

# FRIEDBERG

MORAVIAN CHURCH



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**December 22, 2024  
Christmas Singstunde  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Watchword for the Week** – God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. Luke 1:52

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**Welcome** to our service of worship on this fourth Sunday of Advent - a four-week season of the church year devoted to preparing for the coming of Christ. Today, we light the fourth candle in our Advent Wreath. This candle is sometimes referred to as the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love. It reminds us of the angels who announced the good news of the Savior's birth. More importantly, it reminds us that Jesus Christ is the perfect expression of God's infinite love: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:16-17, NKJV). Jesus is the true Gift of Christmas!

**If you are visiting with us today** we are especially glad you're here. 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.

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**Prelude**            *Angels We Have Heard on High*    Traditional French Carol

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Singstunde Narrator**                                    Seth Randleman

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*V. 1 - Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art, Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Current prayer concerns: The family of Peggy Norrell, mother of Denise Norrell. She passed away on Friday, December 13 and her funeral was on Saturday, December 21 at Hayworth Miller, Silas Creek Chapel. Ed Crook was a patient at Novant Clemmons Medical Center receiving treatment for Covid. He has been discharged and is recovering at home. Judy Zimmerman was a patient at Atrium Wake Forest Baptist Health and was discharged on Wednesday. Howard Spangler will have surgery on Thursday, December 26 for a spinal cord stimulator.*

*V 2 - Born Your people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, now Your gracious Kingdom bring. By Your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone, By Your all-sufficient merit raise us to Your glorious throne.*

**Luke 2:1-3**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*V.1 - O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.*

*\*Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*V.2 - O Come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

*\* Chorus*

**Luke 2:4**

*Once in Royal David's City*

*V. 1 - Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little Child.*

*V. -2- He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable and His cradle was a stall. With the poor, and mean, and lowly lived on earth, our Savior Holy.*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*V. 1 - O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see Thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.*

*V. 2 - O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel*

**Luke 2: 6,7**

## FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

December 22, 2024

### Silent Night

V. 1 - *Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin Mother and Child Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

V. 2 - *Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure Light. Radiant beams from Your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Your birth, Jesus, Lord, at Your birth.*

### O Come Little Children

V.1 - *O come, little children, O come, one and all! O come to the cradle in Bethlehem's stall! Come, see what has happened this holiest night; Come gaze on the gift from the Father of Might.*

V.2 - *Behold, in the manger, that strange little bed, a Child, sweet and gentle, is resting His head, a Babe, clad in garments so pure and so white, and fairer by far than the angels of light.*

### **Luke 2:8**

#### While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

V.1 - *While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shown around.*

#### The First Noel

V.1 - *The first Noel, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

\*Chorus: *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

V.2 - *They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.*

\*Chorus

V.3 - *This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.*

\*Chorus

### **MEMBERS**

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

**Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:** Michelle Craig, Larry Parks, Hank Thomas, and Quintin Zemon

### **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

**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](mailto:lrjackson6184@gmail.com) or (336) 416-9742. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and see!

**The First Annual Jonathan Frank Christmas Blood Drive** was very successful! The drive goal of 30 units of blood was surpassed to 40 units, and it was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. Jonathan's family thanks everyone who gave blood, and they hope to make this an annual event.

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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

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Church Office Closed  
4:00 p.m. Band Prelude  
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service  
7:00 p.m. Band Prelude  
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude  
9:15 a.m. Prayer Partners-Parlor  
9:45 a.m. 5th Sunday Breakfast—Sunday School Classrooms  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship/Livestream

**Luke 2:9-11**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

V.1 - *It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold "Peace on the earth, good-will to men, From heav'n's all gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

V.2.- *Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world, above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hov'ring wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

V.1 - *O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!*

\*Chorus: *O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him Christ, the Lord!*

V.2 - *Sing, choirs of angels. Sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above: Glory to God all glory in the highest.*

