

December 28, 2025 First Sunday after Christmas Day
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcement

Watchword For The Week: I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us. Isaiah 63:7

Call To Worship:

Based on Psalm 148

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

A: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

L: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

A: He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

ALL: Praise the Lord.

(Please Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: “Joy To The World” MBW Page 59

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

**Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let all their songs and employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the
sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the
sounding joy.**

(Please remain standing if able.)

Liturgy: Christmas

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Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**For he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed
them.**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high has broken upon
us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace.

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did
not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the
world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God for this gift beyond words!

My eyes have seen your salvation,

Which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

Hymn:

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Dear Christian friends, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice;
hear the news that John did cry: "God to us is drawing nigh; turn
away from fear and sin, to let the Saviour enter in. God is
drawing nigh!___ God is drawing night!**

(Sitting)

Saving God, we confess to you our sinfulness. We are consumed with greed and with self, instead of loving you as we ought. Too often we are indifferent to those for whom this season is not a time of joy. You call us to the simple life, but we exchange in extravagance, which directs our hearts away from you and from those in need.

Forgive us, and renew us, gracious Savior.

With Mary we exalt you, God our Redeemer: (Please join me.)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the loneliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants forever.

Hymn:

ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Glory be to you, Lord Our God; you have chosen us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, before the founding of the world.

You have given us such love, Father, that we should be called the children of God!

You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

You have rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.

You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, your Incarnate Son.

For the sake of the great love with which you love us, make us alive in Christ, our Lord.

Holy child of Mary, savior of the world,

Reveal yourself to us.

By your holy incarnation, By your human birth, By your pure and blameless childhood, By your obedience and diligence, By your humility, meekness, and patience, By your extreme poverty, By your griefs and sorrows, By your prayers and tears, By your having been despised and rejected, By your cross and suffering, By your death and burial, By your triumphant resurrection and ascension,

Help us and save us.

For the poor, the abused, and the sick, For prisoners and the homeless, For victims of natural disaster and war, For those who are in danger, misery, or distress, For those who minister to human need in your name, For all who share your good news, For your whole church on earth,

We pray for your blessing, strength, and encouragement.

God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

May we all be transformed into the image of Christ from one degree of glory to another.

(Standing)

Hymn:

Christ the Lord

**Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious now is born, O Shout
aloud! We by him are made victorious; praise the Savior, hail
our God!**

**Praise the Lord, God, our salvation, praise him who retrieved
our loss; sing, with awe, the love's sensation, hallelujah! God
with us!**

(Sitting)

Hymn: "Were You There on That Christmas Night" Worship/Rejoice Bk Pg 215 vs. 1, 2, 4

**Were you there, were you there on that Christ-mas night, when
the world was filled with a holy light? Were you there to behold
when the wonder foretold came to earth? _____**

**Did you see, did you see how they hailed him King, with the gifts
so rare that they chose to bring? Did you see how they bowed, as
they praised him aloud at his birth? _____**

**Did you know, did you know it was God's own Son, the salvation
of the ___ world begun? Did you know it was love that was sent
from above to the earth?**

Offering Our Gifts To God:

Offertory

(Standing)

**Doxology: "Eternal Source, Whence All Did Spring" MBW Page 279 2,
3**

**What of-fring shall I bring to you, Im-man-u-el, my Sav-ior true,
who did a-gree a man to be and by your blood set sin-ners free?
Lord, an-gels sang and pro-claimed your birth: "Good- will to all,
and peace on earth!" The sag-es gave you gifts most rare; their
fin-est trea-sure was your share.**

This will I do, O Child Di-vine, I'll give you all I hold as mine, my soul, my bod-y, Lord, are yours, and all the gifts your love out-pours. My hum-ble off-'rings now re-ceive, and through your grace, Lord, let me live in faith-ful-ness through all my days, and join in heaven's cease-less praise.

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

Awesome God, when we recount the gracious deeds and the praiseworthy acts, we want to imitate them because of all that you have done for us. Because of your mercy, favor and the abundance of your steadfast love, we are moved to respond. Thank you for the gift of life, for all you have and entrusted to us, for your watchful care over us, for surrounding us with love when loss and suffering overwhelm us. We give thanks to you that we can help meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, both spiritual and material when they cry out for help. What a privilege to act for you through our giving. It is with a generous heart that we begin to understand how much we have been given. Thank you, God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Word for Today

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9 Pew Bible Page 782

Praise and Prayer

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me”; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

2nd Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:10- 18 Pew Bible Page 1255

Jesus Made Like His Brothers

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of

their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.” And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.” Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23 Pew Bible Page 1008

The Escape to Egypt

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.

The Return to Nazareth

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod,

he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Message: Joseph The Dreamer in a Strange Land Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Hymn Response: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Worship and Rejoice Bk Pg 221

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing,
little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging
angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is
Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning
new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the Gospel true.**

**Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the
morrow: Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was
born for you.**

Prayer of The People:

**The 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.**

(Please stand if you are able.)

Sending Hymn: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Worship/Rejoice Bk Pg 230

**O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God’s own
truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer-cy! Of Ja-cob’s race,
King Da-vid’s Son, our Lord and mas-ter, you have won our
hearts to serve you on-ly! You are ho-ly– fair and glo-rious, all-
vic-to-rious, rich in bless-ing, rule and might o’er all pos-sess-
ing.**

**Come heaven-ly bride-groom, light di-vine, and deep with-in our
hearts now shine; there light a flame un-dy-ing! In your one bod-
y let us be as liv-ing branch-es of a tree, your life our lives sup-**

**ply-ing. Je-sus, Je-sus– now pos-sess us, turn and bless us! Here
in sad-ness eye and heart long for your glad-ness!**

**What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and
last, the end and the be-gin-ning! He will one day, O glo-rious
grace, trans-port us to that hap-py place be-yond all tears and
sin-ning! A-men! A-men! Come, Lord Je-sus! Crown of glad-ness,
we are yearn-ing for the day of your re-turn-ing.**

(Please Continue to Stand if Able.)

Benediction

Musical response: In the Name of Jesus. Amen

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

Postlude

Pastor and Co-Leaders: January, 2026

January 4, 2026 - Pastor Blondel Jones- Grant/Todd Hallett

January 11, 2026 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Liz Reres

January 18, 2026 - Pastor Robert Rodriguz/Jim Jimenez

January 25, 2026 - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Donna Ziegeler

Next Sunday, January 4, 2026 we will welcome back Pastor Blondel Jones - Grant. We will be celebrating Holy Communion and picking out our Watchwords for the new year of 2026. We look forward to seeing you all year.

Joint Board: Please start gathering your reports for Church Council. Reports are due to church office by Monday, January 5.