

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.

Psalm 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 (Chair, Elders' Bd /Joint Bd)
- Vice Chair:** Sr. Evadne Morrison Taylor (Elders' Bd)
- President:** Sr. Lorina Harte (Trustees' Bd)
- Vice President:** Sr. Patria Palmer (Trustees' Bd)
- Treasurer:** Sr. Shareen Prescod McClean
- Musical Director/Organist:** Br. Hanjin Sa
- Administrative Assistant:** Sr. Jacinth Vassell
- Sexton:** Ms. Annette Philip

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

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GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICE



April 12, 2026 at 11am

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

- Worship Leader:** Br. Maurice Morrison
- Preacher:** Br. Earl Goulbourne
- Organist:** Br. Hanjin Sa

Watchword for the Week:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

2026 Theme

"Faith, Fellowship, & Forward Vision."



Order of Service
(* For those who are able, please stand)



Chorus: He is Lord! He is Lord! # 34 CH

Welcome & Ministry Matters:

Prelude: Br. Hanjin Sa

Introit: On Wings of Living Light Chancel Choir

* **Call to Worship:** Br. Maurice Morrison

Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

* **Hymn of Adoration:** Christ is Alive! #362 MBW TUNE: OLD 100th
(Those who are able to remain standing)

* **Liturgy:** **Easter** Br. Maurice Morrison

Liturgist: *Let us pray the liturgy for the second Sunday of Easter*

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance.

As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

- **Heritage Fest - Saturday June 13, 2026**



Flowers for the Altar: Adorn the sanctuary with flowers in honor of, in memory of a loved one, for birthday celebration or for blessings received. Call the office by Wednesday before the Sunday.



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, Rosemary Spencer, Egan Radway, Headley Pitter, Desmond Trim, Danny Nugent, Vernice Palmer, Maria Corbin,

For the Sick:

Courtney Herbert, Sidney Smikle, Karlene Peart, Brittney Gooden, Marcia Millar, Vernal Spence, Carlton Salmon, Vivan & Lorna Spencer, Kurt Barrington, Tiffini Alleyne, Hyacinth Johnson, Roddick Daley, Marie Isaac Ann Robinson, Horace and Harrison Burton, Penny Surber, Janet Matthew,

For the Bereaved:

For the family of Sr. Hyacinth Blythe. **Thanksgiving Service:** Saturday April 18, 2026 at J. Foster Philips Funeral Home 179-34 Linden Blvd, Ja NY 11434
Viewing at 9am; Service at 10am

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

Other:

- * Moravian Church, NP Synod June 24-27, 2026
- * The ongoing unrest in the world, and in this nation.



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: \$ 6,640.77 to cover our 2026 approved budget.
Last Week 4/5/2026 \$ 7, 252.30 tithes and regular weekly offerings
\$ 1, 255 - Easter Offering

- **INGATHERING 2026:** Tip: *Homeland Groups urged to begin working towards this event. Planning a fundraiser? Contact the Trustees' Board*

The Joint Board expresses thanks for our faithful stewardship!



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Grace and peace to you on this Second Sunday of Easter. We gather as those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe. We come with our questions, our doubts, and our hopes—and we meet the Risen Christ who stands among us saying, “Peace be with you.”

So come—bring your whole self into this sacred space. Come with your wounds and your wonder, your fears and your faith. For the Risen Christ enters even locked rooms, breathes peace upon His people, and calls us again to believe, to rejoice, and to live. ***Welcome to worship.***

If you search for a home congregation, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member, elder or our pastor! *Grace the place to be!*