\*Chorus

**Luke 2:12**

*Away in a Manger*

V.1 - *Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

V.2 - *The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side 'til morning is nigh.*

**Luke 2:13,14**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

V.1 - *Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

*\*Chorus: Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*V.2 - Tho' an Infant now we view Him, He will share His Father's throne; Gather all the nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down:*

*\*Chorus*

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*V.1 - Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*\*Chorus: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*V.2 - Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.*

*\*Chorus*

**Luke 2:15**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*V.1 - Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, And the mountains in reply, Echoing their brave delight.*

*\*Chorus: Glo\_\_ria\_\_ in excelsis Deo. Glo\_\_ria\_\_ in excelsis Deo.*

*V.2 - See Him in a manger laid Whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.*

*\*Chorus*

**Luke 2:16**

*What Child is This?*

*V.1 - What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?*

**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.

**There will be no Children's Church or Kid's Church today.** Everyone is invited to join in this special Christmas Service.

**You are invited to breakfast** in your Sunday school classroom on Sunday, December 29 for the 5th Sunday breakfast presented by the C.E. Board. The menu will be assorted pastries. Let's fellowship and reflect on the wonderful year we have been blessed with here at Friedberg.

**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.

**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](http://www.friedberg.church).

**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.

**Nursery volunteers are needed.** If you are available to help with our nursery for the Christmas Lovefeast service tonight or the 7:30 p.m. service on Tuesday, December 24, please contact Amanda Fine at 336-407-3055. We also need volunteers on Sundays for the Sunday school hour and during the worship service.

**First Friday Breakfast is January 3rd, 7 AM!** Brothers John Dyer and Mike Lambeth present *Opportunity for Mission—Reflections on Their Recent Trip to Zambia*. Hear how God is working in Africa! Join us for fellowship, inspiration, and breakfast.

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

V.1 - *Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me; But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity.*

\*Chorus: *O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.*

V.2 - *Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming Thy royal degree; But of lowly birth Thou didst come to earth, And in great humility.*

\*Chorus

V.3 - *Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set Thy people free; But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn they bore Thee to Calvary.*

\*Chorus

V.4 - *When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory, Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yes there is room, there is room at My side for thee." My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, When Thou comest and callest for me!*

Joy to the World!

V.1 - *Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

V.2 - *He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*      Tattersall's Psalmody

\*Chorus: *This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

V.2 - *So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own Him. The King of Kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

\*Chorus

**Luke 2:17-19**

O Holy Night

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

**Luke 2:20**

**Matthew 2:1-2**

**Matthew 2:9-11**

We Three Kings

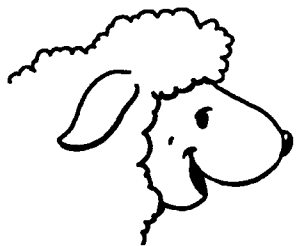
V.1 - *We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moor, and mountain following yonder star.*

\*Chorus: *O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

V.2 - *Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.*

\*Chorus

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offering**



What else did Elizabeth declare to Mary?

Add the numbers from the intersecting row and column to find the letters to fill in the blanks.

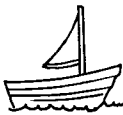








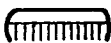
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# Mary Visits Elizabeth

Mary went to visit Elizabeth. What happened when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting?

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 5) \_\_\_\_\_ and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.



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 did Elizabeth say to Mary then?

## What did Elizabeth ask?

Fill in each row of the grid with words that match the clues.  
Then follow the path through the grid to find the answer.

Solve the sudoku puzzle. All numbers  
must be used only once in each row, column and box.  
Then use the letter code to fill in the blanks.

- What a skeleton is made of.
- First 3 letters of what a fish breathes with.
- Boat that travels underwater: \_\_\_marine.
- What we do with our eyes.
- Clever.
- Where we sleep.
- Where a fox lives.
- Faster than walking. He \_\_\_.

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In a loud voice she exclaimed:

Elizabeth asked: "But why am I so  
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