

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 a little child shall lead them.

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

(Standing)

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

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. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

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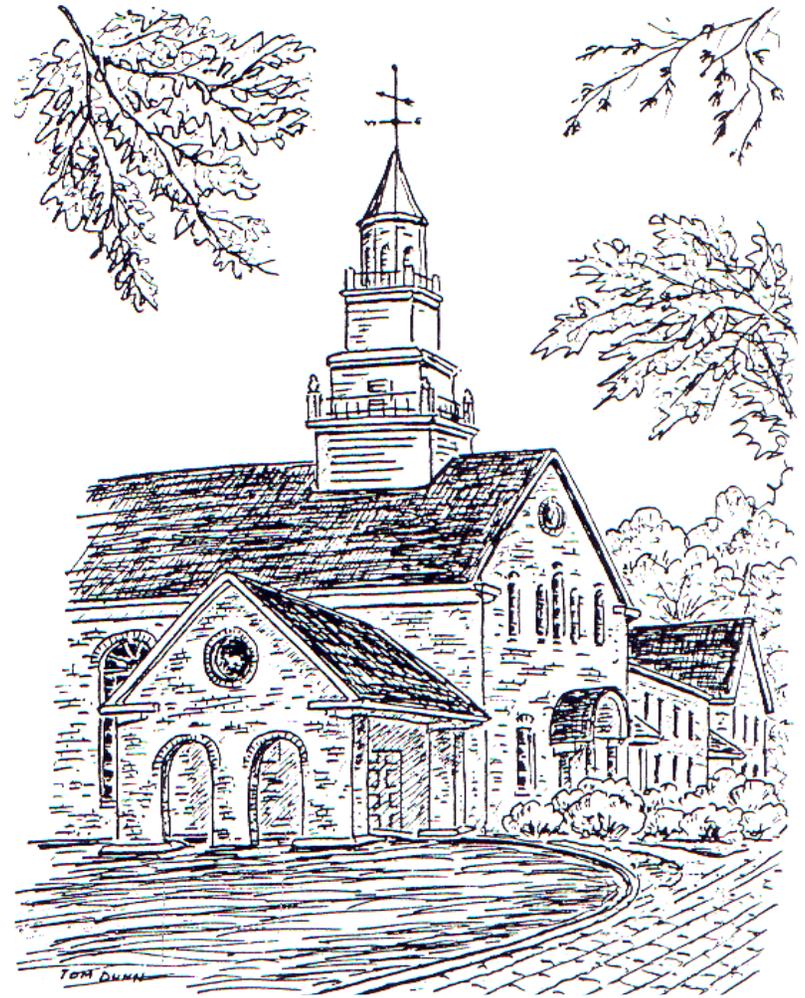
Friedland Moravian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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 “Comfort, Comfort, Now My People” Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle Hymn “Once He Came in Blessing” June Lanier

Liturgy Advent 2

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a

Children’s Message

Handbells Anthem “Glory to the Newborn King” Dan R. Edwards

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Hymn “How Shall I Meet You, Jesus?”

Benediction

Postlude “Fling Wide the Door” arr. by D. Johnson

Watchword for the week: He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom.
Isaiah 40:11

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for teachers and children in these difficult times.

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

The Advent Wreath on the altar today is presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of the Second Sunday of Advent, by the Women’s Fellowship as we light the candle of Peace.
Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

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.

Advent 2

(Standing)

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. 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)

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 and all our sins, forgive us, we pray, gracious God.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your 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!

We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who lived 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.