

### 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)

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

**Sexton:**

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## **GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH**

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## *Divine Service with Holy Communion*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Advent

Sunday December 7, 2025 @ 11:00 am

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

**Worship Leader:** Sr. Rose Hastings

**Liturgist:** Sr. Corresa Whyte-Walters

**Preacher:** Br. Earl Goulbourne

**Organist:** Br. Hanjin Sa

### Watchword for the Week:

Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near you.

Matthew 3:2



## Order of Service

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



**Chorus:** Soon and very Soon #757 CH

### Welcome & Ministry Matters:

**Musical Prelude**

Br. Hanjin Sa

**Introit:** Let it Breathe on Me

Chancel Choir

**\* Call to Worship:**

Sr. Rose Hastings

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**We will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds in songs of joy.**

Awake, awake, you people of God, put on your festive garments.

**For God has already clothes us with the garments of salvation and has covered us with the robe of righteousness.**

The Holy One has delivered us and has become our salvation.

**\* Hymn of Adoration:**

Great King of All Ages

76.76.D (The Church's One Foundation)

Great King of all that ages,  
To thee all crowns belong,  
Before thy throne the angels  
Lift up their voices in song;  
Apostles, prophets, martyrs,  
Saints of all bygone time,  
Redeemed of all the nations  
Join in that song sublime.

2. The years of time are passing,  
The weary waiting years,  
And soon these earthly voices  
Shall blend in song with theirs:  
'Mid scenes of ceaseless conflict,  
For honor of thy cross  
Learn we that song triumphant  
Counting all pain but loss.

Hope keeps her eyes uplifted,  
Faith sees thine advent near,  
Love longs for thine appearing,  
Thy kingly voice to hear;  
At midnight or at day-dawn,  
At eve or noon-tide hour,  
Come, Lord, reveal thy glory,  
Thy kingdom and thy power.

(Those who are able to remain standing)

**Flowers for the Altar** - In memory of the late Clarence Palmer by the Palmer Family  
In celebration of Sr. Joan Fay Smith's birthday from her Secret Sister  
**Poinsettias for Christmas:** Place your order with Sr. Alecia Brown-Smith, Sr. Denise Callendar, Sr. Jennifer Abrams or any member of the Trustees' Board



**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, Dwyane Thailing, Wayne Barrington, Tiffini Alleyne, Maureen Fray, Marcia McClean, Hyacinth Johnson, Jennifer Abram

### For the Bereaved:

For the family of Sr. Norma Dean, who made her transition on Friday morning.

For the family of Sr. Desna Henry Goulbourne on the passing of her uncle

**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** 11/30/2025 \$ 4,620.10 (tithes and regular offerings)

**Ingathering 2025 to date** \$ 25,945.00

**\* Joyful Noise Offering (Children's Outreach): \$648.50**

**Children's First Outreach:** Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, KIDS' TIME, South Dakota : \$300.00 For more information visit: [www.pineridgereconciliationcenter.org](http://www.pineridgereconciliationcenter.org)

**\* Board of World Mission Disaster Relief Support:** \$711.00

**\* Common Ministries Fund Contribution as of October 31 Balance: \$14,900.00**

The Joint Board expresses thanks for our faithful stewardship!



**Welcome , friends in Christ, on this Second Sunday of Advent.** May God draw us near, calm our fears, and fill us with the peace that only Jesus brings. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and guide us in our worship today.

We share at the Lord's Table as we partake in Holy Communion! All believers in Christ are welcome to the Table

as Jesus invites everyone to receive His grace and love.

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**

*TODAY: Nominating Committee meets briefly after today's service.*

- \* **Tuesday:** @ 2:30pm Online Prayer Ministry.  
Telephone: 1 717 908 1834; Participant: # 838 471
  - \* **Wednesday:** @ 7:30pmET - MCNP/SP Racial Justice Team: New Way of Being Advent Series: *Come, Let us Walk in the Way of Faith, Hope, and Love.*  
**Meeting ID** 878 3916 5887. **Passcode:** 53405.
  - \* **Friday:** @ 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
  - \* **Sunday:** @ 9:30am - Sunday School for all ages (hybrid)  
@ 11am - Divine Service
1. **Annual "Still God's Grace" Concert:** Saturday December 13, 2025 @ 5pm.  
Tickets: Adults \$50; Children (12-18) \$ 20 (U12 Free) PLEASE PROMOTE!!!
  2. **Annual Sunday School & Youth Fellowship Christmas Treat:** Sat. December 2025 in the Fellowship Hall at       pm
  3. **Christmas Eve & Candle Lighting Service:** Wed. Dec. 24 @ 6:30pm (in-person)
  4. **Christmas Day Service:** Thursday December 25, 2025 @ 8pm (online)
  5. **Men's Fellowship Christmas Social:** Sat. December 27, 2025 @ 1pm
  3. **Ministry teams/ Committees/ Auxiliaries:** Submit your proposed activities and budgets for 2026 to the Church Office as soon as possible!
  4. **2026 Moravian Daily Text:** Those who have ordered please collect your copy

