

January 5, 2025
Second Sunday after Christmas

Watchword for the Week – God has made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He set forth in Christ. Ephesians 1:9

Welcome to our service of worship on this first Sunday of the New Year - A.D. 2020. A.D. is an abbreviation of the Latin words *Anno Domini*, which mean “in the year of the Lord.” Time itself is measured in relation to the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. And while we do not know what this New Year holds for us, we do know the One who holds all time and eternity firmly in His hands - our God and Savior. He is worthy of our trust, worthy of our love, worthy of our honor, thanksgiving, praise and willing obedience to His will and His word. There is no better way to begin this New Year than offering up to God the worship He is so richly due.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you are 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 that you will return and worship with us in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

Prelude *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* Nicolai

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (Blue) # 460

Liturgy for the Installation of Officers Insert

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

Selection of Friedberg's Watchword for 2025

The Moravian Church's custom of choosing watchwords has roots which date back to spiritual innovations begun in the Herrnhut community by Count Zinzendorf himself about 285 years ago. A watchword is a verse of Holy Scripture containing either a promise, an encouragement, an admonition or word of comfort for an individual or church group (congregation, province, etc.) At the end of today's service a basket containing watchwords will be placed on the communion table. Anyone who would like to come forward following worship and, after a moment of prayer, select a watchword is welcome to do so.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving to God Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer
Offertory Goodness of God Arr. McDonald
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn *As with Gladness Men of Old* Insert

Sermon “Follow the Bright Morning Star”

Hymn *Morning Star, O Cheering Sight* (Blue) # 281

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude *Brightest and Best of the Stars* Harding

Used Christmas Lovefeast candles may be placed in the designated basket in the kitchen. If you have any that can be recycled, it is appreciated.

A Membership Class will be held on Friday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m. 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.

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

January 5, 2025

All parents who have a child in Children's Church and Kid's Worship will be required 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, 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

Monday, January 6

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. C.E. Board

Tuesday, January 7

6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Exec. Board – Discovery Class

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Bethel Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Bethel Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 10

6:00 p.m. Membership Class

Saturday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Membership Class

Sunday, January 12 (Communion for Epiphany)

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. The Chosen – Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Youth Parent Night – FH

MEMBERS

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

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:
Owen Farmer, Greg Weaver, Thomas and Parker Wilson, Keith Wrenn, Chuck Flynn, and Mary Blevins

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 Linda Weisner. Linda's funeral service will be on 1/11/25 at Friedberg at 1:00pm. The family of Debbie Fishel. Debbie's funeral was on 1/4/25. Vince Young had surgery on 1/3/25. Mark Kimel will have cancer surgery on 1/6/25. Denece Glass will have a knee replacement on 1/7/25. Paulette Taylor has RSV. Don Faust is in hospice care. They have requested no calls or visits at this time.

Newly elected officers are:

Elders:

Dawn Brann
David Bryson
Sarah Faircloth
Mike Martin

Trustees:

Donald Cockerham
Sherry Edwards
Keith Leonard
Sid Proctor

C.E. Board Members:

Rusty Blower
Elizabeth Gunter
Jannell Rowe *

*Serving Second Term

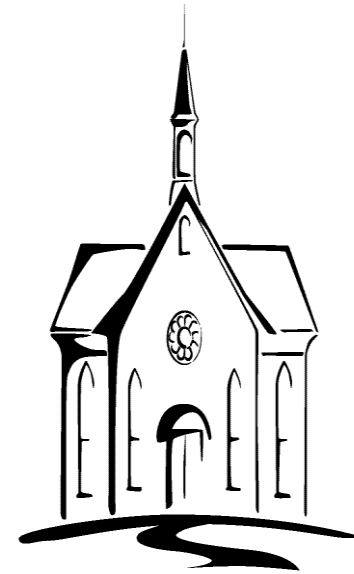
Church Council Secretary: Dawnyelle Leonard



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OFFICERS***

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH

January 5, 2025



Fit us for Thy service, Lord,
Each one in Thy congregation
In his station;
Set us in the appointed place
To Thy praise;
Make us for Thy service able,
Ever willing, strong and stable,
Till in Thee we end our race.

We have all been called to a ministry of stewardship, service, and devotion to our Lord and Savior. Each has been equipped by the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord.

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined, and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:7, 11-16)

Nun danket alle Gott (146A)

O God, Thou faithful God,
Thou Fountain ever flowing,
Without Whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing;
A pure and healthy frame
O give them, and within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unhurt by sin.

And grant them, Lord, to do
With ready heart and willing,
Whatever Thou shall command,
Their calling here fulfilling;
And do it when they ought
With all their strength, and bless
The work they thus have wrought,
For Thou must give success.

The Pastor addresses the newly elected officers:

Do you trust that you have been called to serve the Lord with all of your heart, soul, strength and mind?

