

**December 3, 2023  
First Sunday in Advent**

**Watchword for the Week** – Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Mark 13:26

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**Welcome** to our service of worship on this wonderful Lord’s Day! Today is the first Sunday in Advent - a four-week season of the church year devoted to preparing for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. Here at Friedberg we begin Advent with a special worship service called a lovefeast.

**About Moravian Lovefeasts:** Early Christians met and broke bread together to signify their fellowship, love and unity in the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1727, the Moravian Church revived this practice, and it has established the custom of celebrating the great church festivals by partaking together of a simple meal known as a lovefeast. The first lovefeasts of the Moravian Church in North America were held at Savannah, Georgia, during the years 1735 to 1740. The first lovefeast in North Carolina was held on the evening of the arrival of the first Moravian colonists in Bethabara on November 17, 1753.

**If you have never been to a lovefeast** the following explanation may be helpful. Following the singing of the *Hosanna Chorus*, the pastor will announce the hymn *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*. While everyone sings, dieners (servers) will come out with baskets of lightly sweetened Moravian lovefeast buns. They will pass the baskets down each pew allowing each person to take one of the buns. After all have been served, the dieners will exit the sanctuary and return with trays of Moravian coffee, sweetened with sugar and milk. Cups will be passed down each pew until all have been served. After the dieners leave the sanctuary, the pastor will stand and invite everyone to pray together the Moravian blessing. Then, while the choir sings, we will partake of the coffee and buns. Afterwards the dieners will return to collect the cups. The service then continues at the pastor’s direction.

**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 in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

**The Order of Worship**

All of the hymns for congregational singing are printed on the Advent Lovefeast Ode inserted within this bulletin. Additional information you may find helpful is printed below.

**Prelude** *In the Bleak Midwinter* Arr. Austin  
The Senior Bell Choir

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Hymn** *How Shall I Meet My Savior?* Ode  
(Afterward, children ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children’s Church)

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Holy Scripture** Mark 13:33-37

**Hymn** *Hosanna* (Blue) #239/Ode

**Lovefeast Music** *Come to Us, O Christmas Star* Johnson  
*Angels!* Arr. Koerts

**Giving to God Our Tithes and Offering**

Prayer  
Offertory *Baby Born in Bethlehem* Johnston  
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

**Sermon** “Are You In Line To See Jesus?”

**Hymn** *Lord Jesus Christ All Praise to Thee* Ode

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Love Has Come!* Traditional French Carol

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**The Advent Wreath** is placed in the sanctuary in memory of Evva Hanes.

**The Poinsettias** in the sanctuary were given by David and Valerie Burchette in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 24.

**The candles in the windows** in the sanctuary are donated by Annie Rowe and her family in memory of Ralph Rowe.

**This week in Friedberg's History:** Walking back home to Bethabara on Wednesday (Nov 28, 1759) after the first service at Adam Spach's home, Br. Bachhof must have been encouraged for he returned on Advent Sunday December 2, 1759, and again on Christmas Day to hold a service the morning of the 26th.

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Directory** - Starting today, December 3, 2023, and continuing on the following Sundays of December 17, 24, and 31, family and Individual photos will be taken before Sunday School from 9:00 am to 9:45 am and following the worship service. All photos will be taken in the Family Life Center. This directory is being produced internally so there is no cost to have your photo taken and included in the directory. Since this is our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Directory, it is important that we have as many as possible of our members to be included in this directory. Please make your plans now to have your photos taken. No appointments necessary, photos will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis.

**The Women's Fellowship General Meeting** with Potluck meal will be on Tuesday, December 5 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dishes or desserts. We have a total of 1500 candles to trim. We will be collecting canned goods and/or money to be given to Pastors Pantry this year.

**Cherry Street Prison Lovefeast** - On December 7, our choir, head diener, and coffee makers will be going to serve a Christmas candlelight lovefeast at the Cherry Street Prison. As a part of this annual ministry, the choir collects and takes items that are needed for the men. If you would like to donate any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated! There will be collection bins in the choir room downstairs. Items needed include gently used men's coats, ground coffee, powdered coffee creamer, new reading glasses, full sized person care items including shampoo, stick deodorant, men's body lotion and toothpaste.