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- \* **New Year's Eve Service:** Wednesday December 31, 2025 @ 10:30pm
- \* **Moravian Women Annual Christmas Get-together:** Sat. Jan. 3, 2025
- \* **NOTICE:** Annual General Meeting of our Church Council: Sunday January 18, 2025, after Divine Service.  
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.
- \* **Combined Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - January 18-25, 2026@ 7:15pm
- \* **Black History Month Service:** Sunday February 15, 2025.

\* **Liturgy:** Advent (bottom of pg. 54 MBW) Sr. Corresa Whyte-Walters  
Liturgist: *Let us pray the liturgy for the Second Sunday of Advent*

*(Congregation sits)*

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle:**

Sr. Evelyn Smith  
& Sr. Ernestine Herbert

In this second week of Advent, we remember the prophets who spoke words of peace - peace that the world cannot give and cannot take away.

**Christ is our peace; in him, the broken are made whole and the weary are given rest.**

"The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guarding your hearts"  
*Philippians 4:7*

We light the Candle of Peace, praying that Christ's peace will rule in our hearts and guide our steps as we follow him.

*Lighting of the First and Second Candles - Hope and Peace.*

**Prince of Peace, quiet our anxious spirits. Teach us to walk in your ways of gentleness and reconciliation.**

**Hymn:** God, Teaching Us Peacemaking # 687 vv1, 2 MBW

Let us pray: Gracious God, send your peace to calm our striving and to heal your world. May your Spirit make us instruments of peace - encouragers, forgivers, and bridge-builders - until Christ comes in glory.

**Amen.**

**Hymn:** God, Teach us Peacemaking # 687 vv 3,4 MBW

\* **Sharing of the Peace of Christ:**

**Acknowledgement of visitors:**

**Birthdays this coming week:**

*Fiona Hodge 12/7, Aaliya Thorpe 12/7, Naithan Bashford 12/7,  
Jhanna Golaub 12/8, Handel Bailey 12/11, Lilly Smith 12/13*

**Wedding Anniversary**

*Albert & Maudlyn Morrissey 12/8, Jacqueline & Paul Grant 12/10*

**Hymn verse of Blessing**

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

\* **Invitation:**

As we await the coming of our Savior, we receive His gift of peace. I invite you now to greet one another in the spirit of Christ's peace.

then we will sing our Greeting Song: *Let There be Peace on Earth.*

*(by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller)*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator we are family,  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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

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

**First Reading:** (responsive) Isaiah 11:1-10 Sr. Eden Smith

**Second Reading:** Romans 15: 4 -13 Sr. Sharleene Tingling-Bailey

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

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:1-12 Sr. Shareen Prescod-McClean

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

\* **Anthem:** Table of Mercy, Table of Rest Chancel Choir

**Sermon:** "Repentance for Transformation" Br. Earl Goulbourne

\* **Hymn of Response:** Did Your Parents Pray at Table?  
Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette TUNE NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D (Come Thou Fount)

Did your parents pray at table? Did your aunt serve Jesus well?  
Did your grandpa preach the gospel? Is your grandma serving still?  
This is not your folk's religion! God is calling you, yourself!  
You must make your own decision - take your own faith off the shelf.

What is the fruit of repentance? Are you willing to be changed?  
Has the gospel made a difference? Is your life now rearranged?  
Have you changed more than a smidgen - till the world now thinks you're odd?  
Does your day-to-day religion show the peaceful reign of God?

Do you trust in God's abundance - not in hatred, pride and fear?  
Is the love of Christ your compass as you welcome strangers here?  
Do you work to end the violence, and to share and share some more?

