

SCHOENBRUNN COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH
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Second Sunday of Advent
December 7th, 2025

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Pastor	Rev. Ben Lippert
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Trustee of the Month	Randy Weston
Scripture Reader	Jean-Anne Baker
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*****Watchword for the week: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near.”- **Matthew 3:2**

WORDS OF WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*PASSING THE RIGHT WAVE OF FELLOWSHIP

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*HYMN “ON JORDAN’S BANKS THE BAPTIST’S CRY” MBW# 267

SCRIPTURE LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10
MATTHEW 3:1-12

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY	“PRAISE THE LORD! YOU HEAV’NS ADORE HIM ”	MBW # 454
	<i>WORSHIP, HONOR, GLORY, BLESSING,</i>	
	<i>LORD WE OFFER AS OUR GIFT;</i>	
	<i>YOUNG AND OLD, YOUR PRAISE EXPRESSING,</i>	
	<i>OUR GLAD SONGS TO YOU WE LIFT.</i>	
	<i>ALL THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN ADORE YOU;</i>	
	<i>WE WOULD JOIN THEIR GLAD ACCLAIM;</i>	
	<i>AS YOUR ANGELS SERVE BEFORE YOU,</i>	
	<i>SO ON EARTH WE PRAISE YOUR NAME.</i>	

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DEAR SAVIOR,
HELP US TO LIFT UP YOUR VOICE JUST AS JOHN DID IN THE DESERT MANY YEARS AGO. MAY WE
HELP SMOOTH THE ROUGH PATHS OF LIFE FOR ALL WHOM WE ENCOUNTER. AMEN

Children’s Lesson

Message “What Does it Mean to Repent?”

*HYMN “COME, COME, COME, CHRIST JESUS BIDS” MBW# 412

HOLY COMMUNION “IN CELEBRATION OF CHRIST’S COMING” MBW# 183

BENEDICTION

*CHIME

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as able.*

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The MCNP Racial Justice Team and the MCSP Moravian Team for Reconciliation (Racial, Cultural and Ethnic) are pleased to announce that they are jointly sponsoring this year's ***New Way of Being Advent Series, "Come, Let Us Walk in the Way of Faith, Hope, and Love."*** How do we know *"God still goes that road with us?"* How do we walk with those seeking safety, refuge, and a new life? The series will provide suggestions for ways congregations and individuals may walk with our immigrant neighbors. All sessions will be offered on Zoom on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17, at 7:30 PM ET. Zoom access is below.

Each session will include scripture readings, prayer, and a presentation by a guest presenter or presenters, followed by small group discussions. Each session will be one hour, concluding at 8:30 PM ET. We are delighted to announce our guest presenters.

The Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza, Pastor at Fries Memorial Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC will be our guest presenter on December 3. Rev. Regalado-Cieza will lead us in *a vital conversation on immigration in our church and communities, especially as we prepare our hearts during Advent — a season that reminds us of God's welcome and the holy movement of people seeking home.*

On December 10, **The Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey**, pastor of Calvary Moravian Church in Allentown, PA and **Marcus Dip Silas** of *Mending Together* will be our guest presenters for the session on December 10. Calvary Moravian began a new ministry assisting a refugee family in March of 2025; and Mending Together, a Minnesota-based non-profit supporting those who have experienced trauma and working for recovery and renewal by removing fear. They teach refugees and those who walk alongside them how to *build a world where everyday people and refugees mend together.*

The Rev. Ben Lippert, pastor of the Schoenbrunn Moravian Congregation in New Philadelphia, Ohio, will be the guest presenter for the session on December 17. Rev. Lippert will share from his experience *building community organizations and networks to assist and support our immigrant friends and neighbors.*

We hope you will join us for the *New Way of Being* series this Advent. Questions? Contact The Rev. Sue Koenig, Director of Racial Justice and Healing for the Moravian Church Northern Province at suekoenig@mcnp.org

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87839165887?pwd=s8XLLjLBmpVTrafqLitKwtJHYHhE5j.1>

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