

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022*

Watchword: Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32

Prelude & Call to Worship

Liturgy of Grace

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Congregational Notes & Concerns: *(See Below)*

Presentation of Tithes & Offering

Offertory Prayers of Praise & Petition

Offertory Music

Offertory Response

Hearing God's Word

Genesis 15:1-6; Luke 12:32-40

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn *"Rejoice, Rejoice, the Kingdom Comes"* **No. 260**

Message *"Distant Promises"*
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Hymn *"Hail, Alpha and Omega, Hail"* **No. 703**

Benediction & Postlude

Prayer Concerns

The Congregation: Jim Reed, Julia Spainhour, Anna Fouts, shut-in/assisted living. Peggy Carter, at home; members of the congregation as they travel this summer; **Friends of the Congregation:** Steve Brown; Beth Mathis, Ken Dorn, David Milam, Chuck Chambers, Doris Stoval; **Around the Province:** the new PEC, boards, committees, and churches without pastors. **Around the World:** Total victory over Covid-19, the Economy, Peace in Europe; Justice, Peace, and Prosperity for all nations

Staff

Worth Green, Interim Pastor; Michael Westmoreland, Music Director & Organist; Heather Doty, Administrative Assistant.

Submission of Pastoral Concerns and Prayer Requests

1. If you know of a pastoral concern within our congregation, please email frieschurch6@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. **2.** If you want to add a name to the Confidential Prayer List contact Kathleen Brady at kabmhb@gmail.com. **3.** If you wish to add a name to the Weekly Email and Sunday Bulletin contact Heather Doty at frieschurch@gmail.com.

Services Online

Sunday Morning Worship is available live and on-demand with links to YouTube from www.frieschurch.org.

We welcome back to the pulpit **Dana Myers** who is filling in for Worth Green as he is vacationing at the beach.

Calendar of Events

Today 11:00 a.m. Worship
Thursday, August 10 Orders for 2023 Daily Text due by 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, August 14 11:00 a.m. Worship
Save the Date: Saturday, 9/17 Community Shred Day

Announcements

Chicken Pie Group - Looking for help in August making small chicken pies! Please let Tommy, Margaret or Patti know if you are interested in helping to make chicken pies after church on Sunday, 8/21, and/or Tuesday morning, 8/23. Thanks in advance for helping with this important ministry!

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!*

Today's Board Members: Patti Petree & Monroe Bowles (recycle)

Next Sunday's Board Members: Rob Lang & Patti Petree

Attendance Sunday Worship (7/31/2022): 30

Scripture August 7, 2022

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Luke 12:32-40

³²(Jesus said,) “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.