## ***SERMON NOTES***

**TOPIC:**

**TEXT:**

**POINTS TO REMEMBER:**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**MY RESPONSE:**

**MY PRAYER:**

*"Repentance is a continuous act. The issue of godly sorrow must not be quite stopped till death."* Thomas Boston

*"True repentance will entirely change you; the bias of your souls will be changed, then you will delight in God, in Christ, in His Law, and in His people."* George Whitefield

*drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

*(All partake together)*

### **SILENT PRAYER**

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Grant to us your peace. Amen**

Brothers and sisters, join in praising # 193 MBW

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death.

**Until he comes.**

*(The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)*

**Covenant Hymn:** Sent Forth p. 194 MBW

**Reading of the Moravian Daily Text for Today:** Sr. Rose Hastings

**Prayer:** Br. Earl Goulbourne

Gracious God, we thank you for your grace. Bless us that your gift of self-giving, your Word of love and your community's blessing may stir us to repent and live new lives of love for your sake. Send us into the world to bless without reserve, to love without fear, to serve without holding anything back. Beloved Jesus, you have come to us in our worship. In our lives of love, come again, dear Jesus, come! Amen.

**Blessings:** Br. Earl Goulbourne

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**In the Name of Jesus. Amen**

### **Quiet Reflection**

**Postlude:** Br. Hanjin Sa



Are you humble, peaceful, present to the outcast and the poor?

God, we point to those before us who have witnessed to your Way,  
But you come to us and ask us, "How have you served me today?"

Make us faithful, bold and giving, may our love and joy abound.  
In the work of daily living, may we turn our lives around.

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

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

[SMALL PLATE: Benevolent Fund: for the needy]

**Offertory Invitation:** Sr. Rose Hastings

As we present our tithes and offerings, we seek the peace Christ brings - peace for our lives our community, and our world. Let these gifts reflect our longing for Christ's coming, and our desire to walk in His way of peace.

Let us sing: *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* as worship our Savior

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

**\* Blessing of the Tithes & Offering:** Sr. Rose Hastings

**Acknowledgement and Dedication of Hall Floor, New Chairs & Tables**

### **HOLY COMMUNION: In Celebration of Christ's Coming**

(be seated for quiet preparation)

### **SILENT PREPARATION**

**Hymn of Preparation:** Come, Come, Come #412 vv1,2 MBW

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**ALL: I confess to you, O God, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through my own fault; wherefore I pray that you will have mercy on me. O Lord forgive me all my sins and deliver me from evil; confirm me in all goodness; and bring me to life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Invitation:** Br. Earl Goulbourne

As we come to this table, we are reminded that this is the table of Jesus Christ, a banquet prepared for everyone. All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith, all who seek wholeness and compassionate paths to peace and all are welcome here.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*(Standing. The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)*

**Covenant Hymn:** I Come with Joy # 415 vv1,2, 5 MBW  
(remain standing)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Br. Earl Goulbourne  
God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts in payer.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise**

Loving One, our hearts swell with gratitude. You give us life, provide for us, and call us as your own. In the words of the prophets and the cries of your people you call for justice. In Jesus you have shown us your justice and your mercy.

**You have come among us to give us courage to change our lives, to set us free from all that oppresses , and to empower us to do justice.**

Wonder of wonders: the Coming One whom we await is already among us!  
**Alleluia! With joy we set the table; in hope we prepare our lives, with all Creation we sing our praise!**

Pour our your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ.**

In the grace of this meal, feed what is weak in us, and burn away what is unfruitful.

**Empower us to do justice, to live mercifully, and to be ready for your coming, in peace and joy. AMEN.**

*(remain standing)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and, when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: '*Take eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*'

*(Sitting, As the elements are served, the communicants stand to receive it)*

The Advent of our God p.185 MBW How Shall I Meet # 268 MBW

"Till He Come!" #413 MBW

*(congregation stands)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: '*Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.*'

*(All partake together)*

### **SILENT PRAYER**

By your divine presence,

By the holy sacraments,

By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

**Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.**

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying: '*Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, wherever you drink it, in remembrance of me.*'

God With Us p.191 MBW We Hail You p.192 MBW

What a Day That Will Be # 762 CH

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come —

No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye.

All is peace forevermore on that happy shore.

What a day, glorious day that will be!

*What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,*

*And look upon His face—the One who saved me by His grace.*

*When He takes me by the hand and leads me thro' the Promised Land,*

*What a day, glorious day that will be!*

There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,

No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there.

And forever I will be with the One who died for me.

What a day, glorious day that will be!

*(congregation stands)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "*Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you*