

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

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Psalms 115:1

We praise, we worship thee, we trust,
and give thee thanks forever,
O Father, that thy rule is just and wise,
and changes never;
thy boundless pow'r all things reigns,
done is whate'er thy will ordains:
well for us that thou rulest.

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

Musical Director/Organist: Br. Hanjin Sa

Administrative Assistant: Sr. Jacinth Vassell

Sexton:

Church Office — Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays
(10:30 am – 3:30pm)

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GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Divine Service

First Sunday after

Epiphany

Sunday January 11, 2026 @ 11:00 am

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

Worship Leader: Sr. Alecia Brown Smith

Preacher: Br. Earl Goulbourne

Organist: Br. Hanjin Sa

Watchword for the Week:

A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning
wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice

Isaiah 42:3

2026 Theme

"Faith, Fellowship & Forward Vision."



Order of Service

(*) For those who are able, please stand



Choruses: Jesus, Name Above All Names # 1 MCB

Welcome & Ministry Matters:

Musical Prelude: Br. Hanjin Sa

Introit: We Worship and Adore You Chancel Choir

*** Call to Worship:** Sr. Alecia Brown Smith

Come! Let us seek the upside-down kin-dom of God
where there is no king— except an infant child.

How do we get to this upside-down kin-dom of God?

We follow a star to society's outskirts. We dare to dream impossible dreams. We worship a baby born to those deemed "least."

What is it like, the upside-down kin-dom of God?

**There the oppressed are precious and oppressed no more.
There outsiders are welcomed in not as guests, but kin.**

When we worship together, we practice what it will be like
to live in the upside-down kin-dom of God.

*** Hymn of Praise:** Songs of Thankfulness #313 MBW
Tune: St. Georges, Windsor or Gaudeamus Partier

(Those who are able to remain standing)

*** Liturgy:** Epiphany p. 65 MBW Sr. Alecia Brown Smith
Liturgist: *Let us pray the liturgy for the First Sunday after Epiphany*

Prayers of the People: Br. Earl Goulbourne

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

Acknowledgement of visitors:

Birthdays this coming week:

Deniecia Hayles 1/11, Patria Palmer 1/14, Ashlee Morrison 1/15,
Sage Charity-Griffiths 1/16, Maria Palmer 1/16

Hymn verse of Blessing

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

Invitation:

Flowers for the Altar:

In memory of mother, Doris Brown from Sr. Valdeett Bashford and 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, Goldine Turner, Hyacinth Blythe, Rosemary Spencer, Egan Radway, Headley Pitter, Desmond Trim, Danny Nugent, Vernice Palmer

For the Sick:

Courtney Herbert, Sidney Smikle, Karlene Peart, Brittney Gooden, Marcia Millar, Vernal Spence, Carlton Salmon, Vivan & Lorna Spencer, Dwyane Philbert, Kenneth & Lucille Peters, Dyamond Thailing, Kurt Barrington, Tiffini Alleyne, Maureen Fray, Hyacinth Johnson

For the Bereaved:

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

Other:

- * Preparation for our Annual General Church Council Meeting
- * For the ministry and various events to proclaim the Good News

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 1/4/2026 \$ 6,622 (tithes and regular offerings)

2025 Common Ministries Fund for the wider church's ministry contributed in full!
To God be the glory for our faithful giving through His abounding grace!

The Joint Board expresses thanks for our faithful stewardship!

THANK YOU

To those who supported the Moravian Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday January 4, 2026





"Arise, shine, for your light has come!"

Welcome to this First Sunday after Epiphany. Today, Christ is revealed! May we be filled with His light and serve Him with gladness."

