

### Statement of Purpose

By the grace of God to make disciples of all people both local and global. To enhance the deeper experiences with our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, Bible Study, witnessing, and the worship time.

### Watchword for the Year

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I don't give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

The God of peace you sanctify  
and bless you richly from on high,  
that spirit, soul and body may  
reflect God's presence every day

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#### **Ministers: All Believers**

**Pastor:** Rev. Earl S. Goulbourne

**Vice Chair:** Sr. Patricia Forde (Elders' Bd)

**President:** Sr. Marilyn Pryce (Trustees' Bd)

**Treasurer:** Sr. Shareen Prescod McClean

**Administrative Assistant:** Sr. Jacinth Vassell

**Musical Director/Organist:** Br. Hanjin Sa

**Sexton:**

**Church Office** — Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays  
(10am – 3pm)

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## GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH

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### *Divine Service*



Sunday December 14, 2025 @ 11:00 am

**CALLED TO SERVE GOD THROUGH OUR WORSHIP,**  
**WITNESS & WALK**

**Worship Leader:** Br. Ivan Charity

**Liturgist:** Sr. Alison Wilson

**Preacher:** Br. Earl Goulbourne

**Organist:** Br. Hanjin Sa

### Watchword for the Week:

Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God

Isaiah 35:4



## Order of Service

(\*) For those who are able, please stand



**Choruses:** Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place #219 CH

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power  
and His grace, I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

He is Here # 220 CH

He is here, hallelujah! He is here, amen!  
He is here, holy, holy; I will bless His name again.  
He is here, listen closely; hear him calling out your name.  
He is here; you can touch Him. You will never be the same.

*God is here, hallelujah! God is here, amen! ...*

### Welcome & Ministry Matters:

**Musical Prelude** Br. Hanjin Sa  
**Introit:** A Christmas Refrain Chancel Choir  
**\* Call to Worship:** Br. Ivan Charity

What if joy were to break out unrestrained in our world? What would we notice?

**The wilderness and dry land would be glad; the desert rejoice and blossom.**

The blind would see and the lame would walk. Lepers would be cleansed, and the deaf would hear.

**The dead will rise and the poor would receive good news.**

May our joy break out in our worship today as we anticipate the One who comes into our world!

**Come thou long expected Jesus!**

**\* Hymn of Adoration:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You #544 MBW

*(Those who are able to remain standing)*

**\* Liturgy:** Advent Sr. Alison Wilson  
Liturgist: *Let us pray the liturgy for the Third Sunday of Advent in joyful anticipation of Christ's coming.*

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
**but to save the world through him.**

**Flowers adorning the altar** - \* In celebration of Sr. Lilly Smith's birthday  
\*In memory of Br. Ransford Taylor from Sr. Evadne Morrison Taylor & family



**Let us continue to be channels of God's mercy to each other in this life of blessings and lessons as we remember in our prayers and with our visits:**

### Our Homebound members:

Kathleen Helwig, Naomi Alleyne, Carolyn Turner, Goldine Turner, Hyacinth Blythe, Rosemary Spencer, Egan Radway, Headley Pitter, Desmond Trim,

### For the Sick:

Courtney Herbert, Sidney Smikle, Karlene Peart, Brittney Gooden, Marcia Millar, Vernal Spence, Carlton Salmon, Vivan & Lorna Spencer, Charles Robinson, Dwyane Philbert, Kenneth & Lucille Peters, Marion McCreath, Kurt Barrington. Keith Austin, Dymond Thailing, Wayne Barrington, Tiffini Alleyne, Maureen Fray, Marcia McClean, Hyacinth Johnson,

### For the Bereaved:

\* Sr. Desna Henry Goulbourne and family on the passing of her brother-in-law, David

**Please, let the office/ Elders' Board know if the situation changes or new updates**

### Other:

\*For God's provision for our Hurricane Disaster Response as we strive to be the "hands of Jesus, serving in his stead"

\* For all the ministry activities planned for the month of December

\* Preparation for our Annual General Church Council Meeting

### Your Prayer Request:

Kindly share your prayer request of thanksgiving, concerns and needs by emailing the church office or speak with the Elders/ Pastor.

### Ways to support our ministry:

With your energy, experience, and eagerness you continue to give your financial resources during worship service, by mail or via Zelle.

**Need each week:** \$ 6,343 to cover our 2025 approved budget.

**Last Week 12 /7/ 2025** \$ 7,409 (tithes and regular offerings)

**Ingathering 2025 to date** \$ 26,395

*The Joint Board expresses thanks for our faithful stewardship!*

### THANK YOU

To our Moravian Women and the various groups for hosting our Annual Seniors' Luncheon on 12/6





***Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!***

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we gather with joyful expectations as we remember the signs of Christ's coming - healing, hope, and good news for all people. Whether you are here every week or visiting (in-person or virtually) with us today, we welcome you with the joy of Christ. May this time of worship open our eyes to what

God is doing among us and fill our hearts with his everlasting joy.

