

Ephraim Moravian Church

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Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

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Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer” – Hymn, arr.
Norman Johnson**

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent

Hymn #267 “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”

Liturgy for 2nd Advent, p. 54 - 55

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 11: 1 – 10, Matthew 3: 1 – 12

Meditation

**Offertory: “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” – Hymn, arr.
John B. Dykes**

Doxology

Prayers of the Church, The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Sung 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

The Lord’s Supper

Response: p. 193 – 195

Postlude: “Fugue in C” from Sonata No. 2 – by Felix Mendelssohn

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” – Matthew 3:2

MONDAY: Pastor’s Sabbath
SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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.

EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2022: The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. – James 3:17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to all who volunteered at our ADVENTure here in church yesterday and those who lent us their beautiful angels for the Fellowship Hall display this season.

SECOND CANDLE is being lit today by Kiel Larsen. Thank you, Kiel!

Second Sunday in Advent

I stand accused of being impatient. I plead guilty. Where, along the way, this trait developed within me, I can't quite say. It can be a defect of character at one moment and a strength in the next. For me to wait is absolutely excruciating. I'm really big into instant gratification.

Now we have arrived at the season of anticipation. Christmas is around the corner so it's "get ready, get set ... wait!" The table has been set for a huge serving of angst. Will we be ready in time for the big day? We are reminded on Labor Day Weekend, it seems, to get ready to commit first degree shopping. We set ourselves up for a prolonged time of pacing the floor. Will Christmas never arrive?

If all this isn't bad enough, the tradition of the Church has given us the liturgical season of Advent. It is designed to give us space to prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of The Messiah, Jesus our Lord. The very first Biblical prophecy, prediction and promise of a Savior is found in Genesis 3:15. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The long and the short of this verse is that the Savior will conquer sin and death, the results of Satan's brutal attack on God's beautiful creation. How long ago was that? Think about how long the wait for the Savior was.

So now we rehearse the time of anticipation. Even though we want Christmas right now, it will arrive in its own good time.

Pastor Dan G. Olson