December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Watchword for the Week - Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Luke 3:8

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Welcome to our service of worship on this third Sunday of Advent - a four-week season of the church year devoted to preparing for the coming of Christ. Today, we light the third candle in our Advent Wreath. This candle is sometimes referred to as the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. It reminds us that the joyous news of Jesus' birth was first brought to shepherds watching over their flock in the hills of Bethlehem (Luke 2:8-20). More importantly, it reminds us that the true and lasting joy comes only through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. May that joy be yours today and forever.

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.

PreludeO Little Town of BethlehemRedner

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Blue) # 295

Baptism of Oakley Long and Reception of Members (Blue) p. 165

Sacrament of Baptism p. 167
Reaffirmation of Faith p. 173
Transfer of Membership p. 173
Hymn of Reception p. 174

Children ages 4-2nd grade may leave for Children's Church and those in grades 3-5 may leave for Kid's Worship

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Praver

Offertory Candlelight Christmas Canon McDonald Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Blue) #817

Holy Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High (Burg) # 278

Sermon "Come and See, Go and Tell"

Hymn Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Burg) # 258

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude Joy to the World! Handel

The Advent Wreath is placed in the sanctuary in honor and memory of the descendants of Adam Spach.

The Poinsettias in the church are given by the Women's Fellowship.

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

Join us for the Hopewell Advent Band Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the Family Life Center, and it lasts about an hour.

Christmas Post Office – The boxes are 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. Please contact the church office for addresses for our shut-ins.

Remember the church in your end of year giving. All 2024 contributions must be received by the church prior to January 1. You may also make your contributions online at www.friedberg.church.

The Southern Province New Year's Eve Watchnight Service is on Tuesday, December 31 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Philips Moravian Church. If there is enough interest, we will take a church bus. Please call the church office if you want to ride the bus.

If you pre-ordered a <u>2025 Moravian Daily Text</u>, please pick up your copy from the church office. Regular print copies are \$11.00 and large print copies are \$14.00

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 **Saturday**, **January 4**, **2025**, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.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.

The Chosen — the groundbreaking television series depicting the ministry of Jesus as seen through the eyes of those whom He called. Get a feeling of what it might have been like in 1st century Judea to be under heavy oppression and taxation of Rome and to have your world turned upside down by this Man and His revolutionary ideas. We will start Season One on Sunday, January 12th at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, showing two episodes each week with discussion following. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Jackson at lrjackson6184@gmail.com or (336) 416-9742. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and see!

The 2025 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 and Kid's Worship will be <u>required</u> to physically come down to the Children's Center and Pathfinders Sunday School Class at the end of worship to pick up their child.

Sunday, December 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude

9:15 a.m. Prayer Partners - Parlor

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship/Livestream

12:15 p.m. Morning Star Practice in the Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Blood Drive

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 p.m. Hopewell Advent Band Concert - FLC

Wednesday, December 18

6:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Sunday, December 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude

9:15 a.m. Prayer Partners - Parlor

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship/Livestream – Singstunde

7:00 p.m. Band Prelude

7:30 p.m. Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

December 15, 2024

MEMBERS

Ed Bradley	Carol Knouse	Betty Sink			
Phil Carter	Pat Lambeth-Watson	Jimmie Snyder			
Edith Crook	Yvonne Lemons	Larry Snyder			
Dawn Davenport	Carol Ann Little	Lou Snyder			
Linda Ernst	Carolyn Mason	Howard Spangler			
Emily Essick	Rebecca Mickey	Gray Stanfield			
Jerry Evans	Reba Payne	Andy Stone			
Don Faust	Kolton Pennell	Jerry & Gail Tolley			
Bonnie Fishel	Mary Lou Pitts	Dean Tucker			
Gary Fitts	Martha Plyler	Michelle Tucker			
Caroline Hanes	Wanda Russell	Joan Tutterow			
Ronnie Hedgecock	Nick Saunders	Philip Whitney			
Mark Kimel					

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

Collene Gallimore and Brandt Nicholson

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

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

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

Current prayer concerns:





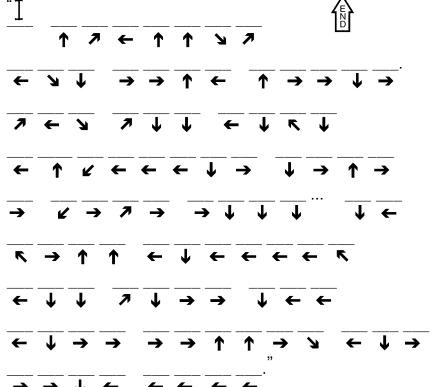


The people were wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. What did John answer?



Follow the arrows through the letters to find John's answer.

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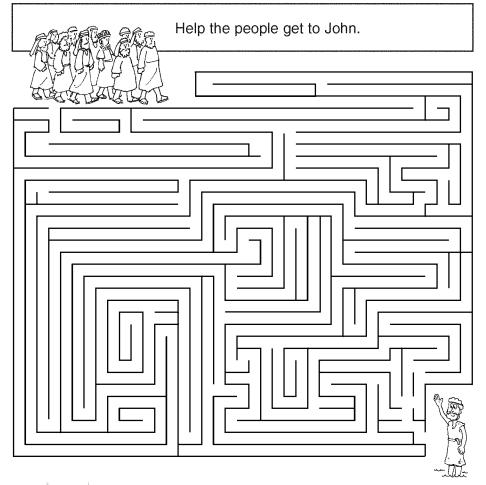




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John Preaches Good News

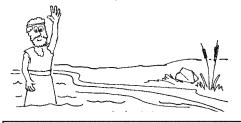
Crowds of people came to John.



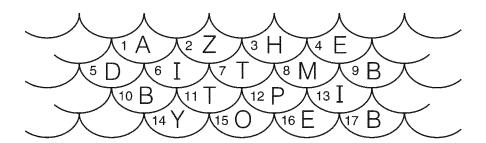


The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry
Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Foltz-Music Director
Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

Why did the crowds come to John?



Write the letters from the water on the lines.





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The people asked John what they should do to be children of God. What were two things John said?

Use the code and fill in the blanks below to find the answer.

