

A safe place to be authentic and to experience acceptance, healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.



Fourth Sunday of Advent – Moravian Lovefeast December 18, 2022

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at <u>www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/</u>

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Please silence your mobile device. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude	"St. Anthony's Chorale"	Brahms
*Processional Hymn Lighting of the Cane	"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" dles	Hymnal no.203
(Light three candles Leader: Light of the People: Opened m Leader: Beauty that People: Hope of a (Light the fourth can Leader: Here I am t	world, You stepped down into dark ay eyes, let me see made this heart adore You life spent with you!	
Opening Prover		

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: May the lyrics of the songs prepare us for the days where we will sing together, forever, with You. May the sweetness of the bread be a tangible sign of all your sweet provisions in our lives. May the warm coffee be a precursor to You warming our hearts. May our prayers be heard. May the candles be a sign of who You are, and who You call us to be. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us pass God's peace with each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Whether it be thanksgiving, smiles, forgiveness, embraces, waves from across the church, or encouragement, we pray your soul finds the peace it needs at this time.)

Welcome and Announcements

Word and Response

Introduction to the Moravian Tradition

First ScripturePsalm 36:5-9NRSV (pg.482 OT)Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

"Jesus Name" Chancel Choir

Moravian Prayer of Blessing

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Bless our loved ones everywhere and keep them in thy loving care. Amen.

Serving of the Love Feast Organ Instrumental (As you eat and drink of the feast, take time to reflect and meditate on the music.)

Anthem "Sing Alleluia" Chancel Choir

Second ScriptureMatthew 1:18-25NRSV (pg.1 NT)Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Faithful Christians One and All" Michalec, 1547 Chancel Choir

Third Scripture1 John 4:7-12NRSV (pg.226 NT)Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.All: Thanks be to God.

Carol No.238 "Angels We Have Heard on High" Chancel Choir & Congregation

Offertory

Giving Links:

PayPal - <u>https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=Y9NV28ABLG5LW</u> Realm - <u>https://onrealm.org/StPaulUMC1107/give/now</u>

*The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Distribution of Candles	"Morning Star"	Johan Scheffler
	Chancel Choir	
*Lighting of the Candles		

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!

People: A light no darkness can overcome!

Carol No.246 "Joy to the World" (When lighting your candle, tilt the unlighted candle toward the lighted one to avoid dripping wax.)

During the final refrain, the Congregation is invited to lift your candles high as an act of reaffirming one's faith in Christ.

*Benediction

Leader: You are the light of the world; let your light shine before all people so that they may see your good works.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude	"Trumpet Voluntary"	Purcell
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Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 11/13/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund		11/13/2022
Memorials & Honorariums		
Other funds		In-person: 70
Total Giving:		Online Views:

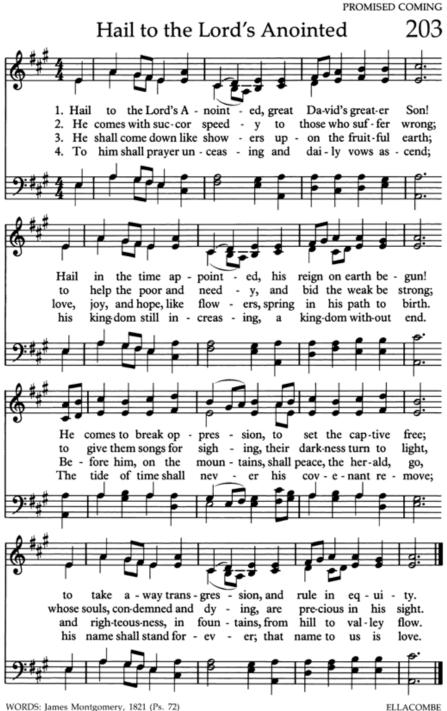
Today's Servers:

Reader: Steele & Stephanie Gamble Acolyte: Steele Gamble Nursery: Donna Connelly & Teresa Ferrell Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble Advent: Pat Tompkins

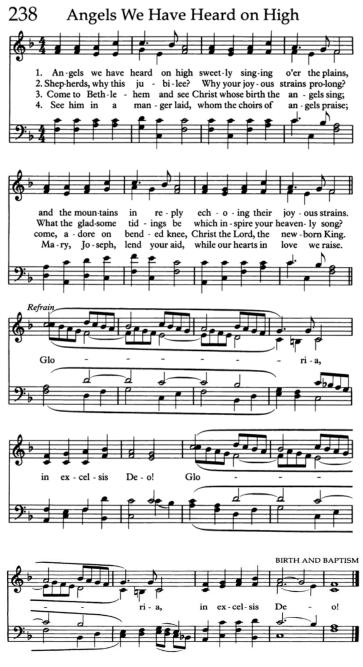
Special thanks to those who helped coordinate our service and Dieners (servers) for today's Love Feast, and to Whitney and Jason Feaster, Murray and Susan Snow, Troy & Stephanie & Steele Gamble, and Elliott and Christine Hall for serving.

The Coffee and Love Feast Bun: The Love Feast buns are made from a traditional recipe which includes citron and orange peel for flavoring. The slash marks on the top of the bun are often mistaken by many to be an "M" for Moravian, but they are actually a "W", which was the mark of Winkler Bakery, the original bakery in Salem, NC, still in operation today and where our buns today were baked. The coffee is decaffeinated and is pre-mixed with sugar and cream.

