

BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Advent

Morning Worship – 11:00 A. M. – November 27th, 2022

Watchword for the Week: “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!”

Isaiah 2:5

Prelude

Call to Worship

Sing, O heaven, and be joyful, O earth, for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes to you; he is just, and brings salvation.

Hymn *Hail To the Lord’s Anointed* #263

*Hail to the Lord’s anointed! Great David’s greater son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.*

*He comes with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.*

*He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall Peace, the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains, from hill to valley flow.*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Wreath

John and Marti Bell

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Final Stanza (Congregational Response)

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.*

Response

*What offering shall I bring to you, Immanuel, my Savior true,
who did agree a man to be and by your blood set sinners free?*

Lord, angels sang, proclaimed your birth: “Goodwill to all, and peace on earth!”

The sages gave you gifts most rare; their finest treasure was your share.

Prayer

Scriptures Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* # 256

Sermon

Hymn *Hosanna* (Choir 1st, Congregation 2nd) pg.
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Benediction

Blessed be thou who dwells between the cherubim, and graciously regards them of low estate! Praise the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

**To him be glory and power, from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen.**

Hymn Regent Square

*Praise to thee, O Lord, we render, for thy love in Jesus shown;
May that love, so strong and tender, bind us fast to him alone;
Now and ever, now and ever, gather us among thine own. Amen.*

Postlude

Announcements

Daily Text books are in the church office for those who ordered one.

Our annual Church Council was held last week. Our Church elected Alma Flynn to the Board of Elders, and Jo Anne Todd to the Board of Trustees.

Our Trustees are having a shrub trimming day on Saturday, December 3rd, beginning at 10 AM. We hope you can come out and help us make our shrubbery look great for the holiday season.

We will be decorating our church for the Advent and Christmas season on December 8th, at 9:00. If you have greenery and clippers to bring, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Women's Fellowship Executive Board will be meeting on November 29th at 6:00. The General Meeting will be on December 4th at 3:00 PM.

Upcoming Evens

Monday November 28th	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Quilters Handbells
Tuesday November 29th	7:00 PM 6:00 PM	Boy Scouts Women's Fellowship Exec.
Wednesday November 30th	6:30 PM	Choir
Saturday, December 3rd	3:00 PM	Women's Fellowship

Church Attendance from 11/6

65 In Person

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Liturgy for Advent

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant, David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, who have been since the world began.

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us.

To perform the mercy promised unto our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant:

That he would grant unto us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Hymn

Truro

Voice: *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.*

Choir: *Just is our Lord, a helper tried, with mercy ever at his side; His kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.*

All: *O bless the land, the city blessed, where Christ the Ruler is confessed: O happy hearts and happy homes, to whom this King of triumph comes.*

(Sitting.)

Behold, his tabernacle shall be with men; yes, he will be their God, and they shall be his people.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of your throne, O God: mercy and truth shall go before your face.

Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

A bruised reed he will not break, and the smoking flax he will not quench: he will bring forth judgment unto truth.



Welcome to Bethania Moravian Church! We are so glad you are worshiping with us here today. Please check out our announcements and events calendar to see what is going on in the life of the church! If you would like to receive more information about our Church, please contact our Church office or Pastor Joe.

Our Prayer Requests for this Sunday

Today we ask prayers for: Esther Shouse, Wilma Hunter, Kaye Gough, Beth Mathis, Clyde (E.J. Oehman's brother-in-law) Gary Collins, Jaimee (Carol Brown's daughter in law), Jimmy Fearington, Donna Lane, Sadie Lasley, Karlene Knebel (Eric Jackson's mother-in-law), Stephen Leinbach, Byron and Joellen Godfrey, Steven Whitt and family, and Bob Delp

We ask that God provide love, comfort, support, and healing to all who need it today.

Our Staff

Reverend Joe Moore, Pastor
Joshua Whitt, Choir Director
Gretchen Chapman, Organist/Pianist
Faye Bricca, Handbells Director
Ethan Smith, Student Pastor

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