MINISTRY MATTERS

- **Tuesday:** Senior’s Fellowship Hour is postponed to a later date
@ 2:30pm **Online Prayer Ministry** Telephone: 1 717 908 1834. Code: 838471. A Church that prays together stays together!
@ 7:30pm **Trustees’ Board Meeting** (z)
 - **Wednesday:** @ 7:30pm **Bible Study**
 - **Thursday:** @ 8:30pm **Christian Education Committee Meeting**
 - **Friday:** @ 7:30pm **Choir Rehearsal**
 - **Saturday:** @ 11am **Food Pantry Ministry**
No New Members Class (adults) (z)
@ 12N **Men’s Fellowship Meeting**
@ 2pm **MW Movie Matinee - *Finding Faith***. Adults \$25; Children U 12@ 15. Venue: Hall. Invite a friend!
 - **Sunday:** @ 9:45am **Sunday School for all ages** (hybrid)
@ 11am **Divine Service**
1. **AARP Driver’s Smart Course:** Wednesday April 22, 2026. Call our office to reserve your space.
 2. **Eastern Region MW Spring Rally:** Saturday April 25, 2026 @ New Dorp Moravian Church, SI. Bus leaves the church at 8am
 - 3.. **Prayer & Leadership:** An Educational Webinar Series:
Session 4: *Praying on the Spot* on Monday April 27, 2026 @ 7pm
Call the Office for details or Pastor. Open to all!
 4. Remember to return your Lenten Coin Folders!
 5. **Continued Education:** Pastor Earl will be away from pastoral duties for a week as of Wednesday April 15. Please contact: Sr. Evadne Morrison-Taylor, Vice Chair for church related matters.
 6. New Members Class for children will begin soon! Details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Pre-Mother’s Day Breakfast** Sat. May 9, 2026
- **Spring Clean Up** coordinated by the Trustees Bd: Sat. May 23, 2026
- **NY Clergy Pulpit Exchange:** Sunday May 31, 2026

Gracious God, Thomas wanted to see proof of Christ’s rising. We too, want to touch and feel your presence. We want to hear your Living Word. Come to us, speak to us, and fill us with your Spirit, so that we ourselves may be living signs of resurrection.

Open our hearts, that we may hear with joy what you are saying to us today. We pray in the name of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

(congregation sits)

Loving God, with the compassion Jesus showed Thomas, accept our doubts, bless our searching, grant us curiosity, and keep us always reaching out for you.

Prayer of confession:

God, we confess that we have betrayed you, we have not trusted you; we have lived as if we disbelieved your rising. Forgive the failure of our love, heal our fear, and breathe your life-giving Spirit into us.

(*silent personal confession - 2 minutes*)

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. .

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that impedes us, the ignorance that hinders us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! Alleluia! **Amen.**

Song: I Live # 366 CH

I live, I live because he is risen; I live, I live with pow’r over sin.
I live, I live because He is risen; I live, I live to worship Him.
Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus; because you’re alive
Because you’re alive, because you’re alive, I live!

(repeat)

Prayers of People: Br. Maurice Morrison

A Stewardship Minute: Sr. Patricia Forde

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

Acknowledgement of visitors:

Birthdays this coming week:

*Javon Nestor 4/12, Trisha Alleyne 4/14, Margaret Vaughn 4/15,
Darren McClean 4/15, Clovis Brown 4/17*

Hymn verse of Blessing

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

Invitation: Br. Maurice Morrison

The Lamb who was slain lives and reigns, and his peace is with us.

His peace lives among us.

Let us greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ, then we sing the Greeting Song: *Welcome to Grace*

Worship through the reading of the Word

Preparatory Chorus: Shine, Jesus, Shine (chorus only)

First Reading: (responsive reading) Psalm 16 Sr. Lolita Sanders

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3 - 9 Br. Elijah Payne

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

*** Third Reading:** John 20:19 - 31 Sr. Shakeila Small

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

Anthem: Arise and Shine Chancel Choir

Sermon: Br. Earl Goulbourne

*** Hymn of Response:** Lead Me, Guide Me #728 MBW

Prayer: Br. Earl Goulbourne

Worship through Giving of Tithes and Offering:

Offertory Invitation: Br. Maurice Morrison

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. With glad and generous hearts, let us present our tithes and offerings. praise. Alleluia!

Offertory Chorus : We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

*** Blessing of the Tithes & Offering:** Br. Maurice Morrison

*** Closing Hymn:** Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing #559 MBW

*** Benediction:** Br. Earl Goulbourne

As you leave this place, go as people who are still reaching— still seeking— still open to the living Christ. May you not settle for secondhand faith, but encounter Jesus for yourself— in your questions, in your wounds, in your everyday life. May the risen Christ stand among you, speak peace over you, and breathe new life within you. And may you live as resurrection people—with bold love, deep grace, and courageous hope.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Quiet Reflection:

Postlude: Br. Hanjin Sa



SERMON NOTES

Topic:

Text:

Points to Remember:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

My response

My Prayer: