

Fries Memorial Moravian Church

March 27, 2022



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*The Motto: In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials,
Liberty; in All Things, Love.”*

*The Good News: God Creates, Redeems, and Sustains,
That we might respond in Faith, Love, and Hope!*

*4th Sunday of Lent
March 27, 2022*

Watchword for the Week

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Prelude & Call to Worship

Liturgy for Lent 1

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Congregational Notes & Concerns: John Donnell Petree (ankle), Wendy Broadstreet (wrist), Randy Thrift (knee), and shut-ins Jim Reed and Julia Spainhour. The victory over Covid-19; Peace for Ukraine; the Peace and Prosperity of the World.

Presentation of Tithes & Offering

Offertory Prayers of Praise & Petition

Offertory Music

Offertory Response

Hearing God's Word

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

"Now in the Days of Youth"

No. 801

Message

"The Road Home: Are We There Yet?"

Hymn

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

No. 762

Benediction

Postlude

Covid Precautions

In accordance with the CDC and the Provincial Elder's Conference, we continue to recommend masks, social distancing, and frequent hand washing. However, masks are now optional for vaccinated persons. Let us continue to look not just to our own interests but also to the interests of others. Sunday Morning Worship is available live and on-demand with links to YouTube from www.frieschurch.org.

Lenten Study in 2022

During Lent the pastor has been leading a Zoom Bible Study on Galatians, "The Epistle of Faith." The last session will meet from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30th. It is not too late to join, just follow the link in the weekly email.

Holy Week Schedule

This year we will conduct Holy Week services in the sanctuary each evening at 6:00 p.m. We will follow the life of our LORD in Readings on Palm Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. We will rest on Wednesday, which Jesus did in the gospels. On Maundy Thursday we will again take up our readings, and celebrate the Holy Communion, and on Friday, we will have the crucifixion service at 2:15 p.m. and conduct the traditional Tenebrae Service that evening at 6:00 p.m.

Submission of Pastoral Concerns

If you know of a pastoral concern within our congregation, please email frieschurch6@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Staff:

Worth Green, Interim Pastor; Dana Myers, Student Pastoral Intern; Michael Westmoreland, Music Director & Organist; Heather Doty, Administrative Assistant.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday March 30 - 7:00-7:45 p.m. Virtual Lenten Bible Study

Sunday April 3 - 11:00 a.m. Worship,
2:00-4:00 p.m. Birthday Celebration for Doris Collier
in the Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday April 10 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Holy Week Readings

Monday April 11 - 6:00 p.m. Holy Week Readings

Tuesday April 12 - 6:00 p.m. Holy Week Readings

Maundy April 14 - 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Thursday

Good Friday April 15 - 2:15 p.m. Crucifixion Service,
6:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Easter April 17 - 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at God's Acre,
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Easter Morning Worship

Save the Date - Community Shred Day on April 30 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Psalm 32

A Psalm of David. A Maskil. 1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the one to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. [Selah] 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; then you forgave the guilt of my sin. [Selah] 6 Therefore let every one who is godly offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach them. 7 You are a hiding place for me, you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with deliverance. [Selah] 8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not keep with you. 10 Many are the pangs of the wicked; but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! (RSV w/Inclusive Language)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 So (Jesus) told them this parable: 11b “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’”