

Fries Memorial Moravian Church

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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!***

*The First Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2022*

*Watchword: No one who believes in Christ will
be put to shame. Romans 10:11*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Liturgy for Lent 1

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Congregational Notes & Concerns: Peggy Carter, Randy Thrift, as they recover from surgery, and shut-ins Jim Reed and Julia Spainhour. Patti Petree requests prayers for pain relief and healing for her sister, Mindy, who had knee replacement surgery last week. A quick end to the Pandemic—that it is indeed in sight; the end of the war in Ukraine; the people of Ukraine and Russia, especially those who seek peace, not war; the Church and the nations, especially our own.

Presentation of Tithes & Offering

Prayers of the Congregation & Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

Offertory Response

Hearing God's Word

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

The Holy Communion in Celebration of Atonement

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Benediction & Postlude

Covid Precautions

The PEC has announced that “All unvaccinated people should continue to wear masks while indoors or in enclosed spaces on our church or agency campuses; however, if you are fully vaccinated and boosted masks are not required but recommended.” Our board unanimously agreed that fully vaccinated individuals are free to mask, or not, as they choose. For the time being we will leave the tape on our pews for the purposes of social distancing and we will avoid “handshakes (and hugs)” in the context of worship. This guidance is effective immediately.

Lenten Study in 2022

During Lent the pastor is leading a Zoom Bible Study on Galatians, “The Epistle of Faith.” We will meet from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. on March 9, 16, 23, and 30. Would you like to participate? All are welcome. Watch your inbox on Tuesday for an email invitation to the Zoom Meeting.

Lenten Schedule

In the near future, we will announce the Holy Week Schedule, including the Maundy Thursday Communion. Circumstances permitting, we anticipate a return to at least some in-person meetings.

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.

Galatians: A Lenten Study

The Lenten Study is about both method and content, that is, about how to approach and study the scripture, and about what scripture says. Our goal will be to identify keywords, key questions, contrasts, comparisons, etc. The study will last four weeks. The following is a general outline of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, not a guide to what we will study on a particular night. If you want to get the most out of the study, read Galatians at least five times before the first session.

General Outline of St. Paul's Letter to the Churches of Galatia.

I. Chapters 1 & 2: Paul Defends his apostleship and his message. **Interpretive Questions:** Why was Paul defensive about his apostleship? His message?

II. Chapters 3 & 4: We become the children of God through faith in Jesus, not through the Law. **Interpretive Questions:** What role did the Law of Moses play before Christ? What role does the Law play in our lives now?

III. Chapters 5 & 6: As God's Children, possessing our freedom, God gives us guidance. **Interpretive Questions:** How does God give us guidance? How have *you* experienced God's guidance?

Key Observation: Contrast the way Paul begins his letter to the Galatians with the opening of his letter to the Philippians. Is there a difference? Why, do you think? **Key Observation:** What details that are extremely personal to Paul do we find in his letter to the Galatians? **Key Question:** What is the main theme of the letter, i.e., "the occasion for writing?"

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

1 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10:8b-13

8b "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Luke 4:1-13

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.