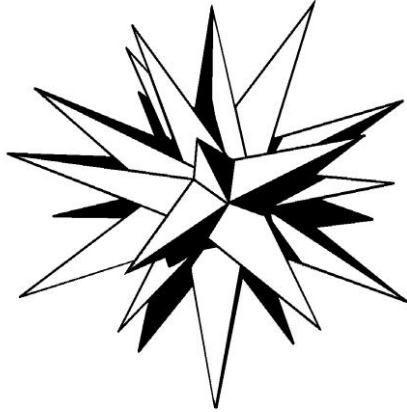


# Calvary Moravian Church



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

600 Holly Avenue  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2716  
Witnessing to the love of God in the heart  
of Winston-Salem since 1893.

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

11:00 a.m.

**Watchword for the Week – He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom.**

**Isaiah 40:11**

*(Selections in today's service are taken from the blue Moravian Book of Worship.)*

*The beautiful season of Advent calls us to personal preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. Our banners and all the appropriate appointments in our sanctuary should serve as silent reminders of the significance of this season. As the people of old were called to prepare the way for God's Promised One, we are called to share the good news.*

## Preparation for Worship

GREETINGS AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Right Reverend Lane A. Sapp

PRELUDE – *Savior of the Nations, Come*

J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tyler, Alex and Turner Collins

*(The children of the congregation will join the pastor at the Communion Table for a brief children's time, after which the second candle, The Candle of Peace, will be lighted.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Still, Still, Still*

arr., C. Moglebust

*The Calvary Ringers*

## The Praise of God

+HYMN 274 – *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

T. VENI EMMANUEL

+LITURGY FOR ADVENT 2, p. 54

Bishop Sapp

*(Children ages 3 through first grade are invited to leave the sanctuary for Godly Play during the hymn on page 58.)*

+All who are able, please stand.

# The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

ANTHEM – *Lo, How a Rose*

arr., Michael Praetorius  
T. ES IST EIN ROS

*The Chancel Choir*

+DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

T. THE FIRST NOEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

## The Proclamation of the Word of God

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Jean Fordham, *Lay Reader*

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:5-11

p. 1023

+GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-11

p. 889

Lay Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*+Ascriptions of Praise*

QUIET MEDITATION AND PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION 262 – *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*

T. CASSEL (167A)

SERMON

The Reverend Ben Milner

HYMN OF DEDICATION 265 – *Savior of the Nations, Come*

T. NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

POSTLUDE – *O Thou of God the Father*

J. S. Bach

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE – *In the Name of Jesus*

Moravian Liturgies (539 B)





## Unceasing Hope

With the candle of unconditional love shining brightly, the candle of hope stands next in line. Our hope ebbs and flows. It is as seasonal and temperamental as Advent stars, beeswax candles, and putz displays. In this season, we hope for a lot of things. We hope for victory on the football field (or ice rink or basketball court). We hope the empty spaces underneath our Christmas trees will be filled with an abundance of stuff that will give our lives worth and value and status. We hope for the safe and glorious homecomings of beloved brothers and sisters. We hope the setting sun will bring us better, brighter days. Our sense of hope becomes stronger and more convicted when we want something.

Unceasing hope, however, is a hope that has no beginning and no ending. It has nothing to do with what we want. It is a constant yearning, a perpetual belief that God has something more for us, something better than what we already have. In this season of hope, may we cling to an unceasing hope—a hope that does not rise and fall with our fickle desires, a hope that audaciously challenges our desire to give up. Unceasing hope steadily and repeatedly grounds us in what is best for the rest of Creation. To light a candle of unceasing hope means that we hope not just for us and for ours, but for *all* the world and that we will not cease to hope until God's best intentions for *all* are fulfilled. Let Charles Wesley's excellent Advent hymn guide the way:

*Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; O, in you our rest shall be.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*Kerry Krauss, pastor, Moravian Church, Sister Bay, WI*

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## Calvary Moravian Church

*Second Sunday of Advent*

December 10, 2017

***We welcome all members and guests*** to our service today on this ***Second Sunday of Advent***. We are glad that you have come to worship at Calvary this morning!

