December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent Children's Christmas Program

Watchword for the Week – Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Matthew 3:2

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

O Come All Ye Faithful Aaron Reich, violin

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory Insert (Verses 1.2 and 5)

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Giving to God Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer

Offertory Featuring the Youth of Friedberg

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

Program

"The Greatest News Story Ever Told" Featuring the Children of Friedberg

Benediction

The Advent Wreath is placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Lillian Britt "Yibbett" Shelton and all members of our Friedberg church family who passed away this year.

The Poinsettias in the church are in loving memory of Kenneth Ketner. They are given to the glory of God by his wife Gail Ketner, son Charles Ketner, and daughter Suzanne Ketner.

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

The Women's Fellowship would like to express our gratitude to all who came out on Monday morning and Tuesday evening to trim candles. A total of 1,596 candles were trimmed! Over \$250 was collected for "Share the Warmth" and lots of good fellowship was shared and enjoyed!

Friedberg's new cookbook, "Be Present at Our Table, Lord", may be just the special Christmas gift you need to complete your list. And we now have a new supply of cookbooks to fill all of your needs. You can get cookbooks after worship today, December 7 in the Family Life Center lobby, and on December 14 in the Fellowship Hall. They are also available during the week in the church office, or you may email recipes@friedbergmoravian.org to contact a cookbook committee member.

Advent Hopewell Band will have a concert here at Friedberg on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy beautiful Christmas music and fellowship!

On Thursday, December 11, 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. OUR SPECIAL GUESTS WILL BE OUR FRIEDBERG STAFF. We encourage you to set aside time to relax and enjoy the activities. We will discuss upcoming events in 2026. Please call Carol if you have questions or if you need more information.

336-764-1353 or bcknouse@yahoo.com

The Second Annual Jonathan Frank Memorial Blood Drive is on Sunday, December 14, in the Family Life Center. You may log into redcrossblood.org, call the church office at 336-764-1830, or call me at 336-978-5537. Thank you! Chuck Stone

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 at 336-764-1830 for addresses for our shut-ins.

Our first Christmas Candle Lovefeast Service will be on Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. On Christmas Eve, December 24, we will have services at 4:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. There will be a 30-minute Band Prelude prior to the services. These services are a wonderful opportunity for our church family to join with our family members, friends, and loved ones in the community, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. At all services, we will be receiving a Love Offering, and details will be announced.

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 **Sunday**, **January 4**, **2026**, **from 4:00 p.m. to Midnight**. 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.

Circle 2 is selling New Crop Pecans. They are 1-pound bags of shelled halves for \$14.00. You may purchase from any Circle 2 member or from Piedmont Fence on Hwy 150, Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For questions, please reach out to Michelle Tucker at 336-408-0477 or tuckedin88@yahoo.com.

If you ordered a 2026 Moravian Daily Texts, it has arrived! Please pick up your copy from the church office. Regular print copies are \$13.00, and large print are \$15.00.

The 2026 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 services in 2026.

Remember that 2025 contributions must be received by the church prior to January 1. You may also make your contributions online at www.friedberg.church.

Sunday, December 7 (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

6:30 p.m. Chosen Christmas Film – FLC

Monday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Walking – FLC

7:00 p.m. Trustees – Discovery Rm

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – FH

Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Walking – FLC 6:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 11

11:30 a.m. Senior Friends Christmas Party – FH

6:00 p.m. Circle 2 Christmas Party – FLC Back Lobby

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC

Friday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Walking – FLC

6:00 p.m. –

9:00 a.m. Youth Lock-In – FLC

Sunday, December 14 (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 – Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Blood Drive – FLC

<u>Friedberg Moravian Church</u> Prayer List – December 7, 2025

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Family and Friends

Family of Patrick Cheung, Lois Fishel, Family of Ralph Guerin, Todd Jarvis, Jim Mash

Members and Relatives in the Military

Dean Brendle Patrick Mickey Ryan Spach
Jennifer Greenwood Daniel Randleman Brandon Thompson
Ben Greeson Colton Scott Aidan Wheeler
J.R. Lingerfelt Jon Eric Spaar, Jr.

