

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcement

Call to Worship: Lighting the Second Advent Candle PEACE

Reader: Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. Let us light it again to show that our hope continues.
(Light the first candle.)

Reader: John the Baptist called on the people of his day to prepare the path for the coming of the Messiah. He called them to repent, turn around, and change their ways. To live in peace with others, we need to repent and change directions.

Reader: We light this second candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He shows us how to share God's peace with others. ***(Light the second candle.)***

Reader: The prayer of St. Francis asks God to help us be peacemakers. Let us say it together:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is sadness, joy; And where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may seek not so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Hymn: “O Come O Come Immanuel” MBW Page 274 verse 2

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!

Watchword For The Week: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Matthew 3:2

(Please Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: “Rejoice, Rejoice, the Kingdom Comes” MBW Page 260

**Re-joyce, re-joyce, the king-dom comes; be glad for it is near.
_____ It comes with joy sur-pris-ing us; it tri-umphs o’er our
fears. Give thanks, for as the king-dom comes it brings God’s
own sha-lom, a state of peace and jus-tice where all with God are
one.**

**Re-joyce, re-joyce, God’s will stands firm through-out all time and
space. It is a qui-et, stead-y force per-va-ding ev’ry place. It snaps
the brit-tle-ness of hate, un-ties the bonds of greed.____ It holds
out love a-bun-dant which nev-er fails our need.**

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Liturgy: Advent 2

MBW Page 54

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 clothed 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:

BERSLAU

All praise to you, e-ter-nal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood; choos-ing a man-ger for your throne, while worlds on worlds are yours a-lone. All this for us your love has done; by this to you our love is won; for this we sing through all our days and shout our thanks in cease-less praise.

We give thanks to you, eternal God, for the Word in human form given to us in the child of Bethlehem.

The Word speaks to us in a way we cannot avoid:

Therefore, let us put aside the masks of pretended righteousness and confess our sins to God.

(Sitting)

Please join me:

Gracious God, this Advent season stirs a longing to have Christ come alive within us, yet we allow ourselves to become enslaved to cynicism, selfishness, and greed. In a season for freely giving and receiving, we tend to live by debt and obligation. We rush from task to task, scarcely opening our eyes to the peace and beauty around us. We glory in the visions of the old man Zechariah in the temple, which were fulfilled in his wife, Elizabeth; but our ministry to the elderly in our midst falls short. We sing of One who was laid in a borrowed manger, but we ignore the poor and homeless among us. We decry the violence of a wicked king, yet we are too often silent in the face of abuse and injustice around us. For these all our sins, forgive us, we pray, gracious God.

Comfort, comfort my people, says our God. Speak tenderly to them and proclaim that they have suffered long enough, that their penalty is paid, and their sins are forgiven.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Christ Jesus gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own. Thanks

be to God!

(Standing)

Hymn:

JUDGMENT

Je-sus came, a-dorned by an-gels, came with peace from realms on high; Je-sus came for our re-demp-tion, low-ly came on earth to die: al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Came in deep hu-mil-i-ty.

Je-sus comes a-gain in mer-cy, when our hearts are bowed with care; Je-sus comes a-gain in an-swer to our ear-nest heart-felt prayer: al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Comes to save us from de-spair.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who lives among us as foretold by the prophets, who was descended from the royal line of David, and who was baptized in the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might.

He does not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he judges the poor and decides with equity for the meek of the earth.

We believe in the coming reign of God when justice will be established in the earth.

How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains who brings good news, the news of peace, who announces salvation, who says, "Your God reigns."

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and the little child shall lead them.

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Hymn:

REJOICE

Our hope and ex-pec-ta-tion, O Je-sus, now ap-pear! A-rise, the sun so longed for, o'er this be-night-ed sphere! With hearts and hands up-lift-ed, we look, O Lord, to you for all the earth's re-demp-tion, cre-a-tion made a-new.

(Sitting)

Christ, the Light of the world, empower us to shine as lights in the dark world of sin.

Christ, the Creative Word, by whom all things were made, lead us into good stewardship of creation that we and our children may preserve and enjoy the world entrusted to us.

Christ, The Living Truth, give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that sees beyond temporal values to discern your truth and to declare it.

Christ, our Righteous Judge, give us courage to stand by the poor, the meek, and the oppressed; and strengthen our support for all who are their advocates.

Christ, the Lamb of God, send us forth as your ambassadors of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world; bring peace to the conflicts of nations, races, and tribes.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that we might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness and Into His marvelous light. May our lives show forth that which we truly are. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Standing)

May the Lord make us increase in love for one another and for all.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to become more like

Christ as we eagerly await his coming.

Hymn:

GERMANY

**We long for might-y signs of God - ca-the-dral, mir-a-cle, and
sword, his pow'r and glo-ry writ-ten plain - so none may doubt
that he is Lord.**

**But poor, in weak-ness, comes the Christ; his glo-ry gone, no king
we see; a ser-vant Lord, no praise he seeks. Thus comes God's
power to you and me.**

**Not in our own strength, Lord, we move; your king-dom falls not
when we fall, but for-ward press-es day by day un-til your truth is
known to all.**

(Sitting)

Prayer Shawls Blessing:

Offering Our Gifts To God:

Offertory

(Standing)

Doxology: "For The Life That You Have Given" MBW Page 819

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made
known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that
are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind
and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living
what we pray and sing.**

Prayer Of Blessing: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

**Great Redeemer, we rejoice together that you sent your only Son
to us. We look to you O Lord, to the second Sunday of Advent to
you, to repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near to us. It
is a joy to give back to you from the resources you have entrusted
to us. May our offerings spread the knowledge of your ways, and**

widen your kingdom here on earth to embrace all your children, our brothers and sisters in Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Word for Today

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Pew Bible Page 725

A Branch From Jesse

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of the knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child will put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

2nd Scripture Reading: Romans 15:4-13 Pew Bible Page 1190 (Responsive Reading)

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name."

Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and sing praises to him, all the peoples."

And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn: "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" MBW Page 507 vs. vs.1

**God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous
Lord. In the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds
us fast: God is King, his throne e-ter-_nal; God the first,__ and
God__ the last.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12 Pew Bible Page 1009

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his

waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Hymn of Preparation for Message: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" MBW Pg 267 vs 1,2

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is
nigh. Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of
kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev-'ry life from sin: make straight the way for
God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come
and enter there.**

Message: With One Voice

Pastor Blondel Jones - Grant

Hymn of Response and Preparation For Communion:

"Joining Our Voices" MBW Page 535

**Joining our voices, all in God's praises, the church rejoices in
these new days; thanks for this hour, with all its chal-lenge,
thanks for God's power with us always.**

**From ev'ry nation, you call your people; in our salvation you
make us one; sister and brother, joined in the Spirit; loving each
other in the one Son.**

Make us more giving, make us more open, fill us for living each day with love; pour out your Spirit, strengthen our witness, till earth in-herit heaven above.

Father, we praise you; Jesus, we love you; Spirit we thank you, for these new days; help us to know, Lord; help us to grow, Lord; help us to sow Lord, your love always.

Service for Holy Communion: In Celebration of Christ Coming MBW Pg 183

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

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing, the congregation gives a nod or a wave signifying oneness and Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)

Hymn:

Worship

We covenant with hand and heart to follow Christ Our Lord; with world, and sin, and self to part, and to obey his word; to love each other heartily, and truth and with sincerity, and under cross, reproach, and shame to glorify his name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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 bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

Hymn:

PICARDY Page 184

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling
stand, ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his
hand Christ our God to earth descended our full homage to
demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord
of lords, in human vesture in the body and the blood he will give
to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.**

Hymn:

SWABIA Page 185

**The advent of our God shall be our theme for prayer come, let us
meet him on the road and place for him prepare.**

**The everlasting Son incarnate stoops to be, takes on himself the
servant's form to set his people free.**

**All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free, with Father, Spirit,
ever one through all eternity.**

Hymn:

ADVENT Page 186

**Once he came in blessing, all our sins redressing, came in
likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; bore the cross to save us,
hope and freedom gave us.**

**Still he comes within us; still his voice would win us from the
sins that hurt us; would to truth convert us from our foolish
errors; ere he comes in terrors.**

(Standing)

**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, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(As the cup is served, stand to receive it.)

Hymn:

NICOLAI Page 188

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light a glow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son our Lord and master, you have won our hearts to serve you on only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Come heavenly bridegroom, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying.

Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heavenly joy you bless us.

Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above array of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh-and-blood refresh our souls with heavenly food. You are the dearest treasure! Let your mercy warm and cheer us! O, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

Hymn:

OMNI DIE Page 190

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

Hymn:

HOLY LORD Page 191

**God with us, God with us, God made known in human frame; in
his name rejoice with gladness, since to save the lost he came;
none need sink in hopeless sadness, for Immanuel is now with
us, God with us, God with us.**

(Standing)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this whenever
you 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 us your peace. Amen.

Hymn:

HYMN TO JOY Page 193

**Brothers, sisters, join in praising Christ, the Son, Incarnate
Word; join with hearts and voices raising, songs of thanks to
Christ, our Lord. God made flesh, who dwelt among is giving
bread and wine as sign, grant that now your love may, through
us, in a world of darkness shine.**

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

Until he comes.

(The congregation gives a nod or a wave of Fellowship, signifying renewed
dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)

Hymn:

ASH GROVE Page 194

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people
of God from his dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. O now
be extended the fruits of this service to all who believe. The seed
of his teaching, receptive souls reaching shall blossom in action**

**for God and for all. His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

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;

Musical Response: (All) In the name of Jesus, Amen.

(Please Continue to Stand if able.)

Sending Hymn: “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” MBW Page 267 3, 4, 5

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great
reward; without your grace we waste away like flow’rs that
wither and decay.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health re-store, and make us rise to
fall no more. O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with
love divine.**

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

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Pastor and Co-Leaders: December, 2025

December 14, 2025 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Normalee Mallawaarachchi

December 21, 2025- Muriel Timari/Sunday School Christmas Message

December 24, 2025 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Board of Elders

December 25, 2025- Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Todd Hallett

Next Sunday, December 14, 2025, we will welcome back Pastor Jesus Laguerra. He will be bringing the message for the Third Sunday of Advent. We will be collecting The Joyful Noise Collection for Moravian Open Door. Please remember to bring your coins to make a lot of noise when you drop them into the cans. We will have a Fellowship Hour right after church.

On Sunday, December 21, 2025, we will have the Sunday School bring their Christmas message to us. We will be having a Lovefeast as part of the service. Please come out and support our Sunday School children.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 5:00 pm we will have our Christmas Candlelight Service. We look forward to seeing everyone.



Christmas

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