

Calvary Moravian Church



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
THE FESTIVAL OF
CHRIST THE CHIEF ELDER

THE CONSECRATION OF
MY POSSESSIONS

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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11:00 a.m.

Watchword for the Week – The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous. *Psalm 146:8*

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

Preparation for Worship

TRINITY CHIME

GREETINGS AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Right Reverend Lane A. Sapp

PRELUDE – “Covenant,” *Setting No. 1*

Stewart McElroy (2013)

(Moravian composer)

Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

T. HENDON

(Stanza 3, Hymn 351, Hymnal of the Moravian Church, 1969)

Chi Chi Messick, *piano*

*Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
not a mite would I withhold.*

+All who are able, please stand.

The Praise of God

+CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS FOR MORAVIAN WORSHIP:

13. THE CHIEF ELDERSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST (*Insert*)*

The Reverend Ramona C. Prestwood

The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Miss Eleanor Lott

ANTHEM – *As a Chalice Cast of Gold*

Carol Doran (1984)

The Chancel Choir

+DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bishop Sapp

T. OLD HUNDREDTH (22 E)

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!

The Proclamation of the Word of God

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Mr. Jack Johnson, *Lay Reader*

OLD TESTAMENT: Malachi 3:6-12

p. 830

+GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

p. 905

Lay Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

+*Ascriptions of Praise*

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(The service ode continues on the back page.)

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Bishop Sapp

(The children are invited to join Bishop Sapp at the chancel.)

T. WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (82 E) [Hymn 723]

I am Jesus' little lamb; ever glad at heart I am;
for my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me,
loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

(The children are invited to leave for Godly Play as we sing the above hymn.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Bishop Sapp

THE SERVICE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

IN CELEBRATION OF THE CHIEF ELDERSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

p. 3, *Blue Supplemental Communion Booklet*
Bishop Sapp and Reverend Prestwood

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *In the Name of Jesus*
Moravian Liturgies (539 B)

+TABLE BLESSING HYMN 816 – *Be Present at Our Table, Lord*

T. WAREHAM (22 H)

POSTLUDE – “*Covenant,*” *Setting No. 3*

Stewart McElroy

Mrs. Peeples



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Congregational Prayers for Moravian Worship

13. The Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ

November 13th Festival

Lord, save your people, and bless your heritage;

Be our Shepherd, and bear us up forever.

T. PILGRIMAGE (166 A)

Welcome among your flock of grace
with joyful acclamation,
our Shepherd whom we now confess!
Come, feed your congregation.
We own the doctrine of your cross
to be our sole foundation;
accept from every one of us
the deepest adoration.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers. All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of his body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything,

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lord Jesus Christ, you care for and guide the church universal, yet in mercy you were pleased to accept the office of Chief Elder of our Unity.

Help us always to remember that the life in our congregations is not the fruit of our own piety but of your love, which constrains us to love one another.

(over)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak. I will feed them with justice.

Good Shepherd, we thank you that you have redeemed us as first fruits for God. Help us to follow wherever you lead.

Through the testimony of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit, God calls each individual personally into the fellowship of his flock.

God leads each member of the Body of Christ to the recognition of sin and to the acceptance of the redemption achieved by Christ.

We recognize the Word of the Cross as the center of Holy Scripture and of all preaching of the Gospel, and we know our primary mission is to bear witness to this joyful message. We ask our Lord for power never to stray from this.

Lord Jesus, you entered into this world's misery to bear it and to overcome it. Forgive us when we have failed to follow you in serving your people. Help us to know that like your love, this service knows no bounds. Ever anew point out to us the way to reach our neighbors, opening our heart and hand to them in their need.

Thus says the Lord, our Chief Elder: Do not fear, for I am with you. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

T. WORSHIP (159 A)

Dear Head and Savior, now we pray:
grant us your Spirit's power,
as in the past, so in our day
and every future hour:
with hope may our lives testify
that you all needful gifts supply
to serve the world and unify
your church for life on high.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Festival of Christ the Chief Elder

November 11, 2018

We welcome all members and guests to our service today on this ***Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*** and on this day when we observe and celebrate ***The Festival of Christ the Chief Elder***. 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 Ritual of Friendship pad is passed, kindly take a moment to write down your name, address, and phone number. ***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 electronic devices***.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Trivette and in remembrance of Jack and Treva Trivette's wedding anniversary, by the Trivette family.

