

*First Sunday after Christmas Day
January 1, 2023*

Watchword: *I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us. Isaiah 63:7*

Prelude & Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *Jesus, Our Divine Companion* **No. 576**

Drawing for Watchwords 2023

Liturgy: New Year **Page 143**

Installation of 2023 Board Members *(See Insert)*

Congregational Concerns and Prayer

Presentation of Tithes & Offering

Hearing God's Word

Isaiah 63:7-9 • Psalm 148

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing* **No. 782**

Message "Living In Between"
Matthew 2:13-23

Closing Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **No. 548**

Benediction & Postlude

Calendar of Events

Today 11:00 a.m. Worship
Sunday, Jan. 8 11:00 a.m. Epiphany of Our Lord Worship

Today's Board Members: Warren Davis and Greg Knouse

Next Sunday's Board Members: Patti Petree and Margaret Couch

Attendance Lovefeast (12/24/2022): 247

Attendance Sunday Worship (12/25/2022): 27

Staff

Worth Green, Interim Pastor; Dana Myers, Associate Pastor; Michael Westmoreland, Music Director & Organist; Ashton Scott, Administrative Assistant.

A reminder: the Church office will be closed on Monday, **January 2** for New Year's.

Needs at Sunnyside: With winter upon us, we remember our neighbors who are challenged by high heating and grocery bills. Sunnyside needs blankets of any size and peanut butter to supply the food pantry. Bring items to the Church and we will transport them to Sunnyside for distribution. And please don't forget our Blessing Box! We need your items. Thank you all for your generosity!

If you ordered a **2023 Daily Text**, they have arrived! Pick up at the Church Office anytime Monday - Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Prayers for the Congregation and the World

O Holy One,
heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds
and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem.
Through the telling of the Christmas story,
let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal
in that same child,
that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host
in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Holy One,
Be with those in our church,
Be with those in our community,
Be with those around the world,
Be with us.

Amen.

We invite your presence into the lives of those in our congregation
who especially need your healing, comforting and restoring touch.
For those we love, for our neighbors in need of your protection,
your provision and your tender care, we invite your mercy.
For those who lead our churches, agencies and ministries,
our Province, and our nation, we ask for your wisdom and guidance.

Through the name of our Incarnate Savior Jesus Christ,
Amen.

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 Ashton Scott at frieschurch@gmail.com.

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!*

Service of Installation of Board Members

Pastor: Lord God, this is a time of ending and a time of beginning. We are thankful for your presence with us during the past year. We are grateful that you have allowed us, workers in your vineyard, to reap a rich harvest. We celebrate the many accomplishments of this church and acknowledge your hand in our achievements. Gracious God, we stand at the threshold of a new adventure. We stand before you eager to begin in accordance with your plans for us, for you are The Way, the Truth and the Light. Give us wisdom to seek your Way in bringing about your reign on earth.

All: Help us, O God, to discern your will and to know what is good, acceptable and perfect. Teach us to walk in true humility of mind and spirit so that we may more fully experience the measure of faith granted to us.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this congregation in its wisdom, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, has elected you to important positions of leadership. Your duties include many tasks, which are necessary for revealing the kingdom of God, and for the administration of this church. As you begin and renew your responsibilities, I charge you with rededicating yourselves to a life of prayer and commitment to discerning the mind of our Chief Elder, Jesus Christ.

Board Members: *We accept the offices to which our Lord and Savior has elected us. We will endeavor to serve as faithful spiritual and temporal leaders of this congregation through God's grace.*

Pastor: Will you, as members of Fries Memorial, support by prayer, word, and action, these brothers and sisters whom you have elected to church leadership?

All: We will. This is our solemn promise.

Pastor: Then by the authority invested in me as pastor of this congregation and as a minister of the Moravian Church, I welcome you to the positions of leadership to which this community of God's people has called you for the coming year.

Hymn # 734 *Be Present with Your Servants, Lord*

1. Be present with your servants, Lord;

we look to you with one accord;

refresh and strengthen us anew,

and bless what in your name we do.

2. O teach us all your perfect will

to understand and to fulfill:

when human insight fails, give light;

this will direct our steps aright.

3. The Lord's joy be our strength and stay

in our employ from day to day;

our thoughts and our activity

through Jesus' merits hallowed be.

Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully,” and he became their savior ⁹ in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. ⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together! ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” ¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”