

**February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent**

Watchword for the Week – Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. Psalm 25:8

Welcome to our service of worship on the first Sunday in Lent, a 40-day season of the church year during which we prepare our hearts and lives for the celebration of Easter. The focus of Lent is on the humility, self-denial, suffering and sacrificial death of Jesus. This makes the good news of His resurrection and the joy of our salvation all the more real and wonderful. Many people give up something for Lent as an act of humility and self-sacrifice. If you are among them, please remember that Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent. Sunday, the day of the week on which Jesus rose from death, is always to be a day of freedom, joy and celebration.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you're 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 you will return and worship with us often in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home – a place where you can share Christian fellowship, learn, serve and grow as a follower of Jesus – we would love to talk to 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 pastor 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 a 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 it 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 *God So Loved the World* Stainer

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Blue) # 474
(Children ages 4-2nd grade may leave for Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Offertory *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Arr. Berry
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture *Romans 12:9-13*

Sermon "Love is..."
 (Part 2)

Holy Communion for Lent (Blue) p. 196

Benediction

Postlude *We Who Here Together* Covenant

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in memory of Tom Wise by his wife Carole. *Blessed are those that mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4*

First Friday Breakfast is March 1st at 7:00 a.m.! The Friedberg Men's Quartet will sing for their breakfast! Join us for fellowship, inspiration, and breakfast!

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.

Sunday, February 18 (First Sunday in Lent))

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
12:15 p.m. Sweetheart Banquet
4:30 p.m. Chosen Bible Study at home of Debbie James
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids

Monday, February 19 (President's Day)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
Church office closed.

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 p.m. Circle 4 – Applebee's
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Wednesday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Chosen Bible Study at home of Lisa Jackson
11:00 a.m. Day of Prayer Service at Trinity Moravian
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 25

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. C.R.O.S.S. Kids
4:30 p.m. Youth
4:30 p.m. Chosen Bible Study at home of Debbie James

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

February 18, 2024

MEMBERS

Phil Carter	Robbie Joyce	Mary Lou Pitts
Tim Conley	Renee Kimel	Martha Plyler
Gwen Davis	Yvonne Lemons	Denise Randleman
Mike Ernst	Jennifer MacLeod	Betty Sink
Emily Essick	Rebecca Mickey	Clay Sink
Jerry Evans	Ted Miller	Bob & Judy Smith
Don Faust	Stamie Moore	Lou Snyder
Caleigh Hauber	Desi Payne	Vicki Stanfield
J.T. Hopkins	Reba Payne	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Pat Johnson	Kolton Pennell	

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

Mason Cooper, Larry Farrington, Margie Newsome, and Joan Tesh

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

- Give people “relational” security.
- Provide financial security for those for whom you’re responsible.
- Show that you are aware of people’s physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

9. _____: To give strength and hope to; to ease grief or pain; to console or cheer.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV)

- Learn to recognize times when people have an increased need for comfort.
- Things to avoid: correcting; teaching; giving pep-talks and advice (instead empathize with them).
- Learn the vocabulary of comfort.
- Don’t be afraid to touch them (appropriately).
- Engage in acts of comfort.

10. _____: To accept as satisfactory; to give formal or official sanction; to have or express a favorable opinion.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15, ESV)

- Notice when people display admirable character traits.
- Don’t just correct wrong doing (commend right doing).

1 Corinthians 13:8a & 13 (NIV)

Love never fails.

*And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.*

But the greatest of these is love.



Love is... (part 2)



The Way of Love

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

(1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, NIV)

For God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

(John 3:16-17, NIV)

God is Love

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

(1 John 4:7-12, NIV)

The Greatest Commandment

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

(Matthew 22:34-40, NIV)

Jesus Gives A New Commandment

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35, NIV)

1. **Attention**: To take thought of another and convey appropriate care, interest, concern and support; to enter in to another's world.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10, ESV)

2. **Acceptance**: Deliberate & ready reception with a favorable response; to receive willingly; to regard as good and proper.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7, NIV)

3. **Appreciation**: To recognize with gratitude; to communicate with words and feelings personal gratefulness for another person; to praise.

I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding on to the traditions, just as I passed them on to you. (1 Corinthians 11:2, NIV)

4. **Support** /Burden Bearing: To come alongside and gently carry a problem or struggle; to assist; to provide for.