The flowers in the narthex are given on this Veterans Day to the glory of God and in loving memory of all those who have lost their lives in service to the people of this nation including members of the military as well as all police, fire and safety personnel, and in honor of all living veterans and active personnel of these services, by the Board of Elders.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to the family and friends of Sister Mary Anne Tilley who entered the more immediate presence of the Savior on November 2. Sister Tilley was the daughter of the late Clarence E. and Mary S. Tilley, and she is survived by her cousins, Steve and Violet Hege. The graveside service for Sister Tilley was held in God's Acre on November 6, with Bishop Sapp officiating.

We thank The Reverend Ramona C. Prestwood for assisting with worship this morning. We also thank Miss Eleanor Lott for bringing us the offertory invitation this morning and Mr. Jack Johnson for serving as our Lay Reader today.

Today we celebrate ***The Festival of Christ the Chief Elder***. We will share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion during worship. Please see the ***additional bulletin insert*** for historical information about the announcement, made in 1741, that Jesus Christ is the Chief Elder of the Moravian Church. You are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who confess Jesus Christ as Lord are welcome at His Table. Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Please indicate if you would like a gluten-free wafer when one of the pastors serves you.

The Choir Chair Dedication plaque has been framed and hung in the narthex. Please take a look as you leave worship this morning. Many thanks to all who purchased and dedicated the chairs. Additionally, we would like to thank Vicki and Charles Forrest for the beautiful handmade Nepali paper that serves as the mat, Chi Chi Messick for her beautiful calligraphy, and the family of Wesley Davis, who lovingly paid for the framing in memory of the late Richard Davis.

Our 2018 Discipleship Emphasis continues today! Through ***next Sunday, November 18***, we'll explore together what it means to live what the Bible calls the ***Consecrated Life—a life set apart***, a life given to God which St. Paul describes as ***“a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God!”*** Each Sunday, a specific theme is being utilized. Today's theme is: ***The Consecration of My Possessions***. We hope you will make a special effort to join us today and next Sunday as we learn what it means to have our whole lives, with all our talent, time, and treasure, dedicated to God. ***Next Sunday*** will be our Discipleship Dedication Sunday as well as the Thanksgiving Lovefeast. All members will have the opportunity to present their financial commitments for 2019. Commitment packets have been mailed to all families. If additional materials are needed, please notify the church office.

Our annual Fall Church Council was held last Sunday after worship. During Council, those in attendance received important information regarding the 2019 budget and our new Strategic Plan. Additionally, we elected new Board members whose terms will begin in January 2019: **Board of Elders** – Charles Forrest, Albert Griffin, and Blake Ingram; **Board of Trustees** – Ron Bell, Spencer Bullins, and Alex Collins; and **Central Trustee** – Johnnie Pearson. Additional copies of materials presented last Sunday are located on the table in the narthex.

After worship today, everyone is invited to a **Second Sunday** chicken pie fundraiser luncheon in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal will be \$9.00. We hope everyone will attend this special luncheon as we continue to observe the Chief Elder Festival!

The New Life Class has just made some new Brunswick stew! It is available now for \$8.00/quart. Members of the class will be available in the kitchen after worship today if you would like to get some of the new stew!

Operation Christmas Child is **NOW underway** for 2018. Boxes and instructions are now available on the pews in the sanctuary. Please place your packed boxes under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Box collection continues through **next Sunday, November 18**. Please help us make this program a success!

† **REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER** †

Eddie Johnson; Fay Davis; Patrick Biggam and Felicia Shaw; Logan and Lily Shaw; Judy Middleton; Berletta Walker; Ethel Armstrong; Jane Sofley; Doris Hansley; Peter Blum, III; Michael Goforth; Hannah Biggam; Mary Hampton; Chris Wikel; Shannon Lineback; and the family and friends of Mary Anne Tilley.

