January 7, 2024 First Sunday after Epiphany

Watchword for the Week – Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. Psalm 29:2

Welcome to our service of worship for this first Sunday in a season of the church year called Epiphany. During Christmas we celebrate Jesus coming as the Light of the World. Epiphany focuses on His Light shining forth in ever widening circles to touch the hearts of people everywhere. As we worship today may the love of God the Father burn warmly in our hearts and may the Holy Spirit rekindle in each of us a passion to light our world with the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life - the only source of salvation.

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.

Prelude Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine Arr. Berry

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Blue) # 461

(Verses 1, 3 & 5)

Liturgy for Installation of Officers Insert

(Children ages 4-2nd grade may leave for Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Friedberg's 2024 Watchword (read in unison)

Jacob said to Joseph, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and the flock."

(Genesis 37:14)

Hymn They Who Jesus' Followers Are (Blue) # 672

Giving to God Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer

Offertory Tell It to Jesus/What a Friend Martin

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

Holy Scripture 1 John 4:7-12

Sermon "Living Our Watchword"

Holy Communion for New Year and Epiphany (Blue) p. 183

Benediction

Postlude Sent Forth by God's Blessing Ash Grove

Friedberg's Blessing Box supports members of the local community, as they can take what they need and replace it with something for someone else, if they can. We've all needed a little help in our lives, and as Christians, we are instructed to love our neighbor as ourselves. The Blessing Box Requested Item of the Month for January is Warm Clothing. Some of the suggested items are gently used or new: Gloves, Winter Hats/Toboggan Scarves Socks. Everyone is encouraged to donate to the Blessing Box, as this is a physical ministry opportunity located on the church property. Donation bins are located around the church. Please contact any member of Women's Fellowship Circle 4, for any questions.

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.

All parents who have a child in children's church will be <u>required</u> 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.

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 Lisa Jackson

Monday, January 8

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:30 p.m. Friedberg White @ Faith Church

7:00 p.m. C.E. Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Joint Board Meeting followed by separate meetings.

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

8:30 p.m. Friedberg Grey at Faith Church

Tuesday, January 9

10:00 a.m. Circle 1-Discovery Classroom

10:00 a.m. Circle 5-Parlor

6:00 p.m. Circle 2-Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Circle 3-Discovery Classroom

6:30 p.m. Circle 4-TBD

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Chosen Bible Study at home of Lisa Jackson

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 14

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

4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids

4:30 p.m. Youth

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

January 7, 2024

MEMBERS

William Boles	J.T. Hopkins	Reba Payne
Phil Carter	Larry Jarvis	Kolton Pennell
Sandra Chambers	Pat Johnson	Mary Lou Pitts
Al Coleman	Robbie Joyce	Martha Plyler
Tim Conley	Irv Keck	Betty Sink
Emily Essick	Renee Kimel	Clay Sink
Jerry Evans	Yvonne Lemons	Bob & Judy Smith

Don Faust Jennifer MacLeod Allen Stafford
Mike Hampton Rebecca Mickey Vicki Stanfield
Jane Hardison Ted Miller Jerry & Gail Tolley

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

Grayson Allen, Charlie DaSilva, Dean Gunter, Marion Eve Lowman, Family of Richard Martin, Jim McLaughlin, Family of Kelly Moser, Stacy Myers, Chris & Alexa Sponagle, Randy Whitaker, and Shirley Womack

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
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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

Newly elected officers are:

C.E. Board Members: Elders: Trustees:

John Dyer Michael Brann Amanda Fine * Ronnie Hartman Ray Lambeth Julie Stone Karl Stimpson * Carrie West Norm West *

Chloe Williamson

*Serving Second Term

Dennis Young

Head Usher: Wayne Stanbery



LITURGY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF **OFFICERS**

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH

January 7, 2024



Fit us for Thy service, Lord, Each one in Thy congregation In his station; Set us in the appointed place To Thy praise; Make us for Thy service able, Ever willing, strong and stable, Till in Thee we end our race.

We have all been called to a ministry of stewardship, service, and devotion to our Lord and Savior. Each has been equipped by the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord.

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined, and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:7, 11-16)

Nun danket alle Gott (146A)

O God, Thou faithful God, Thou Fountain ever flowing, Without Whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing; A pure and healthy frame O give them, and within A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin.

And grant them, Lord, to do With ready heart and willing, Whatever Thou shall command, Their calling here fulfilling; And do it when they ought With all their strength, and bless The work they thus have wrought, For Thou must give success.

The Pastor addresses the newly elected officers:

Do you trust that you have been called to serve the Lord with all of your heart, soul, strength and mind?

I do.

Are you determined to devote yourself to the work of the ministry, and to the service of our Lord in the Friedberg Congregation?

I am.

Do you promise to conform to the principles, regulations, and requirements of Friedberg Moravian Church?

This I promise to do with the guidance of my Lord.

The Pastor addresses the congregation:

Will you receive these who were duly elected to serve with you with a spirit of shared ministry and prayerful support?

We will.

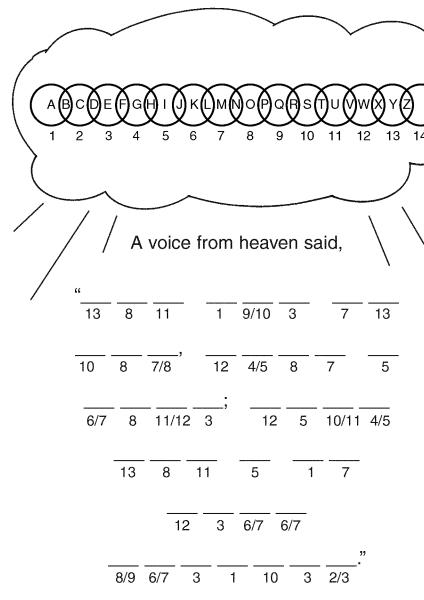
Dear brothers and sisters, on behalf of the congregation I pronounce you to be duly installed in the office to which you have been elected. May God be your strong help.

Covenant (185A)

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Savior, Bless them all, we humbly pray; Our dear heavenly Father's love and favor Be their comfort every day; May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding Favor them with His most gracious leading; Thus shall they be truly blest Both in labor and in rest. Amen.



Find letters in the clouds below to fill in the blanks.

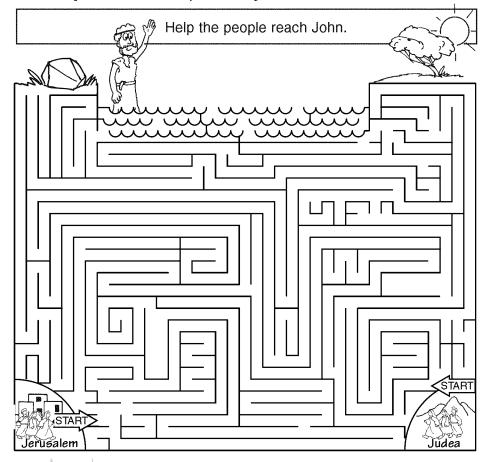




January 7, 2024 · Mark 1:4-11

John the Baptizer

People came from Jerusalem and the Judean countryside to be baptized by John in the Jordan River.





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



Meet John the Baptist.

Fill in the blanks with the words from this list. The vowels are already in place. Read the poem with a rap rhythm.									
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Jesus came to John to be baptized in the Jordan River. When He came up out of the water, what happened?

Cross out every other letter, beginning with the one marked with the *. Write the answer on the lines.

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