

For all the creative things we are enabled to do through the gifts and talents you have given to us,
For the good health within our bodies, minds, and spirits,
For the courage and healing that you provide when we are broken and discouraged in the midst of our earthly pilgrimage,

We acknowledge with thanks your leadership in our journey.

For the gift of time and the guidance you give for the redemptive use of our days,
For the satisfaction and renewal that come from our labor and leisure,
For directing us to do justice and to love mercy,
For the chance to begin again whenever we falter and fail,

We are grateful, our Savior, whose faithfulness endures through all generations.

(Standing)

Hear now, gracious God, our words of contrition that we pray in the light of your manifold blessings:

We confess that we have failed to perceive your glory as it is revealed in creation. We have taken the gifts of this world for granted and have not stopped to marvel at what you have provided for us. Forgive us for rushing through life with reckless abandon. Forgive us for trampling upon other persons, places, and things, and for not understanding how dependent we are upon one another and the earth itself.

Help us, Creator God, to share the resources of this world as good and faithful stewards. Show us how to tend the land, water, and air and to prevent their pollution and destruction. Teach us the discipline of conserving and of replacing what we have used. Deliver us from exploitation. Keep us from idolizing money and material possessions. And make us compassionate in our concern for the needs of others. Amen.

God hears our prayers, blots out our transgressions, and creates a new and right spirit within us. Go in peace and joyful service.

Amen.

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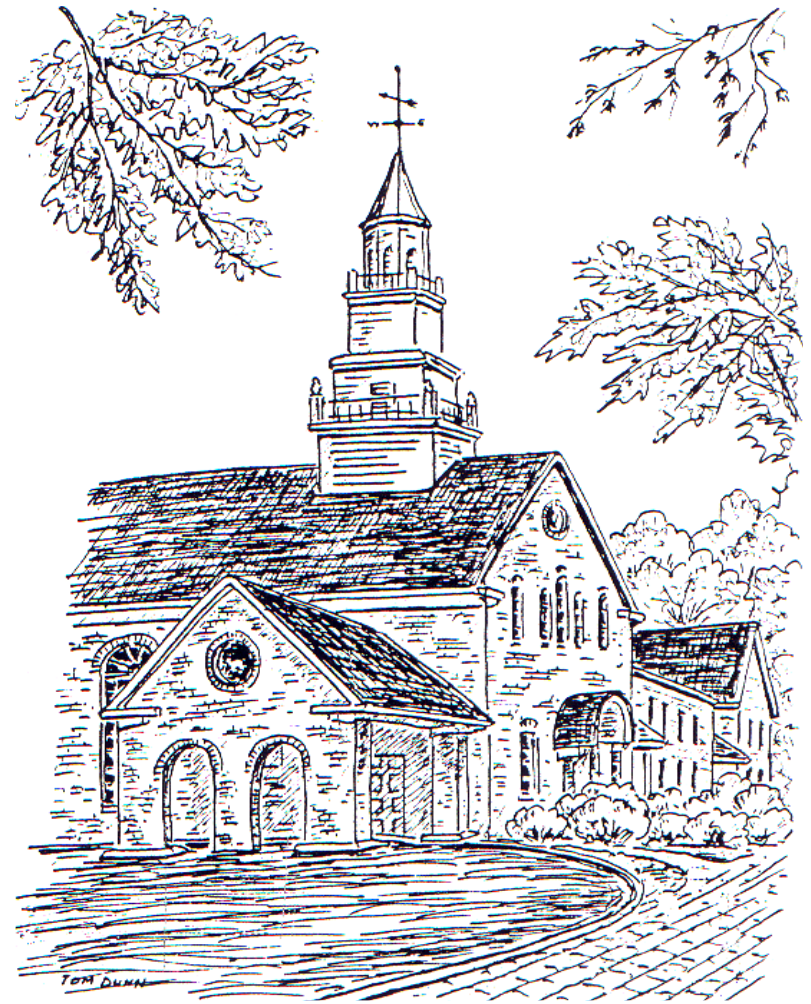
Friedland Moravian Church

Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast

November 25, 2020

7:30 PM

Our purpose is to make the Lord Jesus Christ a reality in the lives of people.



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Liturgy for Thanksgiving

Order of Service

(Standing)

Prelude			Almighty and gracious God, you have made yourself known to us in a multitude of ways, and each of those ways invites us to respond to you with grateful hearts.
Welcome			You have been present with us even before our thoughts and words and feelings ever turned toward you.
Scripture Reading	Psalm 100 Philippians 4:4-7		You created us in your own image, redeemed us with your love, and have always sustained us with your grace.
Hymn	“Come You Thankful People Come”		When we think of you, gracious God, we think of your compassion and tender mercies toward us all, and we are humbled with gratitude.
Liturgy	Liturgy for Thanksgiving		We thank you, everpresent God, for coming to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, for entering into our human flesh and taking the form of a servant.
Hymn	“Now Thank We All Our God”		We thank you for reaching the least of us while we were yet sinners and for doing all things necessary for our salvation through the sufferings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Hymn	“For the Beauty of the Earth”		
Anthem	“Lord of All Creation”	Althouse	We praise and honor you with our hearts and our lives, because we know that we could not help ourselves or earn our own salvation.
Hymn	“Thanks We Give and Adoration”		You continue to rush out to meet us and embrace us while we are yet far off. We marvel at the depth of your forgiving love which always comes to us through the working of your Spirit. We thank you for each new experience and each new reminder of your very constant care.
Message			(Sitting)
Hymn	“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”		You have not left us to live alone in this world but have called us to be members of your Body, the church. We thank you for all those in the past who shared their faith with us and for those in the present who help to shape our response to your love.
Benediction			We are grateful for the nurture we receive and the mission we have been given to manifest the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around us.
Moravian Blessing			You have not left us without written and living testimony to your involvement in human history. We thank you for the Holy Scriptures and the insights they provide for us in our mission and ministry.
Postlude			We are grateful for the words and stories of judgment and justice, comfort and renewal, salvation and peace that come to us from the Bible and from the ongoing inspiration of your Holy Spirit.
	<i>Tonight’s offering and the collection of canned goods will go to Sunnyside Ministry and Anthony’s Plot to help people in need.</i>		For the creation itself and the nourishment we receive from its resources, For seedtime and harvest, sunshine and rain, oceans and forests, For the wondrous way in which we are woven into the environment,
	<i>We want to thank the men of the church for the Thanksgiving decorations in the sanctuary.</i>		We give you thanks, Creator God.
	<i>Please be aware that our coffee is caffeinated.</i>		
	<i>At the request of the Elders, in order to preserve a reverent spirit of worship, please silence your cell phone.</i>		