

**December 31, 2023**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**

**Watchword for the Week** – But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman 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

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**Welcome** to our service of worship on this last Sunday of 2023. We gather to give worship, glory, honor, thanks and praise to the God of our salvation. In His love and grace, He has seen us through the joys and sorrows of this closing year. As we humbly commit ourselves to Him in the coming year, we can be sure that He will guide us through all the triumphs and challenges that 2024 will bring. Great is His faithfulness!

**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.

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Liturgy for Christmas** (Blue) p. 59  
(Children ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Church)

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers and Squares Quilt Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Selection of Friedberg's Watchword for 2024**

**Hymn** *Once He Came in Blessing* (Blue) #273

**Giving to God Our Tithes and Offering**

Prayer  
Offertory  
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

**Holy Scripture**

Hebrews 11:32-12:3

**Sermon**

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**Hymn**

*With Praises and Thanksgiving*

Blue) #309

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

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**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:** On December 31, 1770, the Watchnight services began with an English service at 7:00 pm. This was followed by a memorabilia service in German. The third session consisted of a sermon based on the text of the day. At midnight the entire congregation rose and sang "Now Thank We All Our God". After the singing the congregation fell to their knees and began the New Year in prayer.

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Directory – Today** is the last opportunity to have pictures taken for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Directory. 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. No appointments necessary, photos will be taken on a first-come first-serve basis.

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

**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.

**First Friday Breakfast** is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 AM. Jump start your New Year with fellowship, inspiration, and breakfast! Pastor Dan Nelson will bring the inspiration. You bring the fellowship, and we'll provide the breakfast!

**Unity Prayer Watch** is an unbroken chain of prayer that has been a vital part of the life and ministry of the Moravian Church for decades. Friedberg's assigned portion of the prayer watch is **Thursday, January 4, 2024**, from midnight. – 8:00 a.m. Please consider making a commitment to pray for one or more 30-minute segments of time. A sign-up sheet, along with an extensive list of prayer concerns, is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. Pictures made in FLC for 250<sup>th</sup> directory  
9:30 A.M. 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday Breakfast-Family Life Center  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship/Livestream in the Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. Pictures made in FLC for 250<sup>th</sup> directory

Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

6:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting of Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, January 3

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 4

12:00 a.m. Unity Prayer Watch until 8:00 a.m.

Friday, January 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 7 (Communion and Installation of Officers)

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude  
9:25 a.m. Prayer Partners-Parlor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship/Livestream in the Sanctuary  
4:30 p.m. Chosen Bible Study @ home of Debbie James

**FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS**

December 31, 2023

**MEMBERS**

William Boles	Larry Jarvis	Martha Plyler
Phil Carter	Robbie Joyce	Betty Sink
Sandra Chambers	Irv Keck	Clay Sink
Al Coleman	Renee Kimel	Bob & Judy Smith
Tim Conley	Yvonne Lemons	Rory Smith
Emily Essick	Jennifer MacLeod	Chris Snyder
Jerry Evans	Rebecca Mickey	Larry Snyder
Don Faust	Ted Miller	Allen Stafford
Mike Hampton	Reba Payne	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Jane Hardison	Kolton Pennell	Lydia Waddell
J.T. Hopkins	Mary Lou Pitts	Melissa Webb
Debbie James		

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

Richard Martin, Carol Robbins and Nick Wimmer

**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