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

CHURCH SERVANTS: NOVEMBER 11-18, 2018

	TODAY: November 11	Next Sunday: Nov. 18
Ushers	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, Chris Wikel Robert and Linda Caudle Beth Nance
Greeters		
Lay Readers	Jack Johnson	
Nursery		
Godly Play	Lisa Davis	<i>No Godly Play (Lovefeast)</i>
Sound	Spencer Davis	Matt Kane

CHURCH CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 11-18, 2018



TODAY (*November 11*)

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost/
Festival of Christ the Chief Elder/
“All for Thee” Discipleship Emphasis
continues; theme: “The Consecration
of My Possessions”**

9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 Noon

Sunday School
Worship/Holy Communion
Second Sunday Luncheon (*F. Hall*)

MONDAY (*November 12*)

6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Missions Committee (*Fellowship Hall*)
Personnel Committee (*Burke*)

TUESDAY (*November 13*)

3:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Wachovia Historical Society (*F. Hall*)
Circle #3 (*residence of Mary Bland*)
RCC Meeting (*Burke*)

WEDNESDAY (*November 14*)

4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

December 2018 “Calvary Connection”
Newsletter Closing
Chancel Choir

NEXT SUNDAY (*Nov. 18*)

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/
Thanksgiving Lovefeast/
Discipleship Dedication Sunday: “All for
Thee”; theme: “Ever, only, all for Thee”**

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

Sunday School
Worship/Lovefeast



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1741 – NOVEMBER – 2018

Today we commemorate the 277th anniversary of the recognition of Christ alone as the Chief Elder and Head of the Moravian Church. The following digest from our history will highlight the announcement that was made to all congregations of the Unity on November 13, 1741.

Brother Leonard Dober, who had held the position of Chief Elder since 1735, came to feel that he could no longer carry the responsibilities of his office in a widely-scattered and growing church. A synodical Conference was held in London with ten people present (five men and five women). Most of the participants in the conference were under the age of 42, and one was age 16. Several names were submitted to the lot for approval, but no one was accepted. Finally, this question was asked, “Would not the Lord our Saviour be so gracious as to accept this office for Himself?” When the answer was “yes,” they sang a hymn.

This happened on September 16, 1741, in London. A decision was made to make the announcement of this decision on November 13, 1741, in all congregations. This gave time for the preparation of hymns and a special liturgy to be used as the announcement was made in the local churches.

(Additional announcements are listed on the following page.)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The closing for the ***December 2018 “Calvary Connection”*** monthly newsletter is ***this Wednesday, November 14, at 4:30 p.m.***

The Missions Committee plans again this year to collect non-perishable food items for Sunnyside. If you would like to contribute to this important Thanksgiving Food Offering, please plan to bring your contributions to Calvary ***next Sunday, November 18***, when we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Lovefeast. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Cheek, chair of the Missions Committee.

The Board of Elders is again this year sponsoring the ***Calvary Christmas Giving Tree*** beginning ***next Sunday, November 18***. Donations to this fund are 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. Gifts to this fund will be received ***through Sunday, December 9***. Please make checks payable to Calvary indicating "Christmas Giving Tree" on the memo line.

The Calvary “Sisters Fellowship” will again be selling ***“Lovefeast in a Box”*** for yourself or to give to family and friends. ***Orders can be placed through December 5th!*** We are excited to announce that you can now order and pay for your “Lovefeast in a Box” online by going to Calvary’s website: www.calvarymoravian.org. Please look for the link to the online order form on the home page. Order forms are also available outside the church office. “Lovefeast in a Box” consists of a dressed love feast candle, Moravian sugar cookies, and the makings for traditional love feast coffee (just add water). In addition, you will receive a bulletin so that you can follow along with the Calvary Moravian Church Christmas Eve Lovefeast, together with instructions on how to join our Christmas Eve Lovefeast virtually through online video streaming. If you have any questions, please email the Sisters Fellowship at sistersfellowship@calvarymoravian.org. Orders will be limited this year, so please get your order in early. We are also pleased that "Lovefeast in a Box" (and Calvary) will be featured in the December issue of ***Our State*** magazine.

The annual Samaritan Ministries “Penny Campaign” is underway. Please drop your spare pennies into one of the clear plastic containers in the narthex or outside the church office door. Contributions are being accepted through December 1.

The Regional Youth Council (RYC) Square Dance will be held ***this evening*** at New Philadelphia Moravian Church from ***6:00-8:00 p.m.***

† **PRAYER OF MEDITATION** †

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

God of widows and strangers, you protect the oppressed and forgotten and feed the hungry with good things. You stand among us in Christ, offering life to all. Give us open hearts and minds to respond with love to the world, caring for those for whom you care. *Amen.*

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day

*Church Office closes at 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 21
and all day Nov. 22-23*



Sunday, November 25

Reign of Christ Sunday

Worship – 11:00 a.m.