Please make a special effort to greet those around you in the spirit of Christian fellowship. As the red Ritual of Friendship pad is passed, kindly take a moment to write down your name, address and phone number. ***If you are our guest today***, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and pick up one of the ***visitor's bags*** in the narthex! ***During the prelude***, you are invited to enter a spirit of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare to worship the Lord. We kindly request that you ***silence all phones and pagers***. ***Hearing aid devices*** are available in the narthex; one of the ushers will be happy to assist you.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

***The sympathy of the congregation*** is expressed to the family and friends of Brother John Wesley Boner who entered the more immediate presence of the Savior on December 1. Brother Boner was the husband of Sister Rebecca (Becky) Boner. Brother Boner is also survived by a daughter, Loral (Laurie) Olsen and her husband, Randy; a stepson, Michael Williams and his wife, Kristal; and four grandchildren, Tyler and Zachary Olsen, and Kaitlyn and Owen Williams. The graveside service for Brother Boner was held in God's Acre on December 5.

***We welcome*** The Reverend Ben Milner as our guest preacher for worship this morning. Reverend Milner is the Senior Pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church, the congregation that meets in our sanctuary every Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Please welcome Reverend Milner to our worship service this morning! Additionally, Calvary members are invited to attend today's worship service at Salem Presbyterian ***beginning at 5:00 p.m.*** in our sanctuary. Both services today are part of our ***Second Sunday*** emphasis for the month of December, and we are delighted through today's services to further our relationships with the Salem Presbyterian congregation!

*We thank* Sister Jean Fordham for serving as our Lay Reader for worship this morning. We also thank the Collins Family (Tyler, Alex and Turner) for participating in the lighting of the Advent candle during worship today. Appreciation is also expressed to Eleanor Lott and Reece Sigmon for their service as our Advent banner bearers this morning.

*Next Sunday, December 17*, is the Third Sunday of Advent and also the day when we have our annual Christmas Pageant brought to you by our youth and children. The pageant will be preceded by a *breakfast for all* in Fellowship Hall beginning at **9:00 a.m.**

*Contributions to our annual Calvary Christmas Giving Tree conclude this morning.* Authorized annually by the Board of Elders, this fund is used to help congregation members and friends who need special financial support during the holiday season. Gift distribution is handled in a confidential manner by the pastor and vice-chair of the Board of Elders. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make checks payable to Calvary indicating "Christmas Giving Tree" on the memo line, and provide to the church today. Thank you!

*The Sisters Fellowship* will be selling "Lovefeast in a Box" *through today.* "Lovefeast in a Box" consists of a dressed Lovefeast candle, Moravian sugar cookies, and the makings for traditional Lovefeast coffee. This is a great gift to send those family and friends who aren't able to attend one of our Christmas Eve Lovefeasts in person. Checks should be made out to Calvary Moravian Church with a notation of Sisters Fellowship on the memo line. Information and order forms may be found in the narthex and on the table next to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the Sisters Fellowship at:

[calvarysistersfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:calvarysistersfellowship@gmail.com).

*On Christmas Eve* (Sunday, December 24), *free parking* will be available in the *Milton Rhodes Fine Arts Parking Lot adjacent to Poplar Street* for our three Lovefeast and Candle Services at 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Parking will also be available in the usual locations: behind the church, at our Holly Avenue house property and at our Poplar Street property. Please help us share this information with your family and friends who plan to attend.

*The Petersbrook Regional Conference of Churches*, of which Calvary is a member, will sponsor a Christmas Lovefeast for the men of the Augsburg Overflow Shelter on *Tuesday, December 19*. Activities will begin at 7:00 p.m.

*In order to provide additional security* for our staff and members, the following procedure approved by the Board of Trustees has been implemented and ***will continue until further notice***: The west door (located near the church office and library) will be opened at 8:45 a.m.; the front sanctuary door and the ground floor back door will be opened at 9:15 a.m.; and as worship starts at 11:00 a.m., all outside doors will be locked except the front sanctuary door. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implement these new security procedures.