Missionaries and Ministries

Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Safie Braima - Sierra Leone **Activity Center** Charlie & Vicki Brent - CRU, Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission Texas A & M University to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico Michael & Brenda Brent - CRU, Croatia Michael & Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Anna Stewart Faircloth - Young Life Orphanage - Kenya Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry Dusty & Christin Harrison - Intervarsity, Joey Yokely - Fellowship of Clemson University **Christian Athletes**

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Emily Essick	Rebecca Mickey	Ed Steward
Jerry Evans	Reba Payne	Andy Stone
Andrea Glass	Gloria Peters	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Andy Jackson	Mary Lou Pitts	Norm West
Larry Jarvis	Martha Plyler	Family of Anna Whapham

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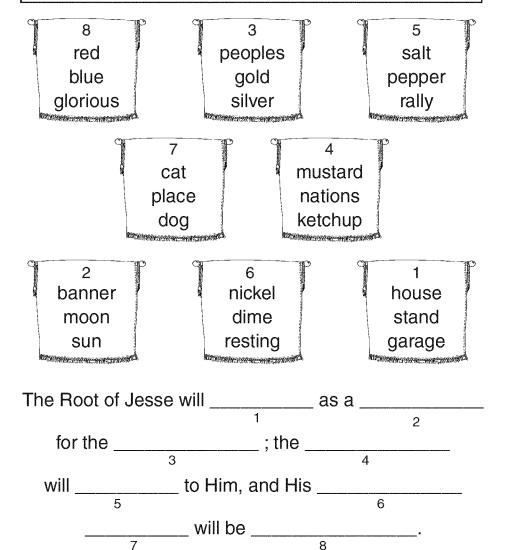
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The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD.

On each banner find the word that doesn't belong and transfer it to the correct line in the sentence below.





December 7, 2025 · Isaiah 11:1-10

The Branch From Jesse

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse.

Find the underlined letters hidden in the picture.

From his roots a Branch will bear fruit.



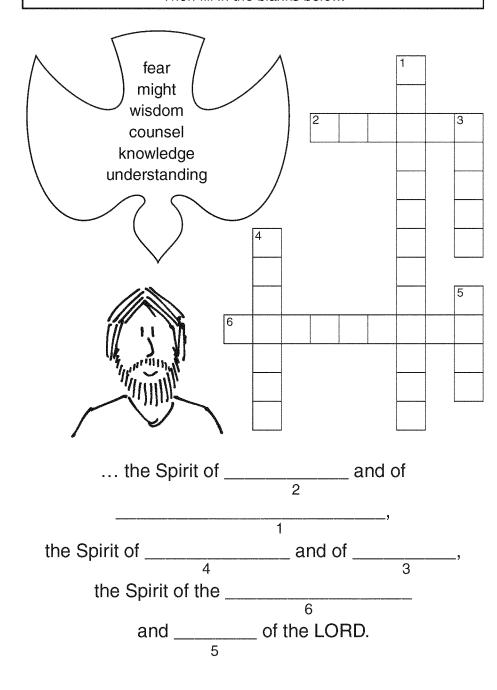


Rev. Jim Newsome - Senior Pastor
Jennifer Boles - Pastoral Assistant
Karen Hill - Director of Youth Ministry
Heidi Everhart - Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Foltz - Music Director
Jimmie Snyder - Band Director

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him ...

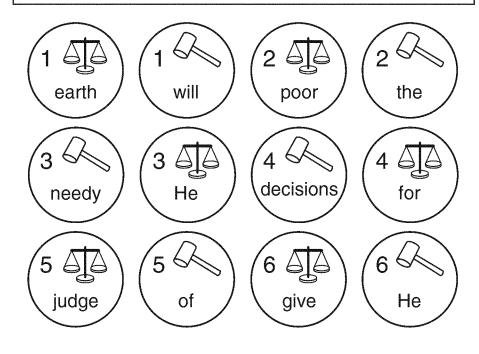
Fit the words from the list into the crossword.

Then fill in the blanks below.



He will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide by what He hears with His ears.

Use the code to write the words on the lines.



With righteousness

