

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Watchword for the Week – Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
Isaiah 35:4

Welcome to our service of worship on this third Sunday of Advent - a four-week season of the church year devoted to preparing for the coming of Christ. Today, we light the third candle in our Advent Wreath. This candle is sometimes referred to as the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. It reminds us that the joyous news of Jesus' birth was first brought to shepherds watching over their flock in the hills of Bethlehem (Luke 2:8-20). More importantly, it reminds us that the true and lasting joy comes only through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. May that joy be yours today and forever.

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* Wade

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy for Advent (without the hymn *Hosanna*) (Blue) p. 49
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

Giving to God Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer
Offertory *New Star* Arr. Paul
 Jennifer MacLeod, soloist
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture

John 3:16
(Friedberg's 2025 Watchword)
([Moravian Daily Texts](#) – 12/11/25)

Hymn *What Child Is This?* (Blue) # 305

Sermon "Christmas in One Verse"

Hymn *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* (Blue) # 295

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* German Melody

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.

Due to the generosity of the attendees at the candle trimmings, Women's Fellowship was able to donate \$252 to the Share the Warmth Program. Thank you to all who donated.

Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Discovery Classroom.

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 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.

The Second Annual Jonathan Frank Memorial Blood Drive is today, December 14, from 12:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. There are still open time slots. Check with Chuck Stone in the Family Life Center.

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.

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. Doors open for seating one hour before 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 tucked88@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.

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, December 14 (Third Sunday of Advent)

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| 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 |

Monday, December 15

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| 8:00 a.m. | Walking – FLC |
| 6:30 p.m. | Girl Scouts – Youth Rm |
| 7:00 p.m. | Trustees – Discovery Rm |
| 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts – FH |

Tuesday, December 16

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| 7:00 p.m. | Elders – Discovery Rm |
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Wednesday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 18

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| 7:00 p.m. | Men's Basketball – FLC |
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Friday, December 19

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| 8:00 a.m. | Walking – FLC |
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Sunday, December 21 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

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| 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 |

Friedberg Moravian Church
Prayer List – December 14, 2025

Members

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| William Boles | Larry Jarvis | Rod Randolph |
| Phil Carter | Gail Ketner | Wanda Russell |
| Sandra Chambers | Mark Kimel | Bonnie Sides |
| Family of Al Coleman | Pat Lambeth-Watson | Betty Sink |
| Chuck Crater | Yvonne Lemons | Gray Stanfield |
| Jim Ebert | Carolyn Mason | Ed Steward |
| Sherry Edwards | Darrell Metcalf | Andy Stone |
| Emily Essick | Rebecca Mickey | Larry Tesh |
| Jerry Evans | Reba Payne | Jerry & Gail Tolley |
| Kelly Forrest | Gloria Peters | Michelle Tucker |
| Andrea Glass | Mary Lou Pitts | Norm West |
| Andy Jackson | Martha Plyler | |

Family and Friends

Woody Branch, Birth of Simon Robert Furlipa,
Jonathan Jarvis, Todd Jarvis, Jeannine Pope, Cheryl Randall

Members and Relatives in the Military

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| 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

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

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SAVE THE DATE

May 23, 2026
10:00am to 5:00pm



PRE-K EVENT

Children Ages 3 to Kindergarten and parents

REGISTER
ONLINE
BEGINNING
JAN 1, 2026

Join us for a fun-filled day at camp designed especially for our youngest future campers and their parents! The Day will introduce children ages 3 through kindergarten to the joy of summer camp through hands-on activities, worship, and time together in God's beautiful creation.

