December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program

Watchword for the Week – Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them. Luke 1:68

Welcome to our service of worship on this second Sunday of Advent - a four-week season of the church year devoted to preparing for the coming of Christ. Today, we light the second candle in our Advent Wreath. This candle is sometimes referred to as the Bethlehem Candle, the Candle of Preparation, or the Candle of the Way. It reminds us that the One whose birth we celebrate this holy time of the year is so much more than the tiny baby of Bethlehem. He is the crucified and risen Savior of the world. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the One who will return in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords. As we worship Him today may He fill us with His Spirit and empower us to live each day in joyful anticipation of His coming.

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn Angels from the Realms of Glory Insert

(Verses 1,2 and 5)

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer

Offertory Joy To The World
Nelia Hurlocker

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

"Chosen Too" Featuring the Children of Friedberg

Benediction

"Lift My Hands" Featuring the Youth of Friedberg Forrest Frank

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.

The Covenant Sunday School class has prepared treat bags for the children of the church. Please pick up the treat bags in the Family Life Center lobby following our service today.

The Women's Fellowship will have our candle trimming on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. (postponed from December 3) along with a potluck supper. We will also have the installation of officers. Monetary donations will be sent to Samaritan's Purse and will be designated for Western North Carolina. Canned goods and non-perishable food items will be given to the Blessing Box at Friedberg.

On Thursday, December 12 Senior Friends Fellowship will have their annual Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Also, bring a few prizes for our Bingo games. The more prizes we have the longer we can play. If you have a friend or neighbor who may also enjoy our festivities, invite them to attend. Anyone over the age of 50 can be a part of our fellowship. At this event we will also discuss possible 2025 trips. Please call Carol if you have questions or if you need more information. 336-764-1353 or bcknouse@yahoo.com

The First Annual Jonathan Frank Christmas Blood Drive is on Sunday, December 15. Appointments are available from 12:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. at https://www.redcrossblood.org and at 336-764-1830.

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.

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.

Sunday, December 8 (Children's Christmas Program)

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 in the Family Life Center
4:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party
4:30 p.m. Chosen Christmas Film in the Family Life Center

Monday, December 9

7:00 p.m. Joint Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 10

6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Candle Trimming

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

11:30 a.m. Senior Friends Christmas-Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Sunday, December 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude9:15 a.m. Prayer Partners-Parlor9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship/Livestream in the Sanctuary12:15 p.m. Morning Star Practice in the Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Blood Drive

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

December 8, 2024

MEMBERS

Ed Bradley	Mark Kimel	Betty Sink
Phil Carter	Carol Knouse	Jimmie Snyder
Edith Crook	Pat Lambeth-Watson	Larry Snyder
Dawn Davenport	Yvonne Lemons	Lou Snyder
Linda Ernst	Carol Ann Little	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

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:

The family of Stephen Alan Rule, and Andy Leinback

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

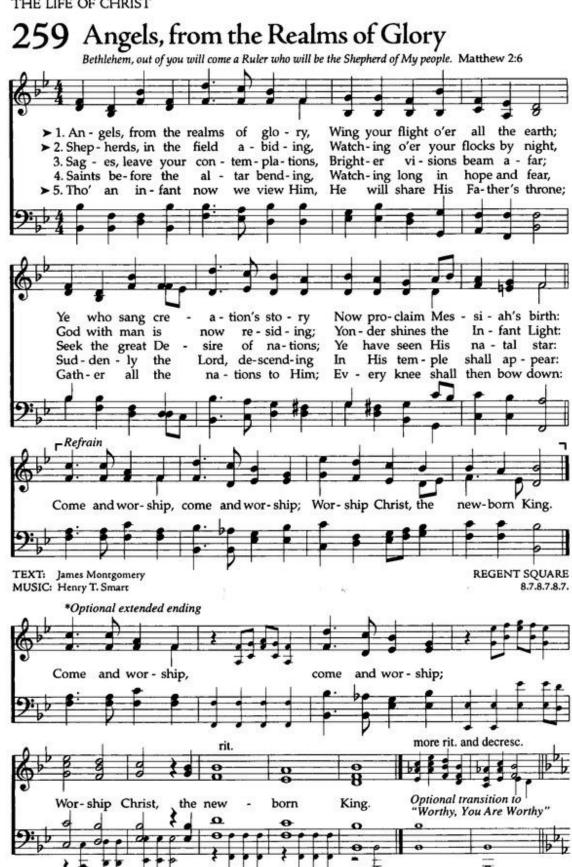
Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico

Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage - Kenya

Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry

Joey Yokely - Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Current prayer concerns: The family of Ted Miller. The family of Paul Pitts, Jr. Dawn Davenport had cancer surgery on Wednesday. Carol Knouse had a procedure on Thursday. Bonnie Fishel had back surgery on Friday. Dean Tucker had hernia surgery on Friday.



*Choir or ensemble may sing the extended ending, if desired.



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