

BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship – 11:00 A. M. – December 2, 2018

Jesus says, "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."
Luke 21:33

STRIKING of the HOUR

PRELUDE *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP *Christ, Be Our Light* Bernadette Farrell

WELCOME and CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LIGHTING of the FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Tom & Lawana Yarbrough

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CHILDREN/YOUTH MESSAGE Rev. Merritt

READING of GOD'S WORD Beth Spielger
Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (Page 683)
Luke 21: 25-36 (Pages 915-916)

PRESENTATION of TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory *He Comes!* Morning Star Choir
*Doxology – (Hymn 817) *Praise God....* T. Old Hundredth
*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 257 *The King Shall Come*

SERMON **From a Root-Comes Jesus!** Rev. Merritt

*HYMN 261 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

*BENEDICTION/CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE *Sleepers Wake!* Johann Krebs

*Congregation stands if you are able. Late arrivals may be seated during a hymn.

Sunday	December 2	December 9
Nursery	Judy Tuttle & Betty Moorefield	Barbara Cline & Marie Isaacs
Greeters	Lee Ann & David Myers	Patsy Pope

We thank you for joining us on this first Sunday in Advent. We extend warm greetings to all members and guests. We hope all visitors will fill out a visitor's card and drop in the offering plate.

We will have Church Council after the worship service. We will be electing officers for our boards and going over the budget for next year. Tonight at 5:00pm, we will have a potluck supper and be trimming our Lovefeast candles! Please join us if you can.

The Town of Bethania will be having their Christmas Celebration today from 4:30-6pm. There will be carols and the tree lighting with the Bethania Moravian Band and Cantabile Jubilee dulcimer trio.

The Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting has been re-scheduled to Monday, December 3rd at 7:30pm

The Women's Fellowship-Circle 1 will meet at Town and Country Restaurant, Tuesday December 4th at 11:30am for their Christmas Luncheon.

The church will be making chicken pies on Monday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 11th. No experience required!!

On Thursday, December 13th, starting at 9:00AM, we will decorate the church for Advent season. If you can bring some greenery, it may be good to place it in water prior to the 13th to freshen it up. At some point during the season we will need to replace some of the greenery that will become too dry by Christmas Eve. Please plan to help; you will need to bring gloves and clippers.

OPPORTUNITIES for the WEEK

MON	3	9:00am Quilters 7:30pm WF Executive Board Meeting
TUES	4	11:30am WF-Circle 1 Christmas Luncheon 7:00pm Boy & Cub Scouts
WED	5	6:15pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
THUR	6	7:00pm CEC Mtg.
SAT	8	7:30-3:30pm Kitchen & FH in use (small vendor event) 6:00-9pm Fellowship Hall in use
SUN	9	9:15am Coffee and Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 5:00pm Youth