

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 8, 2023

Watchword: *A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.*
Isaiah 42:3

Prelude

Call to Worship

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Congregational Concerns and Prayer (See Insert)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation
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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

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

Meditation

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Benediction & Postlude

Calendar of Events

Today 11:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
Monday, Jan. 9 12:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. Unity Prayer Watch
Sunday, Jan. 15 11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Chicken Pie Group
Monday, Jan. 16 9:00 a.m. Make Chicken Pies

Today's Board Members: Patti Petree and Margaret Couch 

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

Attendance Sunday Worship (01/01/2023): 32

Staff

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

Unity Prayer Watch starts at midnight, Monday, January 9th, and finishes at 6:00 a.m. the same day. This is a continuous chain of prayer, passed from province to province, and church to church, and individual to individual across the World-Wide Unity of the Moravian Church. We hope you will participate!

End of Year 2022 Financial Report	
Offering	\$146,424.40
Expenses	\$154,098.58
Difference	-\$7,674.18

Directory Update: Please notify the Church Office if you have any changes to your contact info (email address, physical address or phone) by January 31. Thanks!

Prayers for the Congregation and the World

God of Light and Peace,

Your glory shines through the Epiphany of the child of Bethlehem,
Your light draws us close to you.

Dispel the darkness that shrouds our path,
that we may come to kneel before Christ in worship,
offer him our hearts and souls,
and live in his presence as he has taught us to live.

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.

Services Online

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

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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!*

Isaiah 42:1-9

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Acts 10:34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”