If you are searching for a home congregation to continue your spiritual journey and engage in ministry, please do not hesitate to contact any Elder, the Pastor or the office. We are more than happy to have you!

*Grace is the place to be!*

**MINISTRY MATTERS**

- \* **Tuesday:** @ 2:30pm Online Prayer Ministry.  
Telephone: 1 717 908 1834; Participant: # 838 471
- \* **Wednesday:** @ 7:30pm New Way of Being Advent Series Final (online)
- \* **Thursday:** Unity Prayer Watch from 12Midnight - 11:59am
- \* **Friday:** @ 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- \* **Saturday** @ 3pm Sunday School/Youth Fellowship Christmas Treat in the Hall  
@ 6pm Moravian Women Monthly Meeting
- \* **Sunday:** @ 9:30am - Sunday School for all ages (hybrid)  
@ 11am - Divine Service

*Third Sunday-Support of our Common Ministries Fund*

1. **Thanksgiving Service** for the late Sr. Norma Dean will be on Friday December 19, 2025. Viewing at 9:30am. Service @ 10:30am.
2. **Christmas Eve & Candle Lighting Service:** Wed. Dec. 24 @ 6:30pm (in-person)
3. **Christmas Day Service:** Thursday December 25, 2025 @ 8pm (online)
4. **Men's Fellowship Christmas Social:** Sat. December 27, 2025 @ 1pm
5. **Ministry Teams/ Committees/ Auxiliaries:** Submit your proposed activities and budgets for 2026 to the Church Office as soon as possible!
6. **2026 Moravian Daily Text:** Those who have ordered please collect your copy
7. **2026 Members' Tithes Box:** Available at the office or contact a trustee.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- \* **New Year's Eve Service:** Wednesday December 31, 2025 @ 10:30pm
- \* **Moravian Women Annual Christmas Get-together:** & Secret Sister Reveal Sat. Jan. 3, 2025 @ Coral House at 1pm. Contribution: \$80 Adults, \$40 U12
- \* **NOTICE:** Annual General Meeting of our Church Council: Sun. January 25, 2025, Summary Reports from ministry teams, groups and boards due December 31.
- \* **Senior High Winter Retreat** at Camp Hope (Grades 9 through 12) January 16-18. See flyer on notice board for details.
- \* **Lay Leadership Training:** Three-Part Educational Webinar Series on Prayer—*Deepen your prayer life. Strengthen your leadership.* . Starts January 28, 2026. Visit: website [www.moravian.org/equip](http://www.moravian.org/equip) or see Notice Board
- \* **Combined Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - January 18-25, 2026@ 7:15pm

Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already.

**He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

By his divine power, God has given us everything that we need for life and goodness:

**As a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and on earth.**

Let us pray:

Holy God of Joy, we rejoice in the reality of who you are. we live within the joy of your love for us. Our contentment comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows. Our feelings depend upon our circumstances, our physical health, our brain chemistry. But our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children. And we give you thanks. **Amen.**

#245 v.2 CH

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by Thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*(sitting)*

The Lord became flesh and lived among us.

**We have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release of the captives and recovery of sight to the blind.

**"To let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**

Wherever he went, into villages, cities or farms, people at once recognized him.

**They brought the sick mats and laid them in the marketplace,**

They begged that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak.  
**And all who touched it were healed.**

**Call to Confession**

There are two great equalizers among us. One is that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. The other is that we are all now justified by God's

grace through the gift of Christ Jesus. Confident of both, let us admit where we have fallen short and receive grace without deserving it.

Prayer of Confession:

Holy and wonderful God, we confess that we have closed our eyes to what you are doing. We prefer to concentrate on problems, bad news and violence. When we do, we miss all the healing, freeing and helping you accomplish in our world. We pass up opportunities to participate in your Good News. We rob ourselves of so much joy.

**Forgive us and give us eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to treasure your mission in the world. Fill us with unquenchable joy at the coming of Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance of pardon:

The angel told Joseph, " You are to name the baby Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. "Believe the good news of the gospel"

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.**

#245 v. 4 CH

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! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle - JOY**  
*Sr. Lolita Sanders & Sr. Sonia Rochester*

On this Third Sunday of Advent, as we anticipate the coming of the Christ Child, we light the third candle symbolizing joy.

*(lighting of the first two candles - HOPE, PEACE)*

Today we rejoice, for the Lord is near. This is the Sunday of Joy - a joy that rises even in waiting and sings even in the shadows.

**Rejoice in the Lord always: again we say, rejoice! For Christ our Savior draws close.**

*"The desert shall rejoice and blossom ... with joy and singing" Isaiah 35:1-2*

We light the Candle of Joy, remembering that Christ brings joy to the humble, strengthen to the weary and good news to all people.