**The 2024 Flower Calendar** for sanctuary flowers is posted on the bulletin board behind the church office (across from the nursery). Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary for our worship service.

**Christmas Post Office** - The boxes will be available again this year (in alphabetical order) in the hallway between the Parlor and Discovery classroom. Your Christmas cards may be placed in these boxes for pickup by the church members.

**All parents** who have a child in children's church will be required to physically come down to the Children's Center on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

**The CE Board is thankful for our Sunday School Teachers** and the generous response to the teacher appreciation gifts from the congregation. We were able to donate 34 water filters to the water filter project to provide clean water to villages in Honduras.

**The December Folio** is available after the worship service today.

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Sunday, December 3 (First Sunday in Advent)

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
12:15 p.m.	Morning Star Practice
12:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth Lunch and Shopping
4:30 p.m.	C.R.O.S.S. Kids
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Gift Wrapping

Monday, December 4

6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m.	Friedberg MS Basketball @ Faith
6:30 p.m.	Friedberg Gray Basketball @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Alliance
7:00 p.m.	C.E. Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m.	Friedberg White Basketball @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Alliance

Tuesday, December 5

6:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship General Meeting/Candle Wrapping
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Wednesday, December 6

6:30 p.m.	Christmas Program Practice
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 7

9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball

Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Program Practice

Sunday, December 10 (Children's Christmas Program)

9:15 a.m.	Band Prelude
9:25 a.m.	Prayer Partners-Parlor
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program in Family Life Center
4:30 p.m.	Youth Christmas Party

## **FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS**

December 3, 2023

### **MEMBERS**

William Boles	Debbie James	Kolton Pennell
Phil Carter	Larry Jarvis	Mary Lou Pitts
Al Coleman	Robbie Joyce	Martha Plyler
Tim Conley	Irv Keck	Betty Sink
Brenda Dennis	Yvonne Lemons	Clay Sink
Emily Essick	Rebecca Mickey	Bob & Judy Smith
Jerry Evans	Stamie Moore	Larry Snyder
Don Faust	Dan Nelson	Jerry & Gail Tolley
J.T. Hopkins	Reba Payne	

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

Rameez Khan, Barbara Koonts, Spencer Parks, Don Phillips, and Robin Wallen

### **MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY**

Dylan Bundy	Alex Kennedy	Jon Eric Spaar, Jr.
Dylan Coleman	Patrick Mickey	Ryan Spach
Ben Greeson	Daniel Randleman	Brandon Thompson
Jennifer Greenwood	Colton Scott	Aidan Wheeler
Dakota Holtzclaw		

### **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  
Anna Stewart Faircloth – Young Life  
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

# Breakfast WITH Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9  
8:30AM - 11:00AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Enjoy free pancakes  
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Was Jesus talking  
to the disciples only?

Use the graph  
to find  
Jesus' words.

