

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.



*A Choice* (Lauren Wright Pittman)

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2026**



## CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly.” (Titus 2:11-12)

**We welcome all members and guests** to our service today, and we are glad that you have joined us for worship at Calvary!

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider**, *Preaching*

**The Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse**, *Pastor*

**Amanda Schumpert**, *Director of Music*

**Mary Louise Kapp Peeples**, *Organist*

**Alexander Stultz**, *Lay Reader & Violinist*

**Brian Lott**, *Band Director*

**The Calvary Chancel Choir**

**The Calvary Band**

**Bill Seippel, Felix Stultz, & Will Guthrie**, *Ushers*

**Mary Douglas Mendenhall & Jennifer Carter**, *Nursery Attendants*

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Womble Seippel by her family.

Nursery is available for all children infant through Pre-K.

There is no Godly Play today. For those children remaining in the sanctuary, New to the Pew bags can be found up front filled with fun activities to help them in worship.

All children are welcome!

# LENT 1

(Standing)

Lord God, our Father in heaven, you have shown your great love toward us by sending your Son into the world to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We give you thanks because you have made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, having rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son,

**In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

BRESLAU

Bless, O my soul, the God of grace; his fav - ors  
For he, my soul, has sent his Son to die for

claim your high - est praise; why should the won - ders  
wrongs which you have done; he paid the ran - som,

he has wrought be lost in si - lence and for - got?  
and for - gives the hour - ly fol - lies of our lives.

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world, though you were in the form of God, you did not consider equality with God something to cling to, but emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. You humbled yourself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Your love compels us to live not for ourselves, but for you.**

We give you thanks because you, our merciful and faithful High Priest, have made reconciliation for the sins of the people. You were despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. You were wounded for our transgressions; you were bruised for our iniquities;

**Upon you fell the punishment that made us whole; and by your wounds we are healed.**

PRAGUE (22 D)

Mak - er of all things, Lord our God, now  
what heights, what depths, of love di - vine in

veiled in fee - ble flesh and blood, to rec - on - cile and  
your blessed in - car - na - tion shine! Let heav'n and earth u -

set us free from end - less woe and mis - er - y;  
nite their praise, to mag - ni - fy your bound - less grace.

Lord God, Holy Spirit, one with the Father and the Son: we give you thanks because you descended upon the Christ, anointing him to bring good news to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free those who are oppressed; and to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor.

**You fill our hearts with the love of God and make our bodies your holy temple.**

(Sitting)

LATROBE (581 A)

CHOIR: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, One in Three, and Three in One,  
 ALL: Now with an - gels round the throne, cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,

as by the ce - les - tial host, let your will on earth be done,  
 and the church which still is one, let us swell the sol - emn hymn:

praise by all to you be giv'n, glo - rious Lord of earth and heav'n.  
 glo - ry to the great I Am! Glo - ry to the Pas - chal Lamb!

From the sin of unbelief,  
 From all defilement of the body and spirit,  
 From all self-righteousness,  
 From every neglect of our duty,  
 From ingratitude and selfishness,  
 From lukewarmness,  
 From all indifference to your meritorious life and death,  
**Deliver us, gracious Lord and God.**

What lan-guage shall I bor-row to thank you, dear-est Friend,

for all your dy-ing sor-row, your mer-cy with-out end?

Grant me to lean un-shak-en up-on your faith-ful-ness

till I from earth am tak-en to see you face to face.

By your holy incarnation and birth,  
 By your early exile,  
 By your pure and blameless childhood,  
 By your willing obedience,  
 By your humility, meekness, and patience,  
 By your faithfulness in your earthly calling,  
 By your fasting and temptation,  
 By your perfect life before God and humanity,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.**