Light the Third Candle - JOY



## **WAYS YOU CAN DONATE:**

### **Building Materials (cash)**

- Zinc (est. \$20)
- Tarpaulin (20x20) \$25
- Plywood (est.\$20)
- nails

### **For Shipping**

- Toiletries
- Clothes
- Bed Linen
- Basic School Supplies
  - Diapers
  - Tissues
- Wipes/gloves
- Sleep bags
- Gloves
- Basic hand tools
- First aid kits/ hygiene kits
  - Cleaning products
  - Garbage bags
- Non-perishable food items
  - Water purification kits
  - Solar flood lights
  - Kitchen utensils
  - Towels

*(Drop off on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays)*

**NB: Look out for updates or contact the office**

**Check or Zelle : Memo - Disaster Relief**

**THANK YOU!**

# SERMON NOTES

## TOPIC:

## TEXT:

## POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1.

2.

3.

## MY RESPONSE:

## MY PRAYER:

*Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and  
receives the impossible - Corrie ten Boom*

Spirit of Joy, brighten our lives with your gladness. Let your song be  
born in us as we await the coming King.

WINCHESTER, NEW

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

## Let us pray:

God of joy, renew our spirits with your delight. Lift burdens, soften sorrows,  
and fill our hearts with praise. May your joy be our strength as we walk with  
you. Amen

## \* Sharing of the Peace of Christ:

### Acknowledgement of visitors:

#### Birthdays this coming week:

Victor Payne 12/16, Mabel Mascoll 12/16, Rosemarie Spencer 12/17,  
Jay Turner 12/18, Merdina Bailey 12/20, Ariel Saul 12/20

#### Wedding Anniversary

Arby & Patricia Maynard 12/16

#### Hymn verse of Blessing

With Your Presence Lord (Tune-Covenant) # 447 MBW

## Invitation:

Friends in Christ, Advent joy is not something we keep to ourselves - it is  
meant to be shared. Jesus said, 'Go and tell what you hear and see,' We now  
share as sign of Christ's love with one another. Let us greet one another with  
the peace that brings joy to weary hearts.

The peace of Christ be with you.

## And also with you.

Let us share Christ's joyful peace and then we will sing our Greeting Song:

Welcome, friends, here to Grace.  
We're so glad you have joined us.  
May you find, in this place  
Christ's abundant love in us.  
Glory to God! May you feel His grace  
and His love forever!  
Welcome, Friends, on this day  
Yes! We're glad you have joined us.

Come again, any day.  
Know that you're always welcome  
and if you're here to stay,  
why not make this your church home?  
We're God's children and so are you.  
Come, let's walk together—  
joining hands as we work  
to build our Father's Kingdom.



**Anthem:** A Christmas Medley Chancel Choir

**Worship through the Reading of the Word:**

**Preparatory Chorus:** Change My Heart, O God # 654 CH

**First Reading:** (responsive) Psalm 146: 1-10

**Second Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-10 Sr. April Keith

**\* Ascription of Praise:** "Glory be to you, O Lord."

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11: 2-11 Sr. Paulette Abrams

**\* Ascription of Praise:** "Praise, praise, praise.  
Praise be to You, to You, O Christ."

**\* Hymn of Preparation:** How Clear is our Vocation # 644 MBW

**Sermon:** Are You the One? Br. Earl Goulbourne

**\* Hymn of Response:** Hark, the glad sound! The Savior Comes  
Text: Philip Doddridge TUNE RICHMOND

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes from thickest films of vice to clear the mental ray,  
and on the eyeballs of the blind to pour celestial day.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the blessing soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace, t'enrich the humble poor.

His silver trumpets publish loud the Lord's high jubilee;  
our debts are all remitted now, our heritage is free.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim,  
and Heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

**\* Prayer:** Br. Earl Goulbourne

**Worship through Giving of Tithes and Offering:**

**Offertory Invitation:** Br. Ivan Charity

As we have seen and heard the signs of God's goodness in our lives, let us respond with joyful hearts. The same Christ who brought sight to the blind and good news to the poor calls us to give generously and gladly. Let our offering

and tithes today be a witness to the joy of Christ at work in the world.  
Let us sing: *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

**Offertory Chorus:** We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

**\* Blessing of the Tithes & Offering:** Br. Ivan Charity

**\* Closing Hymn:** When We All Get to Heaven #772 CH

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace;  
in the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.

*When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory.*

While we walk the pilgrim pathway clouds will over spread the sky;  
but when trav'ling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay.

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
soon the pearly gates will open, we shall tread the streets of gold.

**\* Benediction:** Br. Earl Goulbourne  
Go forth in the joy of Christ, who opens our eyes to see God's glory, open our ears to hear good news, and open our hearts to share his love. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. May the light of Christ shine upon your path and guide your steps. And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to go and tell what you have heard and seen of God's goodness.  
**Go in peace, with joy as your strength. Amen!**

**Quiet Reflection**

**Postlude:** Br. Hanjin Sa