Wednesday, November 28

*“Moravian Church Night” at the Candle Tea – 6:30 p.m.
(Single Brothers House, Old Salem)*



Saturday, December 1

Calvary Serves Lovefeast Coffee prior to WS Christmas Parade – 4:00 p.m.
(Front Lawn; Parade begins at 5:00 p.m.)



Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

Advent Liturgy and “Hosanna” Anthem – 11:00 a.m.
Youth and Children Hayride at Tanglewood Festival of Lights – 5:00 p.m.

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Jesus as Chief Elder

To the casual observer, this Jesus as Chief Elder thing might seem like a cop-out at best. Leonard Dober felt incapable of functioning in his old role because it had become overwhelming. Historian Adelaide Fries reminds us that all the congregations, with their choirs and institutions, all the scattered ministries and missionaries of the eighteenth-century Moravian Church, were to be held together by him as chief elder. For a growing church that was a lot. But to pass on that responsibility to Jesus seems more like the result of frustration. Was it? I think not. Who better was there to take on that role than he who had omnipotent qualities and was already universally accepted by the church?

It turned out to be a pretty wise decision by the conference, one that spared us from the challenges of individuals hedging for positions of authority at the highest level. The limitations of communication then caused a significant delay between the time the decision was arrived at and when it was formally announced to the church. It even took a while longer for the word to get to the church in North America.

As we approach another November 13, we remain grateful for our predecessors, who defied convention and appointed the head of our lives as the head of the church. It also provides an opportunity for us to pause in appreciation of the faithful work of Leonard Dober, who for many years put all that he had into his leadership role.

The lectionary Gospel text for November 11 (Mark 12:38-44) speaks of a poor woman whom Jesus chose to make note of, putting her relatively small offering into the treasury. Compared to what others were giving, her gift was small, but from the context of her possessions, it was significant. The fact is, we can only do our best, and Dober did just that.

Michael Johnson, pastor, John Hus Moravian Church, Brooklyn, NY



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FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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); 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); Gary Pitts (Vickey Pitts' husband); Shirley Stewart (sister of Fay Davis); 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); John Turner (father of Shannon Lineback); Paul Echols (friend of Peter Blum, III); Beverly Day; Austin Kahler (nephew of Stephen Baker); Kelsey Salmon (friend of Angie Seippel Jones); Louie Childress (Michael Childress' father); Devan and Bobby Yountz (niece [and her husband] of Frances Swing); Diane Bacon (friend of Mary Bland); Rachel Falls; Randy Fulton; Harry Bellinger (Haley Covert's grandfather); Robert Shults (friend of Mary Bland); Bobby Goforth (brother-in-law of Sue Goforth and uncle of Michael and Butch Goforth); Patricia Smith (sister-in-law of Pat Scales); Susan Hill Harwell (friend of the Lineback family); Patricia James (niece of Camilla Williams); Aileen Palmore (mother of Elaine Palmore); Joseph Nance (grandson of Eldon and Beth Nance); and Butch Ferguson and family (brother of Mary Anna Pearson).



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"A Class Divided"

Racism Awareness Film Screening & Panel Discussion



Thursday, November 15, 2018 5:30PM - 7:30PM
Historic St. Philips Moravian Church
FREE and open to the public

Panelists Include:

- Rev. John D. Rights, pastor of Konnoak Hills Moravian Church (Moderator)
- Barbara Morris, St. Philips Moravian Church and Moravian Team for Reconciliation
- Brenda Peoples, St. Philips Moravian Church and Moravian Team for Reconciliation
- Rev. Willard W. Bass, Jr., Ex. Dir., Institute for Dismantling Racism
- Rev. Christy Clore, Moravian pastor

Fifty years ago, immediately following the assassination of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, a third grade teacher in Iowa initiated an exercise in racism awareness that unfortunately remains relevant and useful today.

“A Class Divided” is the Frontline documentary chronicling Jane Elliott’s experiment that divided her students into two groups according to their eye color (brown eyes/blue eyes), and the discrimination lesson they learned.

Racism continues to permeate American society, to the injury of us all. This evening will explore how to recognize and confront racism within ourselves, and how to move forward with awareness.

Parking is available at the Old Salem Visitor Center, 900 Old Salem Road. From there, it is a 5-minute walk to St. Philips Church. Shuttles to the church from the Visitor Center will also be available beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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