
Ushers.....Larry Linville, Joel C. Lineback, Joel N. Lineback
.....Cole Hastings, Chris Stone and Odell Cheek
Lay Reader.....Cole Hastings
Nursery Attendants.....Ginger Furmage, Lisa Davis
.....Lilyann Sapp and Marty Rothrock
Godly Play Shepherd.....Sherri Tysk
Godly Play Storyteller.....Jessica Childress

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – January 1-8, 2012

TODAY (Jan. 1)

**New Year's Day/First Sunday after
Christmas**

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service/Holy Communion

(No Sunday School, Godly Play or regular afternoon/evening activities.)

MONDAY (Jan. 2)

All Day

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY (Jan. 4)

12:00 Noon

Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (Jan. 6)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

NEXT SUNDAY (Jan. 8)

First Sunday after the Epiphany

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service/Joint Board Installation

5:00 p.m.

T.A.G. & O.R.E.O.S. (Youth) Meetings



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