1	A	H	O	T	W
2	C	I	R	U	X
3	E	N	S	V	Y
4	5	6	7	8	



“ 1,8 1,5 1,4 1,7 2,5

3,6 1,4 3,8 1,7 1,6

3,8 1,6 2,7

2,5 3,6 1,4 3,8 1,7 1,6

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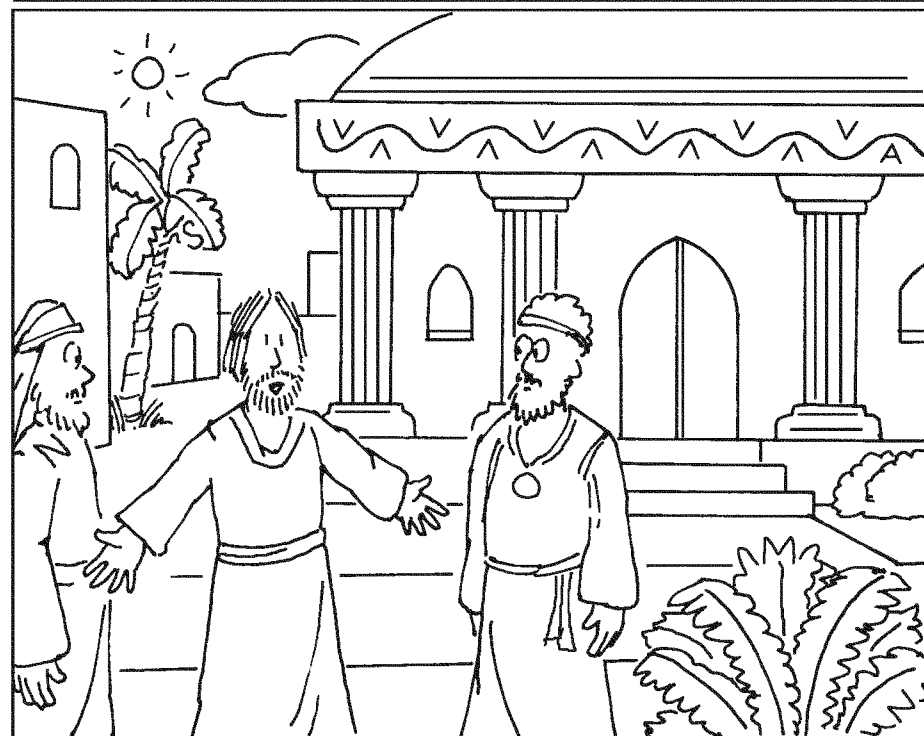
Ages 7+

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## Signs of Things to Come

Jesus told His disciples that the Son of Man  
(a name that Jesus called Himself)  
would come in the clouds.

Find these letters in the picture. S - O - N O - F M - A - N



The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor

Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry

Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry

Debbie Foltz-Music Director

Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

Jesus tells us that something will last forever.  
What is it?

Use the code to fill in the letters.

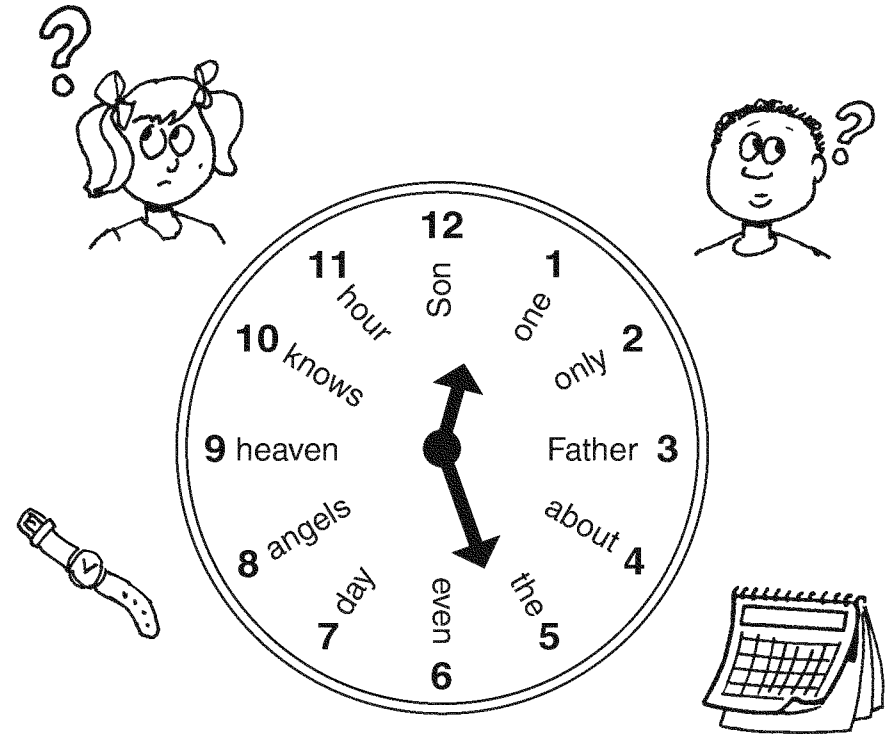
= A	= E	= M	= R	= V
= B	= H	= N	= S	= W
= D	= I	= O	= T	= Y
	= L	= P	= U	

Jesus said,

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Who knows when Jesus will return?

Use the numbers on the clock to write in the missing words.



Jesus said, “No \_\_\_\_\_ that  
 1:00 10:00 4:00

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_  
 7:00 11:00 6:00 5:00 8:00

in \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_,  
 9:00 5:00 12:00

but \_\_\_\_\_.”  
 2:00 5:00 3:00