I do.

Are you determined to devote yourself to the work of the ministry, and to the service of our Lord in the Friedberg Congregation?

I am.

Do you promise to conform to the principles, regulations, and requirements of Friedberg Moravian Church?

This I promise to do with the guidance of my Lord.

The Pastor addresses the congregation:

Will you receive these who were duly elected to serve with you with a spirit of shared ministry and prayerful support?

We will.

Dear brothers and sisters, on behalf of the congregation I pronounce you to be duly installed in the office to which you have been elected. May God be your strong help.

Covenant (185A)

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Savior,
Bless them all, we humbly pray;
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favor
Be their comfort every day;
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding
Favor them with His most gracious leading;
Thus shall they be truly blest
Both in labor and in rest. Amen.

As with Gladness Men of Old

William Chatterton Dix, 1837-1898 (1859)

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Konrad Kocher, 1786-1872 (1838) a.

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2. As with joy-ous steps they sped To that low-ly
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day Keep us in the

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Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no

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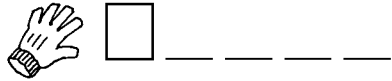
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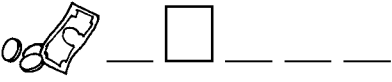


When the Magi came to Jesus, they were overjoyed, and they worshiped Him. Then they presented Him with gifts. What were the gifts?

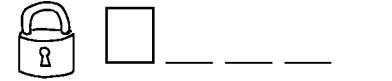
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The letters in the boxes spell the answer.



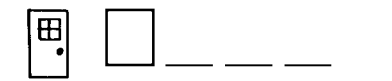
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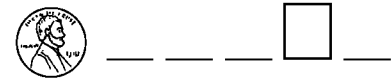
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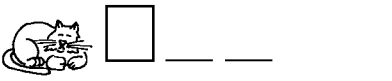
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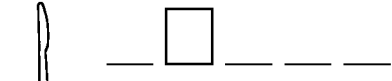
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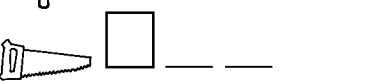
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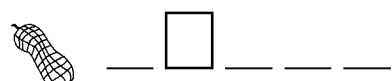
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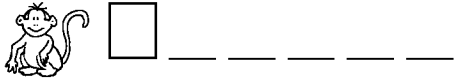
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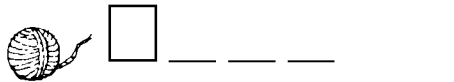
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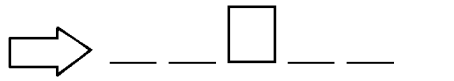
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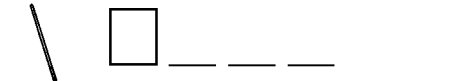
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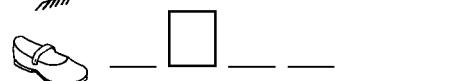
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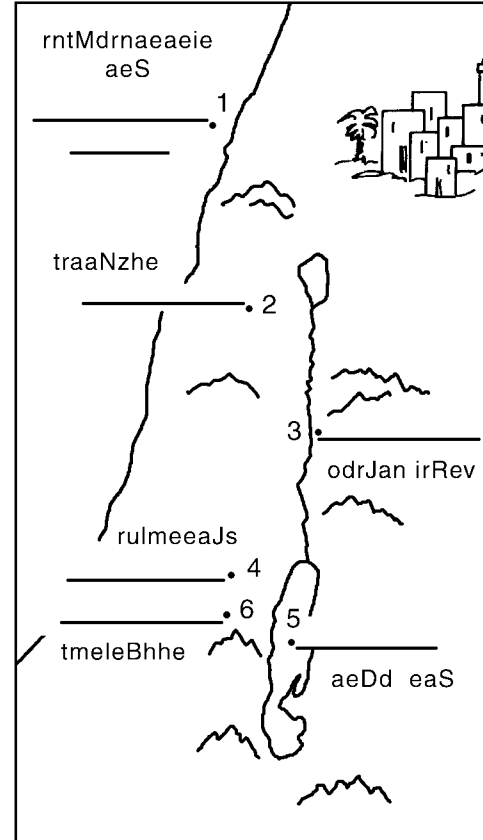
Ages 7+

January 5, 2025 • Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Seek Jesus

Find out about where Jesus was born.

Unscramble the words on the map. Use the words in the box to help you. Then fill in the blanks below.



- Jordan River
- Bethlehem
- Nazareth
- Jerusalem
- Dead Sea
- Mediterranean Sea

Joseph and Mary were from 2) _____.

They went to 6) _____ for the census.

Jesus was born in 6) _____.

Later in his life, Jesus was baptized at the 3) _____.



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

