

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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New Year's Eve, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas December 31, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**PASTOR:**.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**.....Colin Welford  
**SECRETARY**.....Erin Bristol  
**LAY READERS**.....”....Shayla & Liz Opitz

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Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude: “Joy to the World” – setting by Brian Henkelmann  
(Moravian)**

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn (Insert) “Standing At the Portal”**  
**Liturgy for the New Year (Insert)**

Scripture Lessons

New Testament: Galatians 4: 4 – 7  
Gospel: Luke 2: 22, 25 – 40

Sermon

**Offertory: “What Brought us Together” – setting by Ryan  
Morrow (Moravian)**

Doxology

Distribution of Watchwords

**Hymn #309: “With Praises and Thanksgiving”**

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.*

Benediction

**Postlude: “A Christmas Celebration” – Composed/Arranged by  
Jonathan Scott**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:** My God will fully satisfy every  
need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. –  
Philippians 4:19

<b><u>TODAY:</u></b>	Time of Fellowship following Worship
<b><u>MONDAY:</u></b>	2:00 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert
	4:30 p.m. Colin & Friends Concert
<b><u>SUNDAY:</u></b>	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	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.

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2023:** No one has ever  
seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is  
perfected in us. - 1 John 4:12

**COLIN & FRIENDS CONCERTS:** Tomorrow, MONDAY, at both  
2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.: Celebratory and traditional musical favorites  
(with guest violinist and a local actor/playwright) will send 2023 on its  
way, as we welcome in a bright New Year! Great music, FREE  
admission and lots of fun. Bring a friend! The 2:00p.m. performance  
might be rather popular. We suggest arriving nice and early (or take  
the risk of being sent empty away!) – alternatively, choose to join us at  
4:30 p.m.!

*The Work of Christmas- Howard Thurman*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,*

*When the star in the sky is gone,*

*When the kings and princes are home,*

*When the shepherds are back with their flock,*

*The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,*

*To heal the broken,*

*To feed the hungry,*

*To release the prisoner,*

*To rebuild the nations,*

*To bring peace among others,*

*To make music in the heart.*