***Blue Christmas: A Service of Solace and Hope*** will be held in our sanctuary on ***Thursday evening, December 21, at 6:30 p.m.*** This service acknowledges that even during the usually happy and festive holidays, many among us experience sadness as we face illness or the loss of loved ones. Please join us as we share in this time of solace and hope for all as we approach and celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, and our Savior, among us!

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† **REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER** †

Pam Goforth; Eddie Johnson; Fay Davis; Patrick Biggam and Felicia Shaw; Logan and Lily Shaw; Margaret Higgins; Judy Middleton; Berletta Walker; Ethel Armstrong; Dee Jones; Robert Stafford; Jane Sofley; Dorothy Miller; Jan Wikel; Doris Hansley; Peter Blum, III; Naida Masten; Richard Davis; Chris Wikel; Michael Goforth; Hubert Poindexter; Vicki Chadwick; Haley Covert; Betty Montgomery; Joann Settle; and the family and friends of John Wesley Boner who entered the more immediate presence of the Savior on December 1.

*(Copies of our Prayer List for family members and friends may be found in the narthex.)*

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**Address for Internet Livestreaming of Calvary's services:**

**<http://calvarymoravian.org/live-broadcast/>**

(Streaming begins approximately 15 minutes prior to the service. However, this may vary depending on when our volunteers arrive. If you attempt to log on before the streaming is in progress, you will get a "blank" screen after you click the play button. Please wait a few moments and reload the address in your browser.)

***(Livestream audience for last Sunday, December 3: 17)***

CHURCH SERVANTS: DECEMBER 10-17, 2017

	<b>TODAY:</b> December 10	<b>Next Sunday:</b> December 17
<i>Ushers</i>	Odell Cheek, Ron Griggs Joel C. Lineback Joel N. Lineback Nathan Lineback Larry Linville Chris Stone	Tyler Collins, Noah Cox Joel C. Lineback Robert Stafford Chris Stone Richard Swing Daniel Wiggins
<i>Greeters</i>	Charles Forrest	Brooks and Mary Lott
<i>Lay Readers</i>	Jean Fordham	<i>Pageant</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	Elizabeth Smith Rachel Robinson	Linda Smith Rachel Robinson
<i>Godly Play</i>	Jessica Childress	<i>Pageant</i>
<i>Sound</i>	Spencer Davis	Matt Kane

CHURCH CALENDAR: DECEMBER 10-17, 2017

**TODAY (December 10)**

9:45 a.m./11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

**MONDAY (December 11)**

6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY (December 12)**

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY (December 13)**

10:15 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY (December 14)**

6:30 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY (Dec. 17)**

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Sunday School & Worship at Calvary

Worship with Salem Presbyterian

Missions Committee (*Burke*)

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (*Burke*)

Circle #3 (*residence of Jan Bullins*)

Calvary Moravian Friends Planning (*Burke*)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Christian Education Committee (*Burke*)

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Breakfast for All (*Fellowship Hall*)

Final Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday School

Christmas Pageant



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*Second Sunday of Advent*

December 10, 2017



## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We thank** all members who have made their Stewardship Commitments for 2018! If you have not already done so, please return your commitment card to the church. Additional commitment packets and commitment cards are available from the church office.

**The 2018 Daily Texts** are now available! Prices for 2018 are the same as 2017 and are as follows: Paperback - \$10.00; Hardcover - \$14.00; and Large Print Paperback - \$12.00. The Daily Texts are also available in the popular “Journal” format (includes a day by day calendar along with the texts) for \$15. To order any of the Daily Texts versions, simply contact Paul in the church office (336.722.3703) for purchase and pick-up information. For payment, cash (*exact change IS required*) or check will be accepted. Purchased Daily Texts may be picked up on the table to the right of the church office door.

