

**November 13, 2022**  
**The Chief Elder Festival**  
**Church Council Sunday**

**Watchword for the Week** – Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. 2 Thessalonians 3:13

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**Welcome to this special service of worship** held in celebration of the Chief Elder Festival of the Moravian Church. Today we commemorate the decision of Moravian leaders in the year 1741 that Jesus Christ alone is the Master, Head and Chief Elder of the Church. In the earliest days of the Moravian Church, men were elected to the position of Chief Elder (the church’s highest office). However, the task of directing the efforts of a growing worldwide body was too great for any man. The Holy Spirit revealed that only Christ Himself was able to perform such a task and, thus, the decision was made. Today as we share this holy meal, receiving the symbols of Jesus’ body and blood, may we each renew our pledge of love, loyalty and service to Him as the Head of the Church and our individual lives.

**If you are visiting with us today** we are especially glad you are here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope that you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

**The Moravian Church practices open communion.** All who have been baptized and understand the significance of this holy meal are welcome to receive it. The pastors and acolytes will bring the elements from the communion table and serve the congregation in the pews. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to stand, two rows at a time. To receive the bread, extend your right hand, palm up, and you will be served a small wafer. For the cup, the tray will be extended so that you may take one of the cups. Please wait until all have been served each element so that the entire congregation may partake together.

**Attendance at Holy Communion** is a very important aspect of your relationship with God and fellow members of the Church. For this reason, we keep record of those who attend our services of Holy Communion. If you plan to receive communion today, please fill out one of the communion attendance cards, located in the pew rack, and place in the offering plate later in the service.

**Gluten-free communion wafers.** The front row of the section of pews immediately to the right of the pulpit is reserved for those who need to receive gluten-free communion wafers. You may move to that row before worship begins, during the opening hymn or when we exchange the right hand of fellowship at the beginning of the communion liturgy.

**Prelude** *Join We All with One Accord* Kunwold

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* (Blue) # 751  
(Verses 1 and 4)

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

Prayer  
Anthem *Hymn Medley*  
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) p. 817

**Holy Scripture** Will be read during the sermon

**Sermon** “Serious Business”

**Holy Communion for Chief Elder Festival** Booklet, p. 3  
Today’s communion service is found on page 3 in the blue booklet titled *Services for Holy Communion*. Following the service please return the booklets to an usher (or leave them on the pew) so they can be stored for future use.

**Benediction**

(Visitors and friends may leave following the service of Holy Communion. Members are asked to stay as we prepare to start our annual Congregation Council)

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**There will be NO Children’s Church Today.**

**\*\*NOTE\*\***  
**Church Council Agenda**  
**Is On a Separate Page**

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**Call to Order**

**Establishment of Quorum**

**Prayer**

**Reading of 2021 Minutes**

**Signing of *The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living***

Members who have not yet had an opportunity to publicly affirm their agreement with this important set of principles by which we live and bear witness to our faith are invited to come forward and do so at this time.

**Presentation of Ballots and Nominations from the Floor**

**PLEASE DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOTS UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

It is important to wait until all ballots are distributed and nominations are closed before marking your ballot. This is done in fairness to those who may be nominated from the floor. Please hold on to your ballot until everyone has voted. We will then pass all ballots in.

**Voting**

**Presentation of 2023 Budget**

**Reports from Ministry Groups**

**Floor is Open for Comments and Motions**

Any member in good standing who would like to present a motion for consideration or would like to address Church Council with words of praise or concern regarding the life and ministry of the congregation is invited to do so at this time. All who speak are asked to keep in mind the Moravian Covenant of Christian Living and these words of Holy Scripture:

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.*

(Ephesians 4:29-30, NIV)

**Closing Prayer**

**Adjournment**

Sunday November 13 (Holy Communion/Church Council Sunday)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream  
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids  
5:00 p.m. Youth

Monday, November 14

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Circle 2-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 p.m. Circle 4 Friendsgiving-Fellowship Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**News for December *Folio Due***

Thursday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Bethel Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Saturday, November 19

**8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Youth Bazaar**

Sunday, November 20

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude  
9:20 a.m. Prayers Partners in Parlor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream  
12:15 p.m. *Morning Star* practice in sanctuary  
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids  
5:00 p.m. Youth Friendsgiving

The **2023 Moravian Daily Texts** are here. If you have preordered a large or regular print edition, they are available for pick up in the church office. There are a few extra books that will be available on a first come basis.

**Our Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast** is Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. (band prelude at 7:00 p.m.). Please bring canned food items and non-perishable items for Sunnyside Ministry. We will receive a love offering during our service and 100% of the money collected will be passed on to ministries and helping agencies in our community for distribution to people in need. Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us during this special service of worship.

**You are invited to a night of music** by the Advent Hopewell Band on Sunday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. You don't want to miss the music and the fellowship!

**Open Hands Ministry October and November Project!**

We are collecting items for the children and house parents at Ebenezer Christian Children's Home, a home for children that have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. You may order some of the items through an Amazon Wish List at the following link: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A7NUKHVQSIY5?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A7NUKHVQSIY5?ref=wl_share). You can put donations of twin sheets and gift cards in the Open Hands bins located behind the sanctuary and in the narthex. Please let Jennifer Boles or Marcia Reich know if you have any questions. Twin Bed Sheets (25 sets needed), BP Gas Gift Cards, Sam's Club Gift Cards, Visa Gift Cards, McDonald's Gift Cards, Fandango Movie Theater Gift Cards

**FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS**

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**MEMBERS**

Martha Berrier	Julia Hedgecock	Reba Payne
Valerie Burchette	Betty Helms	Kolton Pennell
Amy Canter	Joanne Hill	Mary Lou Pitts
Phil Carter	J.T. Hopkins	Martha Plyler
Franklin Clark	Andy Jackson	Joy Reich
Melissa Davis	Alvin Johnson	Merle Scott
Jill Ebert	Robbie Joyce	Greg Shouse
Emily Essick	Vicky S. Kimel	Bill Sides
LeAnne Essick	Bobby Knouse	Betty Sink
Jerry Evans	Peggy Lawson	Becky Sizemore
Don Faust	Yvonne Lemons	Bob & Judy Smith
Hazel Fishel	Carolyn Mason	Jimmie Snyder
Candy Hammack	Rebecca Mickey	Vicki Stanfield
Evva Hanes	Audrey Mize	Amanda Traigle

**Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:**

Loretta Beck, Lily Craver, Mark Craver, Larry Fadley, Sheila Kertesz, Jonathan Reece, Alicia White, and Jim Yow

**MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY**

Dylan Bundy	Jennifer Greenwood	Colton Scott
Dylan Coleman	Dakota Holtzclaw	Ryan Spach
Carly Collette	Alex Kennedy	Brandon Thompson
Ben Greeson	Patrick Mickey	Aidan Wheeler
Andy Greenwood	Daniel Randleman	

**MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG**

ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation)  
Safie Braima - Sierra Leone  
Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University  
Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia  
Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ  
Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University  
Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center  
Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico  
Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage – Kenya  
Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry  
Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes