

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.

(Standing)

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. Amen.

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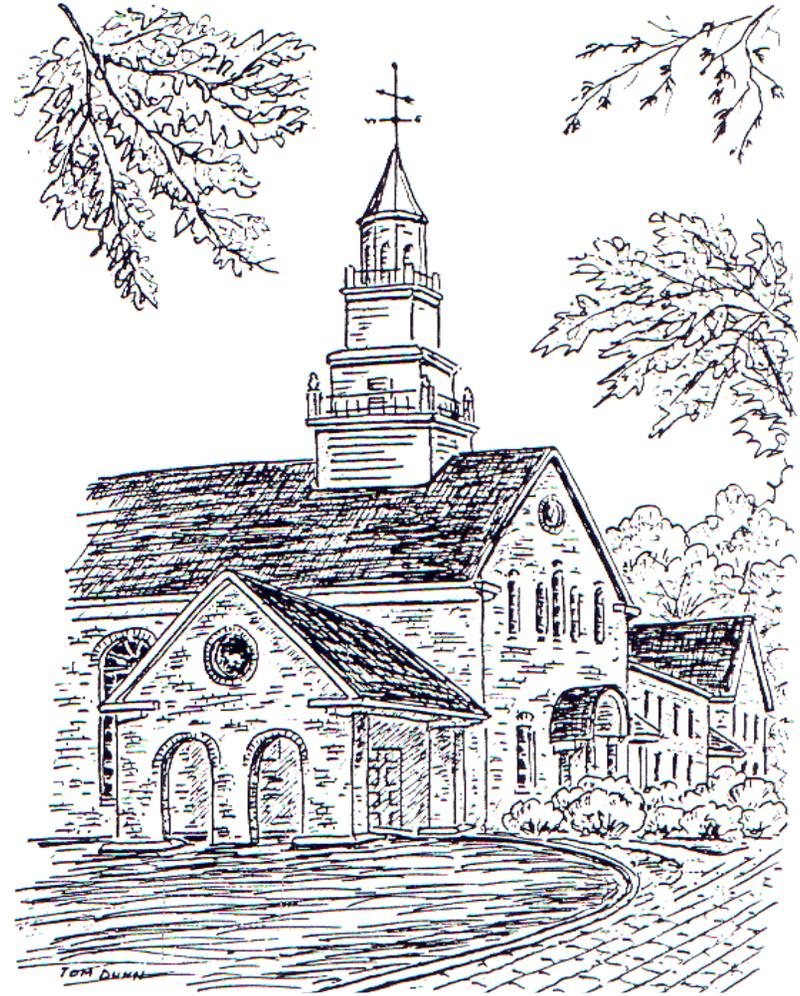
Friedland Moravian Church

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 27, 2020

Worship 10:00 AM

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



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Order of Service

Prelude Noel Joyeux G. Young

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn “Joy to the World”

Liturgy Christmas

Scripture Reading Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7

Children’s Message

Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Benediction

Postlude Mendelssohn arr. K. L. Ashford

Watchword for the week: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. Galatians 4:4,5

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for Safiatu Braima and school leaders in Sierra Leone.

Please place your offering in the box by the entrance before or after the service.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Lagette and Stacy Woosley by their daughter, Sue.

At the request of the Elders, in order to preserve a reverent spirit of worship, please silence your cell phone, refrain from taking pictures, and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

Christmas

(Standing)

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.

(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 engage 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:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness 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.

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!