

Ephraim Moravian Church

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1st Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021

Morning Worship, 10.00 a.m.

PASTOR:.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe
MINISTERS:.....Members of the Congregation
MUSIC DIRECTOR:.....Colin Welford
SECRETARY:.....Diane Kirkland

Serving the Community Since 1853

Variations on, "Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman" - by W.A. Mozart

Call to Worship: Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the 1st Candle of Advent

Hymn #274: "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel" (Verses 1, 3 & 4)

Infant Baptism

"Sasha the Bird" – from "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16; Luke 21: 25 - 36

Sermon: Waiting for the Apocalypse

Liturgy for Advent p. 50 – 51

Prayers of the Church, The Lord's Prayer

Response (To the tune: Away in a Manger)

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!

Your kingdom among us, your will done the same

By mortals and angels; Come, Lord reign alone.

Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne. Amen

Benediction

"This Land is Your Land" – by Woodie Guthrie

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Jesus said, 'Heaven and earth will pass away; but my words will not pass away.'* – Luke 21:33

<u>MONDAY:</u>	All Day	Pastor's Sabbath
<u>SATURDAY:</u>	1.00-3.00 p.m.	Advent-ure
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion

WELCOME to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH is the 'Church of the Open Door.' We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH: In Essentials, Unity, In Non-Essentials, Liberty, In All Things, Love

WATCHWORD FOR 2021: *The Lord said, 'I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go.'*

BAPTISM The newest member of the Vitse family, Sasha Irene will be baptized during the service.

WELCOME to our newest member, Laura Geis. Laura joins her mom, Marilyn Cushing, and cousin Hedy Heise!

THANK YOU to the Bristols, who are lighting the first Candle of Advent.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE. Please be aware that from next Sunday, 5th December, our Sunday worship services will begin at **10:30 a.m.**

Reflection: “IT’S ABOUT TIME”

I don’t like waiting. If you don’t believe me, ask my wife. I take no pleasure being in a waiting room, where the newest magazine was published in 1989. Though I’m pushing the calendar a bit, I can’t resist mentioning the most excruciating times of waiting on Christmas Eves when I was a boy. The highlight of the night, of course, was the gift exchange. But that couldn’t occur until everyone at the table (except me) was done slurping their disgusting oyster stew. Of this I am certain: no other meal ever took so long!

We have now entered the season of Advent – The Season of Waiting. A season of Faithful Longing. Advent is also a season of repentance and soul-searching, though we don’t do so well with this except what the church sneaks it in here and there. It’s like cleaning house before the guests arrive.

During these days we celebrate all the promises made back then, to our forefathers in Faith, and we prepare for the realization of all those promises in our Lord, Christ Jesus. The object of our Faith and all our preparation is well worth waiting for.

- Pastor Dan G. Olson

The Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer



It is written in the Gospel that our Lord Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’ Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work and enter into the fellowship of the church. Our children share with us in the benefits of our Lord’s redeeming work, through the faith of parents and of the Church.

For the promise is to us and our children.

Sincerely believing that our Lord Jesus Christ loves Sasha, that he is ready to receive her, and to give her the blessing of eternal life, let us pray. O Father of all, we praise you for the joy and blessing that children bring into the home and into the world. Grant that Elizabeth and David may find blessing in their ministry of love.

Heavenly Father, hear us.

O Friend of little children, keep, guard, and bless Sasha; by the guidance of your Spirit may she grow in strength, and in beauty of character.

Jesus, Savior, hear us.

Pastoral Prayer

Parents & Sponsors, do you promise to lead Sasha, through your prayer, instruction, and example, toward that time when she can, by grace, confirm her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and commit herself to the life and work of the church?

We do.

Ephraim Moravian Church, do you promise to love and pray for Sasha?

We do.

You who are baptized into Christ Jesus, how were you baptized?

Into his death.

Sasha Irene Vitse, into the death of Jesus I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now through God’s grace and pouring out of the Holy Spirit, you have been brought into the covenant; therefore live, yet not you alone, but Christ live in you; and the life which you live now, live by faith in the Son of God, who loved you and gave his life for you. Sasha, the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the Name of Jesus, Amen.