

Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son!

How great is the grace of God, which he gave to us in such large measure!

This is the good news: through Jesus' death and resurrection all people may participate in God's blessings.

We are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus.

There is no longer rich or poor, black or white, male or female; for we are all one in union with Christ Jesus.

If we belong to Christ, then we are members of God's family and will receive what God has promised.

(Standing)

EPIPHANY PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us offer intercessions and petitions for the needs of the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, as disciples called to your service, we pray for the salvation of all. Lead us to bear witness to friends and neighbors in this community. Fill our words and manner of life with the convincing power of your Spirit. Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.

Give every gift and blessing to your witnesses in all places. May those who suffer because they have named you as Lord be strengthened to endure every temptation. Give courage, insight, and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the gospel to those yet unreached.

Savior, grant that your church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

I looked, and there was a great multitude -- no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, holding palm branches in their hands. They called out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!"

Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!

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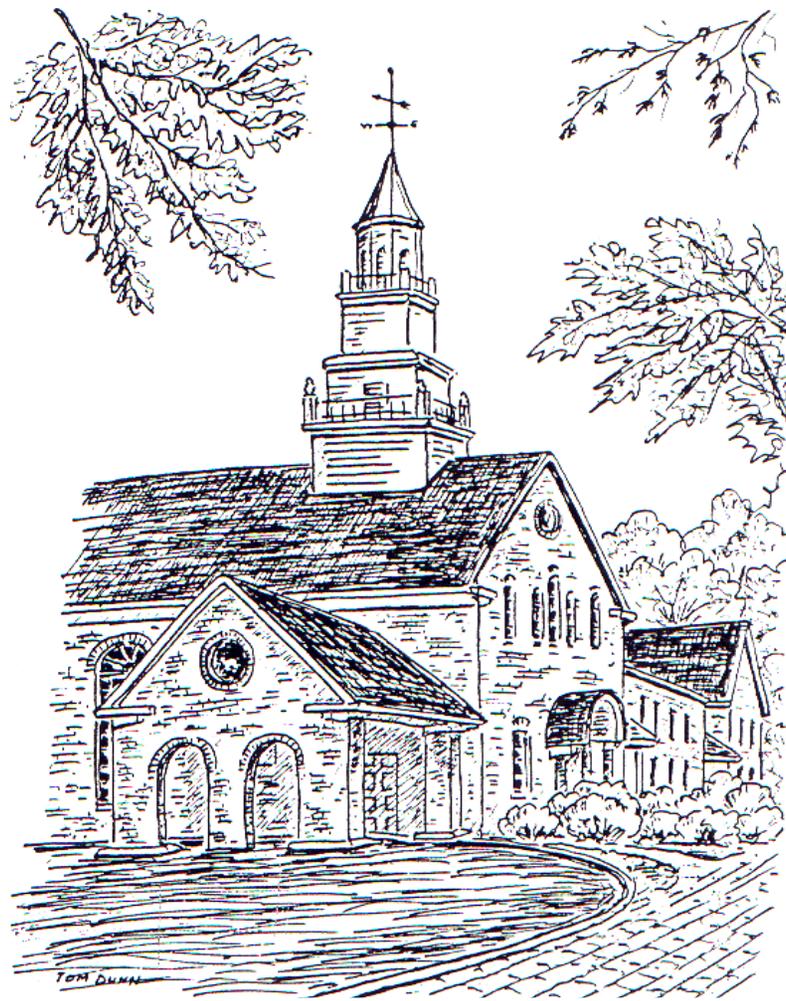
Friedland Moravian Church

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 10, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Liturgy Liturgy for Epiphany

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12

Children’s Message

Anthem

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation

Hymn “Jesus’ Name, Jesus’ Name”

Service for Holy Communion Insert

Benediction

Postlude

Watchword for the Week: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. Psalm 29:2

Mission Prayer Focus: Pray for generous hearts to donate funds to help those suffering from disasters such as hurricanes and floods, etc.

Please place your offering in one of the designated areas before or after the service.

The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Frances Sapp by Chuck Sapp, Charlie Sapp and Austin, Corrie and Laurel Zimmerman.

Liturgy for Epiphany

(Standing)

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks.

They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might.

Everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

Your rule is eternal, and you are king forever.

You, Lord, are righteous in all you do, merciful in all your acts.

You are near to those who call to you, who call to you with sincerity.

You supply the needs of all who honor you; you hear their cries and save them.

We will ever praise you, Lord; let all creation praise your holy name forever.

With sincere hearts and open minds, let us now acknowledge the sin that entangles us and prevents us from doing God's will.

(Silent confession)

Compassionate Lord, you call us to a higher standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words, and deeds which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. Among sisters and brothers in the church, we have not fully walked in the light. Often our congregations have not reflected the rich diversity of people in our communities. In our witness to the world, our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus. Hear the word of our Lord: I do not condemn you. Go, but do not sin again.

(Sitting)

God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that live there, and gave life and breath to all its people.

And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through you I will make a covenant with all peoples.

Through you I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind,

And set free those who sit in dark prisons.

God shows no partiality to race or culture. All who have reverence for him and do what is right are acceptable to God.

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.