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2, NIV)

5. _____: To urge forward and positively persuade toward a goal; to inspire with courage, spirit or hope; to stimulate.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thess. 5:11, NIV)

- Help other people set goals, then help them achieve them.
- Recognize when others are discouraged (and help them).
- Make it a habit to perform acts of encouragement each day.
- Pray for people and let them know you're doing it.
- When someone is discouraged, treat them to a special meal or night out.

6. _____: To communicate care and closeness through appropriate physical touch and affirming words.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. (Romans 16:16, NIV)

- Become more physical (appropriately) in your relationships.
- Verbalize your love and care (appropriately).

7. _____: To value and regard highly; to convey great worth; to esteem.

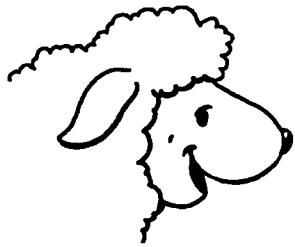
Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:17, NIV)

- Before making any commitment that will impact another person's life - discuss it with them.
- Ask for other's people opinions (give it due consideration).
- Respect other people's property, privacy, and personal preferences.
- Respect other people's time.
- Eliminate your prejudices.

8. _____: Freedom from exposure to danger; to put beyond hazard of losing, want, or deprivation; confidence of harmony in relationships.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure." (Psalm 122:6, NIV)

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. (Jeremiah 29:7, RSV)



What did Jesus say?

Find words that don't make sense or seem out of place. Replace them with words from the list that have only 1 letter different.

TIME	NEAR	THE	SAID
HAS	COME	BELIEVE	GOOD

"THE TOME HAS COMB,"
HE PAID,
"SHE KINGDOM OF
GOD HAT COME BEAR.
REPENT AND
RELIEVE
THE GOLD NEWS!"

Ages 7+

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Jesus: Temptation and Good News

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River,
He saw heaven being torn open and He heard a voice.
What did the voice from heaven say?

Shade in all the shapes with a * symbol to find the answers.



"You are My _____, Whom I _____;
with You I am well _____."



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


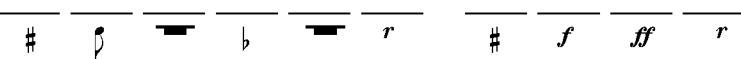
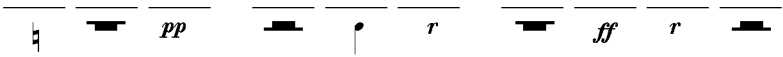
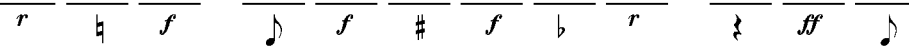
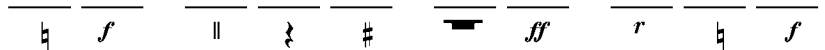
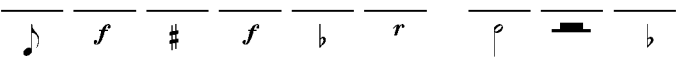

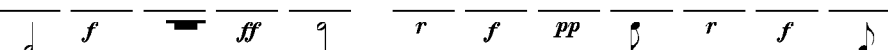
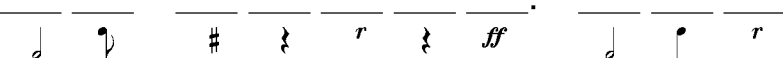

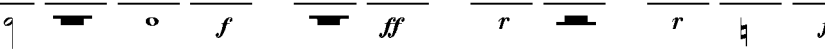
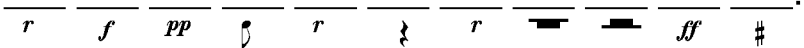
Debbie Foltz-Music Director

Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

What happened to Jesus after He was baptized?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

F		 = O	<i>pp</i> = M	= W	 = Y	 = J
D		 = I	# = S	 = C	 = U	 = V
B		<i>f</i> = E	b = R	 = D	 = F	
G		<i>ff</i> = N	z = A	 = L	 = B	
E		<i>r</i> = T	 = H	 = P	 = G	

What happened next?

Follow the directions to find the answer. Start with: J E S U S.

1. Change the S's to C's.

J E C U C

2. Change the second C to a P.

3. Change the J to MI.

4. Add an O before the U.

5. Change the U to an R.

6. Change the E to AL.

7. Add GNI before MI.

8. Write all the letters in reverse order.

After John was put into
prison, Jesus went into Galilee,

the good news of God.

