

**November 28, 2021
First Sunday in Advent**

Watchword for the Week – Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Luke 21:33

Welcome to our service of worship on this wonderful Lord’s Day! Today is the first Sunday in Advent - a four-week season of the church year devoted to preparing us for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope. We put our hope in the One to come, the Promised One, who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the One who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope He will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you’re here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope you will return and worship with us often in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home – a place where you can share Christian fellowship, learn, serve and grow as a follower of Jesus – we would love to talk to you about joining the Friedberg church family.

Please silence all cell phones before worship.

Prelude *Advent Carols*

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy for Advent (Blue) p. 49

Children’s Sermon
(Children may leave for Children’s Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Offertory *Shine the Light of Your Love* Patterson
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture Luke 21:25-36
Hymn *Once He Came in Blessing* Insert
Sermon “A Different Kind of Preparation”
Hymn *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord* (Blue) # 261
Benediction
Postlude *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful* Falk

The Advent Wreath is given in memory of Hal and Peggy Essick.

The Christmas Trees were donated by Homer and Bonnie Sides and the wreaths on the doors were donated by Kathy Sides Nursery.

The Poinsettias in the sanctuary, narthex and Family Life Center are given by the Women’s Fellowship.

Turkey Challenge! The Disciples Class is partnering again with Blessings Building Bridges to help raise items for local triad organizations. There are 4 easy steps to participate in the Turkey Challenge! Step 1: Take one or more feathers from the turkey, Step 2: Purchase the item on the feather Step 3: Items are due back **today**. Step 4: You’re all done! Blessings Building Bridges will deliver the items to the local organizations! Please drop off your items in the Disciple Class, the hallway behind the sanctuary or in the Family Life Center lobby.

If you ordered a wreath from our Youth, they will be available for pickup in front of the Family Life Center **today** from noon until 2:00 p.m.

The December Folio is available for pickup after worship today.

Nursery Volunteers are needed for our two Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Services! The services will be on Sunday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Jason Romblad at jsromblad@yahoo.com if you can help in the nursery.

All parents who have a child in children's church will be required to physically come down to the Children’s Center on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

The Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band is back!!! The first concert is Tuesday November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Advent Moravian Fellowship Center. The second concert is Sunday December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Friedberg.Moravian

If you pre-ordered a 2022 Daily Text, they are available for pick up in the church office. The large print books are \$14 and the regular print books are \$12. There are a few extras available.

Carter Ellington is working on his Eagle Scout Project for Troop 703 here at Friedberg Moravian and he needs your help. His project is to collect new linens and kitchen items for the American Children's Home in Lexington from now until December 5th. The American Children's Home is home to teenagers who have lost their parents or who can no longer live with their parents. Carter has placed a collection bin in the narthex and the Family Life Center to collect donations to help provide these kids, teenagers like himself, basic items. His goal is to collect 50 sets of twin sheets, 50 sets of bath towels and 25 shower curtains for their residents as well as six sets of dishes, utensils, pans, etc. for each of their cottages that the kids live in. Carter hopes that you help out these teenagers by donating some of these items so they each will have their own personal linens and needed kitchen items for their cottage. Thank you for taking your time to read this and thank you in advance for your help.

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

Dylan Bundy	Andy Greenwood	Clayton Johnson
William Champion	Jennifer Greenwood	Alex Kennedy
Dylan Coleman	Hunter Jenkins	Patrick Mickey
Carly Collette	Adam Johnson	Daniel Randleman
Ben Greeson		

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

Safie Braima - Sierra Leone
Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University
Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia
Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ
Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University
Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center
Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico
Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage – Kenya
Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry
Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Once He Came in Blessing

*Once he came in blessing
All our ills redressing,
Came in likeness lowly.
Son of God most holy;
Bore the Cross to save us,
Hope and freedom gave us.*

*Still He comes within us:
Still His voice would win us
From the sins that hurt us;
Would to truth convert us
From our foolish errors,
Ere He comes in terrors.*

Thus if thou hast known Him,

*Not ashamed to own Him,
Nor dost love Him coldly,
But will trust Him boldly,
He will now receive thee,
Heal thee, and forgive thee.*

*He, who well endureth
Bright reward secureth.
Come then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us;
Let us here confess Thee,
Till in heaven we bless Thee.*

Jan Roh (John Horn) --- 1547 (1544)
Catherine Winkworth, tr., 1829-1878 (1863)