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
Tuesday: @ 7pm Joint Board Meeting (Zoom)
 - * **Wednesday:** Bible Study resumes January 28, 2026
 - * **Friday:** @ 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
 - * **Saturday** @ 11am - 1pm Food Pantry Ministry
@ 1pm - Adult New Members' Class (z)
@ 6pm - Moravian Women's Monthly Meeting
 - * **Sunday:** @ 9:30am - Sunday School for all ages (hybrid)
@ 11am - Divine Service
1. **Combined Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** January 19-23, 2026 @ 7:15pm (zoom). Please make every effort to share in this week of prayer. PLEASE USE this Zoom link: 349 287 566 (no passcode) **OR** call: **929 436 2866**
 2. **Annual General Meeting: Sun. January 25, 2026 after Service**
 3. **Christian Education Committee** is inviting persons to join the subcommittee to plan for Black History Month Observation. Contact: Sr. Lilly Smith
 4. **Joint Board is planning our 45th Anniversary Awards Luncheon.** Tentative date is Saturday May 2, 2026. Interested to be part of the planning committee, please speak with Sr. Denise Callendar, Vice President of the Board of Trustees.
 5. **2026 Moravian Daily Text:** Those who have ordered please collect your copy

SAVE THE DATE

- * **2026 Leaders' Retreat:** Saturday February 7, 2026 (in-person)
- * **Black History Month Service:** Sunday February 15, 2025.
- * **Annual Unity Prayer Breakfast:** Saturday March 7, 2026

DONATION FOR THE DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE

Cash to assist with building materials, (Zelle, check/cash Memo: relief)
Non perishable items: wipes, gloves, basic school supplies, blankets
Adult and children clothing, tissues, solar flood lights, bed linen

Deadline: January 29, 2026

(Drop off during office hours!)

Jesus Christ is revealed to all nations. May His peace be with you.
And also with you.

Let us share the peace Christ gives and then we will sing our Greeting Song:

Welcome, friends, here to Grace.	Come again, any day.
We're so glad you have joined us.	Know that you're always welcome
May you find, in this place	and if you're here to stay,
Christ's abundant love in us.	why not make this your church home?
Glory to God! May you feel His grace	We're God's children and so are you.
and His love forever!	Come, let's walk together—
Welcome, Friends, on this day	joining hands as we work
Yes! We're glad you have joined us.	to build our Father's Kingdom.

Worship through the reading of the Word

Preparatory Chorus: Change My Heart O God

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Sr. Laverne Greene

Second Reading: (responsive) Ephesians 3:1-12 Br. Earl Goulbourne

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

Third Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 Sr. Evadne Morrison Taylor

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

Anthem: As the Deer Pants/ I Worship You Chancel Choir

Sermon: ARISE,! SHINE! Br. Earl Goulbourne

* **Hymn of Response:** Arise, Your Light Has Come!
Text: Ruth Duck TUNE: FESTAL SONG

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Build up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Prayer: Br. Earl Goulbourne

Worship through Giving of Tithes and Offering:

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

"We offer these gifts with grateful hearts, as Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism. May they bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world."

Let us sing: *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

Offertory Chorus: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

* **Blessing of the Tithes & Offering:** Sr. Alecia Brown Smith

* **Closing Hymn:** For All the World # 629 MBW

* **Benediction:** Br. Earl Goulbourne

Arise and shine, for the light of Christ has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. Go forth into a world bearing the light that cannot be overcome by darkness. Walk in the radiance of Christ, reflecting God's mercy, justice, and peace. May the nations be drawn to the brightness of God's dawn, and may your lives tell the story of hope revealed and love made known.

And the blessing of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you, now and always.

Amen.

Quiet Reflection

Postlude: *Trust & Obey # 571 2 verses with refrain* Br. Hanjin Sa



SERMON NOTES

TOPIC:

TEXT:

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1.

2.

3.

MY RESPONSE:

MY PRAYER:



EQUIPPING YOURSELF FOR MINISTRY

Prayer & Lay Leadership: A Three-Part Educational Webinar Series

Deepen your prayer life. Strengthen your leadership. Enrich your community.

Join us for a three-part series of 90-minute live webinars via Zoom exploring how prayer shapes personal faith and congregational life. Each session offers a unique perspective—its theology, creativity, and role in leadership—led by gifted Moravian educators.

Join one, two, or all three sessions—each stands alone while contributing to a richer understanding of prayer.

Who Should Attend: Lay leaders, worship assistants, educators, musicians, and anyone seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of prayer.

Hosted by: The Eastern District Executive Board

First Session: January 28, 2026 - The Heart of Prayer

Learn More & Register

Visit our website at www.moravian.org/equip

For questions email: amy@mcnp.org or Pastor Earl