By your tears and agony, your crown of thorns and cross,

**Lead us to repentance for our sins.**

By your willing sacrifice of yourself even unto death,

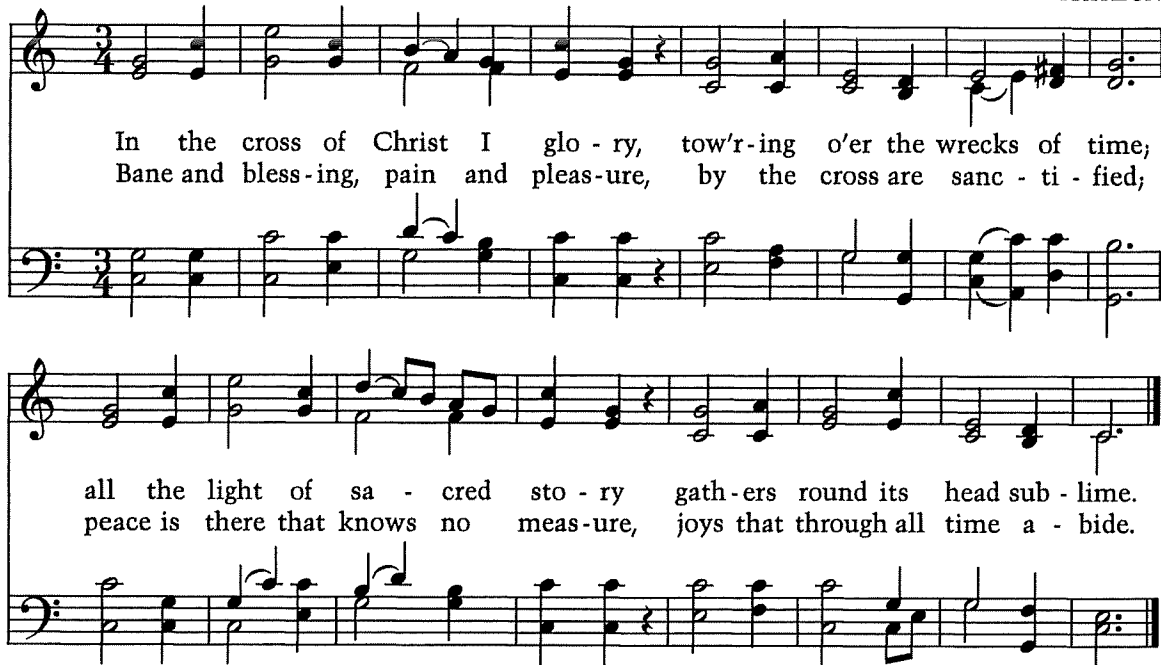
**Make known to us the mystery of your love.**

Into your open arms stretched out upon the cross,

**Receive us all.**

(Standing)

RATHBUN



In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r-ing o'er the wrecks of time;  
Bane and bless-ing, pain and pleas-ure, by the cross are sanc - ti - fied;

all the light of sa - cred sto - ry gath-ers round its head sub - lime.  
peace is there that knows no meas-ure, joys that through all time a - bid.

By all your sacred wounds and precious blood,

By your innocent suffering and dying,

By your rest in the grave,

By your glorious resurrection and ascension,

**Bless us and save us, Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.**

Fulfill in us your prayer that all who love you may be one, as you are in the Father,  
and the Father in you.

**Hear us and help us, gracious Savior.**

You have made God known to us as Father, so that the love with which he has  
loved you may be in us,

**And you in us.**

Christ, and him crucified,

**Remain our confession of faith.**

Lamb of God, you shall re-main for - ev - er of our songs the

on - ly theme; for your bound-less love, your grace and fa - vor,

we will praise your sav - ing name; that for our trans - gres-sions you were

wound - ed shall by us in no - bler strains be sound - ed,

when we, per-fect - ed in love, once shall join the church a - bove.



## GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (PSALM 32:11)

*Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.*

***\* Please stand as you are able.***

**BAND PRELUDE**

**TRINITY CHIME**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table* — Hugo Gehrke

**WELCOME**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

**\*LITURGY FOR LENT 1**

Pg. 72, Moravian Book of Worship

**OFFERTORY**

*Create In Me* — Carl Mueller

**\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 HOLY SCRIPTURES**

EPISTLE: ROMANS 5:12-19

\*GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*In the Moravian Church, we exercise an open communion, meaning all who confess Christ as Lord are welcome at His table. Gluten-free elements are available by request. Please indicate to the pastors as they come around.*

**COMMUNION IN CELEBRATION OF THE ATONEMENT**

Pg. 196, Moravian Book of Worship

## SENDING TO SERVE

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Cantabile* — Margaret Vardell Sandresky

**TRINITY CHIME**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Misty Hayes and family; Noelle Nichols; Rameth McKnight; Ursula Pierce; Steven Nixa; Gary Willis; Lily Shaw; Patrick Biggam; Lynn Biggam; Tommy & Nancy McKoon; Scott & Elaine Peddycord; Judi Chandler; George Tasedan; Sandra Shugart; Bill & Mary Hampton; Haley and Zelda Covert, Richard Hughes, and their family; George Hege; Linda Neighbors; Denise Williams; Lisa Hampton; Karen Stewart; Holly and Barry Broadstreet; Ellen Steadman (sister of Jane Sofley); William Hughes; Ramona Prestwood; Romaine Poindexter; Joeann Settle; Joel C. Lineback; Patsy Lineback; Virginia Segar; Dallas Prestwood; Jean Fordham; Pat George; Johnnie & Mary Anna Pearson; the family of Earline Pryor; the family of Scott Berry; Paul Marshall; Pat Scales

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## **GODLY PLAY TRAINING ON MARCH 1ST**

For those who have volunteered or those who are interested in volunteering to help with our Godly Play ministry, Amanda will be leading our March 1st Godly Play lesson during the 11am worship hour. If you would like to participate in a demonstration training time, please join her and our youngest elementary age children as they leave worship after the children's moment. If you have questions about this ministry, please see Amanda Schumpert or any member of our Christian Education Committee. It is an easy way to connect with our kids, learn with them, and lead them as part of our congregational baptismal covenant to our children.

