

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**Watchword for the week:** Paul wrote: May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

**Band Prelude | Organ Prelude**

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle** Noah and Jonah Macemore

**Call to Worship**

**Advent Liturgy** Page 54-B

**News of the Church | Ritual of Friendship**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Anthem** *A Christmas Dream* Poorman

**Doxology** No. 817-B

**Scripture** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Hymn\*\*** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* No. 264-B

**Sermon** "The Greatest of the Prophets"

**Hymn** *People in Darkness are Looking for Light* No. 266-B

**Benediction**

**Postlude** \*(R=Red Hymnal; B=Blue Hymnal)

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Helen, Aubrey, and Gray Idol; Martha and Troy Gatewood by the Gatewood Family.

**\*\*Children's Worship** age 4 years to 1st grade today. All children are welcome to leave with their leaders. Visitors please escort your children to the front of the Sanctuary and introduce yourselves; pick-up for Children's Worship downstairs in the Godly-Play room, #109.

**BE OUR GUEST**

Our Connections Ministry offers visitors an opportunity for a cup of coffee and a chat with our pastors immediately following each service. This is a great opportunity to learn more about New Philadelphia and enjoy refreshments with our Connections Team.

**LIFTING IN PRAYER**

**Our Church Family** Terry Alexander, Carolyn Barber, Virginia Barber, Bill Blair, Jack Bodenhamer, Hal Cockerham, Irene Ferreira, Julie Hanes, Jarvis Hauser, Mary Hege, Sue Hughes, Raymond & Frances Livengood, Bunny Llewellyn, Don Matthews, Jane Miller, Donna Mulholland, Holli & Marcia Nelson, Bill & Clendon Newsom, Nell

Rogers, Ernie Sapp, Margie Teague, Becky Ward, Bill & Marilyn Wood, Colene Ziglar

**Our Family and Friends** Clint and Martha Bodford (*friends of Nancy Renn*), Mason Bogert (*son of Robert & Amy Bogert – friends of Michael & Valerie Crane*), Christopher Bryant (*son of John and Patti Bryant*), Ray Dull (*brother of Betsy Reagan*), Deanna Foley (*friend of Carolyn Mock*), Gail Hill (*friend of Cindy Clore*), Elaine Jackson (*sister-in-law of Lance & Lou Ann Jackson*), Shirley Proctor (*wife of Benny Proctor*), Mary Frances Siersema (*mother of Laura Long*), Virginia Smith (*mother of Nancy Hoover*), Janet Snyder, Anne Taylor (*aunt of Jenni Merritt*), Frank Thornton (*friend of Sandy and Steve Jones*)

**With sympathy and love** We remember the family of Joe Bill Jones, father of *Pamela (Jerry) Southard*, who passed away December 7 and the family of April Densmore, daughter of *AC and Bonnie Quate* who passed away December 13.

**CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<p><b>Sunday, December 17</b>                  9:00 a.m. Worship service                  10:05 a.m. Sunday school                  11:10 a.m. Children's Lovefeast                  4:00 p.m. Children   Youth Choirs                  7:00 p.m. Congregational Lovefeast</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, December 20</b>                  5:00 p.m. Bells of Joy                  7:00 p.m. ESL   Library                  7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Monday, December 18</b>                  6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts                  7:00 p.m. ESL                  7:00 p.m. Boy   Cub Scouts                  7:00 p.m. Circle 8                  7:30 p.m. Beracah Choir</p>	<p><b>Thursday, December 21</b>                  2:00 p.m. Discovery Class   Kitchen                  6:00 p.m. Book Club</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, December 19</b>  <i>Circle 1 bus reserved</i>                  1:30 p.m. Staff meeting                  5:20 p.m. Aerobics                  6:00 p.m. Healing through Faith                  7:30 p.m. Salem Band Concert</p>	<p><b>Sunday, December 24</b>                  10:00 a.m. Worship   <b>IN THE SANCTUARY</b>                  4:30 p.m. Lovefeast                  8:00 p.m. Lovefeast</p>
	<p><b>Monday, December 25</b>  <i>Merry Christmas</i>  <i>Church office closed</i></p>
	<p><b>Tuesday, December 26</b>  <i>Church office closed</i></p>

