December 29, 2024 First Sunday after Christmas

Watchword for the Week – Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven. Psalm 148:13

Welcome to our service of worship on this last Sunday of 2024. 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 2025 will bring. Great is His faithfulness!

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.

Prelude The First Noel Arr. Nelson soloist Jennifer MacLeod

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn Away in a Manger (Blue) # 301

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

Hymn Once He Came in Blessing (Blue) # 270

Giving to God Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer

Offertory New Star Ward
Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture 1 Samuel 1:9-20

Hymn Good Christian Friends Rejoice (Blue) # 291

Sermon "Perhaps Next Year"

Hymn Joy to the World (Blue) # 294

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude Good Christian Friends, Rejoice German Melody

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

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

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.

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.

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.

A Membership Class will be held on Friday evening, January 10 and on Saturday morning, January 11. This class is for anyone interested in becoming a member of the Friedberg Congregation, or those wanting to learn more about Friedberg and the Moravian Church. If you would like to be a part of the class, please call the church office at 336-764-1830.

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 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

Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Church Office Closed

Friday, January 3

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 5 (Installation of Officers)

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

4:30 p.m. Youth High School Game Night – FLC

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

December 29, 2024

MEMBERS

Ed Bradley	Carol Knouse	Nick Saunders
Phil Carter	Pat Lambeth-Watson	Betty Sink
Ed Crook	Yvonne Lemons	Larry Snyder
Edith Crook	Carolyn Mason	Lou Snyder
Dawn Davenport	Rebecca Mickey	Howard Spangler
Emily Essick	Reba Payne	Gray Stanfield
Jerry Evans	Kolton Pennell	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Don Faust	Mary Lou Pitts	Michelle Tucker
Bonnie Fishel	Martha Plyler	Joan Tutterow
Ronnie Hedgecock	Wanda Russell	Judy Zimmerman
Mark Kimel		

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday: Lisa Flynn, Robert Crater, Kevin Frankenfield, Pam Sink, BJ Smith, Braxton Smith, Collene Gallimore

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 Fric 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: Howard Spangler had surgery on 12/26/24. Gladys Taylor, Robin Lindley's mother, is in the hospital for TIAs. Gwen Davis's mother-in-law Carole Harrison is in the hospital. Ron Barton, Anna Hart's father-in-law, is under Hospice care. Gary Rosenbaum's neighbor Lisa Flynn had femur surgery on 12/27/24. The family of Linda Weisner. Linda passed away on 12/27/24. Mark Kimel will have cancer surgery on 1/6/25.