## **BAGGING UP BLESSINGS FOR SUNNYSIDE MINISTRY**

During Lent, Calvary will be collecting non-perishable food for Sunnyside Ministry. Please grab a bag to fill from the Narthex or West Lobby and bring them back the week of March 22nd. We will coordinate delivery to Sunnyside. Last year, participating churches helped collect more than 15,000 pounds of food during Lent, and together we are hopeful to exceed that milestone again. With back-to-back winter storms, rising food costs, and increased demand at the pantry, the need for this support will be especially critical in the community.

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

We are providing free copies of Life Stories: A 40-Day Devotional on Madeleine L'Engle's A Circle of Quiet as a devotional guide through the season of Lent. Using this devotional, we set out on a pilgrimage with Madeleine L'Engle as our guide, exploring biblical stories alongside passages from her classic memoir, A Circle of Quiet. Created in collaboration with the stewards of L'Engle's legacy, this resource invites us to follow her lead, retelling the stories of our lives as we take stock of how far we've come, reconnect with where we are, and turn the page toward the future, catching sight of what God is calling us to do next. Copies can be found in the West Lobby underneath the bulletin board.

## **BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 17TH**

Be part of saving lives at Calvary's Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 17th from 2 to 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall! Every donation matters, and yours could make all the difference. Sign up today at the link below with sponsor code "Moravian." If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please reach out to the church office by email or phone. [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY & PRAYER**

Virtual prayer meetings will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, at 9:00 AM via Zoom. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 24th. This Zoom prayer time will last about 15 minutes, and gives us an additional opportunity to check in and share the people and things that we hold in our hearts. The link to join the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81364100880>

### **BREAKFAST BUNCH**

March 3rd, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Smith (336) 978-6082 to RSVP.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Our Wednesday morning women's Bible study meets from 10-11:30 AM in the Burke Room. It is not necessary to attend every week. Feel free to attend when you can and bring a friend if you'd like. This study is available via Zoom as well using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87629578107?pwd=RjMk6W3M9wN9dpBk7QUYyhh0qXpNC.1> (Password 453527 if needed) For any questions, you can contact Bette Peterson (321-403-1707 or [bettepeterson@icloud.com](mailto:bettepeterson@icloud.com)).

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Mid-Week Adult Bible Study is on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM in the Burke Conference Room. We will meet in person and via Zoom so all are welcome! The Zoom meeting link is [us02web.zoom.us/j/84879938980](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84879938980)

### **UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

March 12th, 7 PM - Christian Education Committee

March 16th, 6:30 PM - Joint Board, Trustees, & Elders Meetings

March 19th, 3:45 PM - Music & Worship Committee



## Easter Grave-Cleaning and Flowering

Once again this year the youth and children will be offering their services to help any members, families, or friends of our congregation in the Easter tradition of cleaning graves in God's Acre. We plan to clean graves on Good Friday, April 3rd, just as we have in years past. We are grateful to Nick Stone who has secured flower availability.

This year our flower option is a 6 inch potted Red Geranium  
(\$25 per plant)

Each pot will be wrapped with paper and a bow, and if desired, placed upon the grave requested or you may pick them up Good Friday morning at Calvary. Please see the order form on the back of this page to place your order, or you may contact Elaine Peddycord at [peddycj@bellsouth.net](mailto:peddycj@bellsouth.net) with questions. If you choose to have us clean the grave and place the flower, simply provide the name(s) below and we will locate the grave. Orders must be received **by March 22nd** in order to confirm numbers with the nursery.

Additionally, please let us know if you plan to pick up your flower from God's Acre after Easter.

# 2026 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Red Geraniums** How many? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Pickup or Cleaning Information**

(Please mark all that apply)

**Pickup at Calvary Moravian, Good Friday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like the Youth to wash and flower the Grave(s) of:**

**Name:**

**Name:**

**Name:**

**I DO:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or DO NOT** \_\_\_\_\_ plan to pick up my flowers

from God's Acre **after Easter** this year.

**(We will find the location of the grave(s)!)**

# Lent



## **Lent I • February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM Worship**

Communion Service

## **Lent IV • March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM Worship**

Guest Preacher, David Holston (Sunnyside Ministry)  
Church lunch following worship

## **Red Cross Blood Drive • March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**

## **Palm Cross Making & Dinner • March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**

## **Palm Sunday • March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM Worship**

Hosanna & Flowering of the Cross

## **Holy Week Reading Services • March 29<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM**

Silent prayer time with Pastor Nola from 6:30-6:50 PM before services

## **Maundy Thursday • April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM**

Communion Service

## **Good Friday • April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Crucifixion Service at 2:15 PM  
Lovefeast Service at 7 PM

## **Great Sabbath Service • April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**

Home Moravian Church

## **Easter Sunday • April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM Worship**



## Sunday Mornings at Calvary Moravian

9 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Nursery (Infant-PreK) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Early Elementary (K-2nd) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Elementary (3rd-5th) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Youth (6th-12th grades) — 3rd floor youth room Friendship Adult Class — 1st Floor Diener Room
10:30 AM	Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11 AM	Worship

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4 PM

Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM

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