**December Worship Services & Lovefeast Services:**

- December 17 at 11:10 a.m. – A Children's Lovefeast service presented by the children and youth of New Philadelphia Moravian.
- December 17 at 7 p.m. – Our Congregational Christmas Lovefeast and Candle service.
- December 24 at 10 a.m. – Sunday morning worship service **IN THE SANCTUARY**
- December 24 at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. – Our Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle services; band prelude begins 45 minutes prior to each service.

**Women's Fellowship News Circle 5** has Moravian Stars available for purchase and will sell them in the Commons Area today. Large porch stars are \$25 and small tree-toppers are \$20. Checks may be made payable to Women's Fellowship Circle 5.

**2018 Daily Texts have arrived!** You may pick one up in the Commons Area and leave the payment envelope in the collection plate or you may stop by the church office. Daily Text large print \$12 and Daily Text paperback \$9.50. Checks may be made payable to New Philadelphia Moravian Church and in the memo line: 2018 Daily Text

**Liturgy and Scripture Readers** We need your help! We are looking for a few good readers to help with our Sunday morning worship services. If you would like to serve as a Liturgy and/or Scripture reader, now is a great time to start. If you have previously served as a reader, let us know if you are willing to continue. For more information or to volunteer as a worship reader, please contact Pastor Joe Moore.

**City with Dwellings** "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me...." Jesus tells us to take care of the "least of these" and City with Dwellings helps us to do so by providing shelter for the homeless of Winston-Salem during the coldest months of the year. (December-March) New Philadelphia Moravian has long been involved in this valuable ministry- Sunday School classes have provided meals, members have served as shelter monitors, the Missions Committee has given financial support. This year, the Joint Board has decided to increase our commitment to City with Dwellings by making a contribution of \$3500 and by challenging the congregation to give second mile gifts of \$4000 for a total of \$7500. Please consider how God has blessed you and how God is calling you to be a blessing to others and make a gift to City with Dwellings. Please make your check out to New Philadelphia Moravian Church and indicate that it is for the CwD offering. We hope to be able send the additional funds to them by the end of 2017.

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD**

Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Luke 3:8

Numbers below reflect offerings received December 10, 2017

<i>Attendance at 10 a.m.</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,495.60</b>
Capital Improvements	\$350.00
Benevolences	\$350.00
Missions	\$215.00
Charity Manous	\$100.00
Graveyard	\$150.00
Scouts	\$100.00
City with Dwellings	\$125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,885.60</b>

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

*Sunday, December 17*

Sunday school superintendent..... Frank Beck  
 Children’s Worship ..... 9 a.m. Kaye and Madelynn Carter  
 ..... 11:10 a.m. **No Children’s Church**  
 Sound Technicians ..... 9 a.m. Michael Crotts  
 ..... 11:10 a.m. Aaron Prevette  
 Greeters (\*Lock-up)..... \*Becky Beauchamp and Tim Adams

*Sunday, December 24*

Sunday school superintendent..... Bruce Bradley  
 ..... **No Children’s | Youth Sunday school**  
 Children’s Worship ..... 10 a.m. Evie Blum  
 Sound Technicians ..... 10 a.m. Michael Crotts  
 Greeters (\*Lock-up)..... \*Paul Williams and Bob MacReynolds

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Nursery for Worship* Offered during both services of Worship in Room 210 for infants through children 2 years. Room 211 is available as a quiet room for infants.

PreK ..... Room 214      K-2nd grade .....Room 111  
 3rd-5th grade ... Room 118      MH|SH..... YB|Classroom | Main

**Bicycles** It’s that time of year again! Billy Newsom will gladly take your old bicycle off your hands; give it a tune up and then give it to a child in need. If you have a bicycle for Billy or have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact him at 336-414-9594.