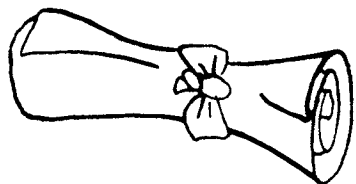
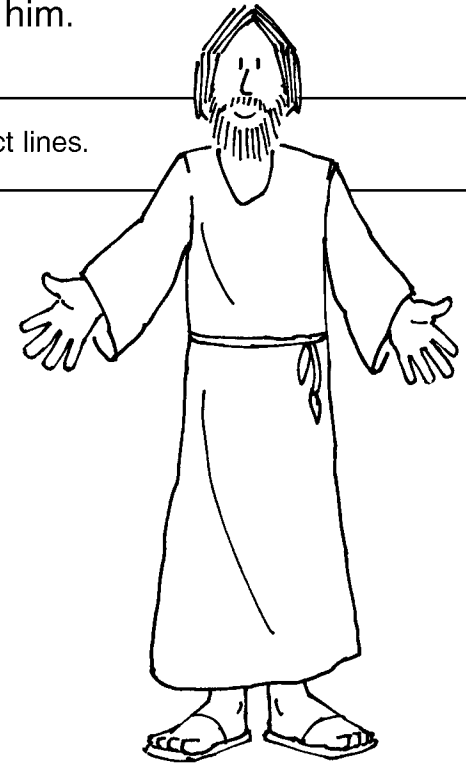
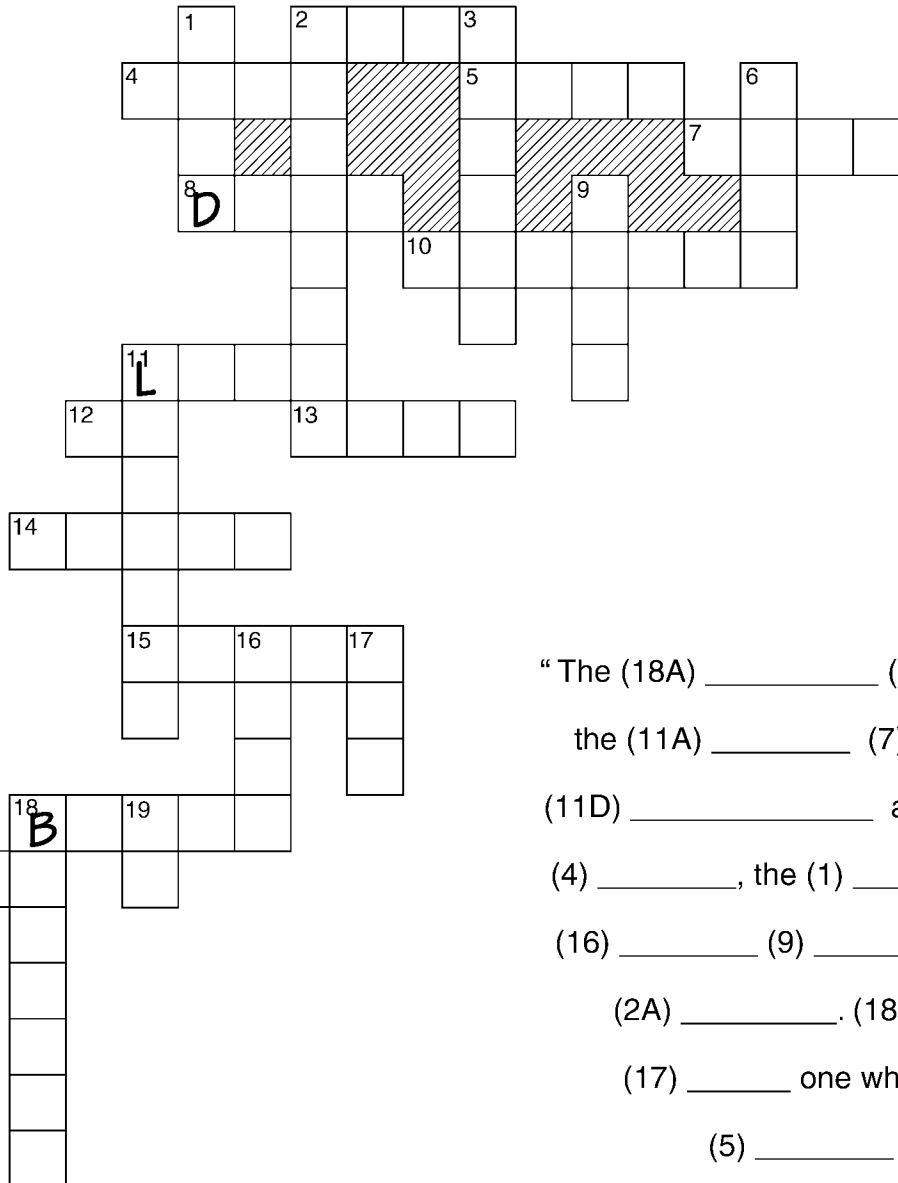
Cost: FREE!
Donations are welcomed but not required. Families may bring craft supplies for camp, canned food for the local food bank, or a financial gift to support camp ministry.

Led by Rev Elizabeth Corney, Heidi Everhart,
Rachel Paded and Scarlett Dowdy

Here is the answer Jesus told John's friends to deliver to him.

First, fit the words into the puzzle. Second, transfer the words to the correct lines.

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| IS | NEWS |
| ME | POOR |
| THE | WALK |
| AWAY | BLIND |
| DEAD | CURED |
| DEAF | SIGHT |
| DOES | RAISED |
| FALL | BLESSED |
| GOOD | RECEIVE |
| HAVE | LEPROSY |
| HEAR | PREACHED |
| LAME | |



“The (18A) _____ (10) _____ (15) _____,
 the (11A) _____ (7) _____, those who (6) _____
 (11D) _____ are (14) _____, the (8) _____
 (4) _____, the (1) _____ are (3) _____, and the
 (16) _____ (9) _____ is (2D) _____ to the
 (2A) _____. (18D) _____ (19) _____
 (17) _____ one who (13) _____ not (20) _____
 (5) _____ on account of (12) _____.”