

### 9:30 am Worship Ministry (Sanctuary)

**Greeters:** Elder Joyce Peacock; Trustee John Miller; Stephen Minister Jane Murphy

**Ushers:** John Miller, Paul Lewis, Leonard Fitts, Harris Ransom, Joe Scheideler, Gary Bender

**Sound Technician:** Harris Ransom

**Pulpit Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Carol Morgan

**Nursery Care** is available in the Preschool area for those with young children (birth-age 4). The David Room (back of the Sanctuary) is available for parents with infants/toddlers. The worship service can be viewed via TV monitor.

**Members and Guests:** Please take a moment to sign the Friendship pads in the pews so we can accurately record worship attendance and welcome visitors.



Kids (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade): Don't forget to pick up your **worship bags** and check for your worship mission.

Pick up a copy of **Connections**, which contains the Covenant of Prayer, from the narthex, Welcome Desk, Miller Commons, any Usher, or the church office. There are also large-print bulletins available.

**Prayer Opportunity:** An Elder will be available in the Prayer Room after this service for private prayer.

**Year-end Giving:** To help us meet our expenses for 2019, offerings must be postmarked or delivered to the church by December 31. Your check must be dated 2019. You can also give online by 12/31/19. Please contact Norm Vandergrift with questions.

**Epiphany Concert:** Please join us for a *Moravian Lovefeast*, which will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a musical conclusion to the Christmas season as our Choirs join forces in this highly historical worship form which involves choral and congregational singing and the serving of a simple, symbolic meal in the Sanctuary. A free-will offering will be received, and childcare is provided.

**Next Sunday, January 5:** Sermon title: *"What is My Comfort"*; Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11. Communion will also be served.

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Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff

Kelly LePenske, Pastoral Associate



### Please Join Us for Worship

8:30 am Traditional (*Sanctuary*)

11:00 am Contemporary (*Miller Commons*)

### GATHERING THOUGHT

#### THE FPCM WAY OF THE WEEK

1. **BE THIRD.** God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, but be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

*"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."*  
(Philippians 2:4)

*"And since I, Your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."* (John 13:14-15)

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 am Sanctuary

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Acolyte:

Natalie Olsen

Beadle:

Elder Joyce Wenzke

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Kathy Gunsallus

Infant Holy

Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Elder Wenzke

All God’s people—girls and boys, women and men—come and worship!

Let us go and worship the Savior!

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:   come and worship.

Let us go and worship God’s promise, born for us!

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:   worship the newborn King.

Let us go to our King, born in a lowly manger.

Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.   Let us worship God!

HYMN No. 157\*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

PRAYER OF ADORATION\*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\* (The Nicene Creed)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we need the grace of the Lord Jesus to renew our commitment to You and Your ways.

We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful.   May Your angels sing again to us of peace for body, mind, and soul.   We acknowledge that we have foolishly let our desires lead us away from You.   May Your star once more set our course firmly in Your direction.

We admit that we have turned the practice of our faith into a lifeless ritual.   May Your manger call us again toward expressions of devotion to You and of love for others.   We have selfishly kept our gifts and our hearts from You.   May the Magi show us the way to sacrificial giving.   Merciful God, may Your Holy Spirit linger in our hearts and bring renewal to our lives.   Amen.

Silence for personal prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.   Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you.   He is Christ, the Lord.”

“To all who welcomed Him, to those who trusted in His wonderful name, the Lord gave the right to become children of God.”   Amen.

RESPONSE No. 805\*

Glory Be to the Father

HYMN No. 146\*

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (‘debts’)

Rev. Spencer

WAY OF THE WEEK

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night

Yanelle Pabon-Garcia, Soloist

Adolphe Adam

Martin Bass

RESPONSE No. 809\*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings

PRAYER OF DEDICATION\*

CHRISTMAS STORY

“The Christmas Pageant”

by Michael L. Lindvall from Good News from North Haven

Rev. Spencer

HYMN No. 151\*

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

Kathy Gunsallus

He is Born

Koch

BENEDICTION\*

GREETING\*

“So welcome one another as God has welcomed you.” (Romans 15:7)

\*Those who are able are invited to stand

\*\*\*Seating interlude