**Sunday School** To clear up any confusion, here is what the rest of December will look like for Sunday School. On **December 17**, Sunday School as usual. On **December 24**, there will be NO Children’s Sunday School. Adult classes can choose independently whether they would like to meet at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. Combined Worship Service. On **December 31**, Sunday School as usual.

**2018 Sanctuary Flowers** If you’d like to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary in 2018, the flower chart is now posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**Golf Cart Drivers** Help us out with the Golf Cart Ministry! There are still many spaces outstanding in the month of December. If you’d like to help during the Lovefeast services, don’t worry about your seat as the Ushers will hold four seats for the golf cart driver and their family during all three of our Lovefeast services. Sign up online at: <http://signup.com/go/897Y2V>

**Church Office Closed** The church office will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26. Any financial contributions made must be dated no later than 12/31/2017 to count towards your 2017 statement.

**All Committees and Church Groups** If you have regular monthly meetings, please submit them to the church office so they may be added to the church calendar. If you are looking to rent any portion of the church for personal use, remember to read the information found on the website: Use of Church Property. You can always call the church office with questions.



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

December 17, 2017  
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**CHILDREN'S LOVEFEAST**  
December 17, 2017

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Ryan and Molly MacReynolds

**Hymn** *O Come, O Come Immanuel*

*O come, O come, Immanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lowly exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!*

*O come, O wisdom from on high,  
And order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!*

*O come, O bright and morning star,  
and bring us comfort from a far!  
Dispel the shadows of the night,  
And turn our darkness into light  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of Nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!*

**Welcome and Prayer**

**Scripture** John 1:1-5

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**Offertory Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Serving the Lovefeast**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him, born the King of angel;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

***Once in Royal David's City***

*Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*For he is our childhood's pattern  
Day by day like us he grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless;  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feels for all our sadness,  
And he shares in all our gladness.*

***Silent Night***

*Silent Night! Holy Night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mil,  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy Face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.*

***Angels from the Realms of Glory***

*Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation's story;  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

*Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night.  
God on earth is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

*Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
you have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

*Saints before the alter bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord descending  
In his temple shall appear.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

**The Moravian Blessing**

Come Lord Jesus, our guest to be,  
and bless these gifts bestowed by thee  
Bless our dear ones, everywhere;  
and keep them in your loving care. Amen.

**Special Music**

*Hallelujah  
Mary's Boy Child*

Beracah Choir

**Collecting the Lovefeast**

### **What Child Is This**

What child is this, who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

### **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark, the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With the angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark, the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!	Christ by highest heaven adored Christ, the Everlasting Lord Late in time behold Him come To the earth from heaven's home Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail the incarnate Deity Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus, our Immanuel. Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King!
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### **Special Offering for New Philadelphia Preschool Scholarships**

**Anthem**                      *Sweet, Baby Jesus*                      Beracah Ensemble

**"The Christmas Story"**

**Distributing Candles**

### **Morning Star, O Cheering Sight!**

Morning Star, O cheering sight!  
Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night!  
**Morning Star, O cheering sight!**  
**Ere Thou cam'st how dark earth's night!**  
Jesus mine, **In me shine;**  
In me shine, **Jesus mine;**  
**Fill my heart with light divine.**

Morning Star, Thy glory bright  
Far excels the sun's clear light;  
Morning Star, Thy glory bright  
**Far excels the sun's clear light;**  
Jesus be, **constantly,**  
Constantly, **Jesus be**  
**More than thousand suns to me.**

Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star  
Cheer the nations near and far.  
**Thy glad beams, Thou Morning Star**  
**Cheer the nations near and far.**  
Thee we own, **Lord alone,**  
Lord alone, **Thee we own.**  
**Man's great Saviour, God's dear Son.**

Morning Star, my soul's true Light,  
Tarry not, dispel my night;  
**Morning Star, my soul's true Light,**  
**Tarry not, dispel my night;**  
Jesus mine, **In me shine,**  
In me shine, **Jesus mine;**  
Fill my heart with light divine.

### **Meditation**

#### **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come Let earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing And heaven and nature sing And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.	He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nation prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love And wonders of His love And wonders, wonders of His love.
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### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**



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