**This afternoon**, The Music @ Home Concert Series of Home Church will present “In Terra Pax,” a free concert featuring works for the Christmas season by Vivaldi, Poulenc, Vaughan Williams and Finzi. The concert will be given by The UNCSA Cantata Singers and Chamber Ensemble, with Dr. Nathan Zullinger, *conductor*. The concert will be held in the Home Church sanctuary at **3:00 p.m. today**.

**This Thursday’s “Lunchtime Lecture”** at the Archie K. Davis Center in Salem will feature The Reverend Dr. Nola Reed Knouse, who will present: “Morning Star by Frances Florentine Hagen.” Nola will discuss this beloved Moravian song, its origins and variations. The lecture is from **12:15-12:45 p.m. this Thursday, December 14**, and is free and open to the public. The program will be held in the Spaugh Recital Hall at the Davis Center.

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### † PRAYER OF MEDITATION †

#### *Second Sunday of Advent*

God of hope, you call us from the exile of our sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*(Upcoming Services and Events are listed on the reverse side.)*

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Sunday, December 17**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Breakfast for All – 9:00 a.m.

Final Pageant Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Pageant – 11:00 a.m.



**Tuesday, December 19**

Petersbrook RCC Overflow Shelter Lovefeast – 7:00 p.m.

*(Augsburg Lutheran)*



**Thursday, December 21**

Blue Christmas: A Service of Solace and Hope – 6:30 p.m. *(Sanctuary)*



**Sunday, December 24**

*Christmas Eve*

Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service – 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service – 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service – 8:00 p.m.



**Sunday, December 31**

*First Sunday after Christmas*

Readings and Carols Service at Calvary – 11:00 a.m.

Distribution of 2018 Watchwords

Watch Night Lovefeast of Salem Congregation – 11:00 p.m.

*(at Trinity Moravian)*



**Calvary Moravian Church**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

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† **REMEMBER IN PRAYER** †

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**DECEMBER 10, 2017**

Becky Kelly (Craig Cagle's friend); Maude Booker (Sandra Davis' mother); Jeanne Underwood (Wesley Davis' sister); Evelyn Fritts (Linda Smith's mother); Blake Johnson (Vickey Pitts' cousin); Blake and Angie Johnson (Brandi Stone's friends); Dr. Tad Lowdermilk (Adrienne Polychron's friend); Maegan Simms (Ursula Pierce's granddaughter); Angie Cranor (Shannon Lineback's sister); David Taylor (Jan Bullins' brother); Mary Jo Woods (cousin of Anne Bell); Pam Stowers (cousin of Bob Snyder); Annette and Meli Novovic (friends of Mary and Bill Hampton); James and Joseph Nance (grandsons of Eldon and Beth Nance); Sandra Reich (friend of Vickey Pitts and Pam Goforth and a friend of Joel N. Lineback); Livia (grandchild of Bill and Mary Hampton's neighbor); LuAnn Peddycord Smith Alford (wife of Ed Alford); Gary Pitts (Vickey Pitts' husband); Shirley Stewart, sister of Fay Davis; Robert Cockrum (friend of Richard and Frances Swing); Greg (nephew of Brandi and Jordan Stone); Debbie Frye (friend of Judy Ludwick); Phillip Patterson (cousin of Carl McKnight); Dorothy Speaks (mother of Vickey Pitts and sister of Harold Settle); Sherri Sheppard (sister of Donna Sharp); Debbie Moxley (friend of Meredith Boles); John Turner (father of Shannon Lineback); Paul Echols (friend of Peter Blum, III); Beverly Day; Drew Moore (friend of Mary Anne Tilley); Austin Kahler (nephew of Stephen Baker); Kelsey Salmon (friend of Angie Seippel Jones); Louie Childress (Michael Childress' father); the family of Nicholas Aufderhar (cousin of Haley Covert); Ron Valentine (Leanna Lott's father); and the family and friends of Vivienne Knopp (Goddughter of Matt and Melanie Nance) who entered the more immediate presence of the Savior on December 5.



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