The Candle: The candles traditionally are hand-poured beeswax from tin molds that have been handed down through the generations. They are then hand-wrapped (trimmed) in flame-proof crepe paper to prevent hot wax from dripping onto the holder's hands. Please handle candles with caution and hold them vertically so that wax does not drip onto the floor.



WORDS: James Montgomery, 1821 (PS. 72)
MUSIC: Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle, 1784, alt; adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868



GLORIA

77.77 with Refrain

WORDS: Trad. French carol; trans. Crown of Jesus, 1862, alt. (Luke 2:6-20)

MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

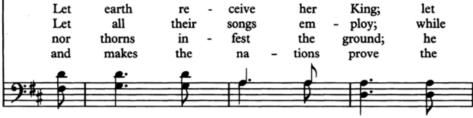
Harm. © 1964 Abingdon Press

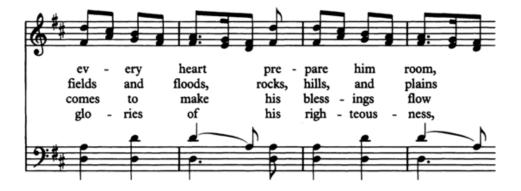
CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE



Joy to the World







BIRTH AND BAPTISM



WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 98:4-9) MUSIC: Arr. from G. F. Handel, 1741, by Lowell Mason, 1848 ANTIOCH CM with Repeat

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:		
Sun, 12/18	Moravian Love Feast	
	Youth Group: Home of Mary Pool	5:30pm
Mon, 12/19	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 12/21	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Saturday, 12/24	Christmas Eve Service: Saint Paul	6:00pm
Upcoming events:		
Mon, 12/26	Office Closed for Christmas	

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or matthewegreer@gmail.com)

Thanks for being here today! I believe the number one reason for high church attendance is church attendance; your presence makes this a more excellent place to be on Sunday mornings.

In response to the pandemic, we had started live-streaming our services. As we are back in attendance, we have decided to temporarily stop livestreaming until a more permanent solution can be found; however, we will still be recording the service each Sunday and posting it on Facebook and our website for your viewing during the week. Thank you for your patience as we find the solution for moving forward with our technology.

Office Hours: We are open from 8:15am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours. The office will be closed on 12/26 and 1/2/2023.

E-vangelism

Let someone know about our **free wi-fi hotspot** for e-learning! Network: St. Paul Guest Password: Guest **Share** our live-stream on your Facebook page. Take five minutes and write us a **review**! <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Google</u>

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Bowman Franks, 12/18; Lauren Searcy, 12/20; MaryAnn Stephens 12/24

Happy Anniversary: Steve & Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, 12/18 (51 years!); Richard & Martha Ball, 12/18 (42 years!); Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Ray Byington, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, *Eleanor Cunningham*, Natalie Davis, *Jesse Franks*, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol Johnson*, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Chuck McLesky, Karsyn Miller, *Tavane Reposa*, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Buddy Tompkins, Joe Whitmire, friends serving in the Armed Services, first responders, and the leaders of the United States of America. (Bold = New, *Italics* = Currently in hospital or rehabilitation)

Missions: Salkehatchie, Legacy Elementary, Hinton Center

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Our Trustees for 2023 are: John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Deborah Goodwin, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, and John Sprinkle

S/PPRC: Our S/PPRC Members for 2023 are: Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, and Christine Hall



Finance Committee: Our Finance Committee members for 2023 are: Becky Hollifield, David Knobeloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, and Tracey Biggers



Church Council: Our Church Council members for 2023 are: Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobeloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, and

Mary Anne Terminato.

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Joint Youth Group: We will be meeting on 12/18 at at the home of Mary Pool (216 McDaniel Avenue in Greenville). Don't forget to bring your White Elephant gift for the exchange.



Women's Retreat: The St. Paul Women's Community Annual Retreat will be held at Montreat Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC on February 10-12, 2023. All ladies of St. Paul (and friends) are welcome!

Please reach out to Tennille Crnobrnja (<u>tennille.crnobrnja@gmail.com</u>) if you have any questions. We look forward to resuming our weekend retreat!



Help Needed: We are needing volunteers in two areas! First, the pre-school/K5/1st Grade Sunday School class needs a second person to work with Teresa each Sunday. If you are interested in one Sunday or multiple Sundays, please contact Eugenia Vicars or Heather Storey.

Second, we are needing volunteers to run the camera during the services on Sunday. All you have to do is press record, check the sound, and set the camera or pan and zoom. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office or Mary Anne Terminato.



Golden Girls Bible Study and Luncheon: The Golden Girls will not be meeting in November or December. Enjoy the holiday break and we will gather again on January 19th.



Revolution!: Youth and parents, please mark your calendar. Revolution weekend is coming up January 27-29. More information will be coming soon.

Opportunities to Serve

Reverse Advent: Pick up your calendar in the narthex or look in the bulletin to join our Reverse Advent. Bring all the good to the Christmas Eve service. Let us give back to those in need in our community.

Sunday School & Children's Worship

We will have the nursery and Children's Worship available 12/18; however, they will not be available on 12/25 due to the Christmas service.

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