

# Unity Moravian Church of Lewisville



## Watchword Text for the Year

*"In Jesus Christ you also are being built together for  
a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."*  
Ephesians 2:22

**December 17, 2017**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

## Unity Moravian Church of Lewisville

*Please see an usher if you need equipment  
for the hearing impaired or a large print hymnal.*

### THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

**Band Prelude** Unity Moravian Band

**Welcome and Call to Worship**  
*(Please register your attendance by signing the pew pad)*

**Lighting the Advent Wreath** Garcia Family  
Brendan, Ashley, Sophie, and Xander

**Prelude:** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. G. Young

### HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

**Liturgy:** "Advent Liturgy"

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts  
That the God who loved this world into being  
Placed stars into the heavens and designed a butterfly's wing

**Is the God who entrusted his life  
to the care of ordinary people  
became vulnerable that we might know  
how strong is God's faith in the power of Love**

A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp  
**A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore**

**Hymn** ELLACOMBE  
*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.*

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

#### Worship by Giving:

Offertory: *There's a Song in the Air / The Light of the World Is Jesus*  
Arr. Scudder/Mayo  
Hymn 817

\* Offertory Response - Doxology  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye Heav'nly hosts;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Prayer

#### Concerns and Joys for the Community, Nation and World

#### Prayer of Intercession:

**Prayer Response:** Hymn 282  
*O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels, their great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel*

### FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

#### Ministry Opportunities

\***Hymn:** *Shepherds Watch as Night Is Falling* Songbook 31

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Choral Benediction

**Postlude:** *Majesty* arr. M. Ham

\*(Please stand if able)

#### Liturgy: *(continued)*

We dream God's dream, of a world at peace  
**Where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;  
Where the poor and powerless find justice.**

Let us pray for the Spirit of Wisdom to rest upon us  
**A spirit of understanding and knowledge**

Let us pray, for voices crying out in the wildernesses of our world  
**Women living in fear, children abused, victims of war,  
refugees who have lost everything**  
Grant all a place of harmony

**Hymn:** *He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.*

Let us pray, and repent of harm done to the innocent  
**Clear our lives of hatred and despair,**

sow seeds of joy and peace,  
**that shoots of hope may spring forth**  
and we may live in harmony with one another.

**Hymn** *He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.*

**Reading of God's Word** Gabrielle Stevenson  
I Peter 2:4-10 New Testament, Page 228

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** *The Light of the World* Don Besig  
Adult choir; Dennis Fort, solo Tenor

**Time With Children:** Rev. Barry Foster  
*Children (preschool through 5th grade) are invited to attend Children's Worship  
with Ashley Garcia*

\***Hymn:** *Savior of the Nations, Come* Hymn 265

**Text for the Day:** "Isaiah 2:1-4" Old Testament, Page 618

**The Message for Today:** "Your Invitation from God" Rev. Barry Foster



# What's Happening at Unity Moravian Church

*Welcome! May God's blessings be yours and the fruits of regular worship bring peace and joy in your heart. We are grateful that you have chosen to share in our worship experience today. Our church is a family committed to the promise of God that Jesus Christ is Lord of life, and that His love unites us in spirit and truth. We are glad you are with us today and we invite you into our fellowship. For more information, speak with our pastor.*



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We are again participating in the "Wish Tree" program for Lewisville Elementary School. Our church will be providing families with items for their Christmas. Please attach your selected angel to the wrapped gifts and return to the church **Today**. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

### Pray for our Church Family:

Alex Black, Joe Cox, Evan Huss, Cam Lane, Richard Spong

### Remembering Members who find it difficult to attend:

Jennifer Beard, Dot Faircloth, Betty Phillips, Dee Young

### Pray for our Family and Friends:

Lisa Allgood (cousin of Berry Sink)  
 Linda Bean (sister of Anita Hughes and Carol Tatum)  
 Marty and Ben Beeson (cousin of Allan and Coy Vance, Jr.)  
 Allen Bradshaw (son of Jerrie Bradshaw)  
 Tommy Brown (nephew of Dottie Sayers)  
 Larry Cook (friend of Will Smith)  
 Jennie Cornatzer (sister of Nancy Jackson)  
 Pam Cregger (sister of Teresa Perry)  
 Frank Foster (friend of Faye and Charles Johnson)  
 Polly Fishel (aunt of Lynn Williamson)  
 Nadine Haydon (relative of Kim Felton)  
 Elliana Helms (friend of Faye and Charles Johnson)  
 Tami Kipple (cousin of Beth Basta)  
 Mary Lamar (cousin of Henry Pearce)  
 David Langill (friend of Henry and Jean Pearce)  
 Bonnie Lawrence (daughter of Dee Lawrence)  
 Tommy Long (friend of Ed and Beverly Merritt)  
 Maude Martin (mother of Joyce Carden)  
 Steve Parks (son of Bill Parks)  
 Louise Poindexter (mother of Janet Sowers)  
 Martha Riddle (friend of Jayne Parks)  
 Greg Sayers (son of Dottie Sayers)  
 Katie Schreiber (granddaughter of Joy Cole)  
 Dick Sheek (brother of Edith Ammons)  
 Wilson Sparks (brother-in-law of Edith Ammons and Dick Sheek)  
 Patricia Vance Starbuck (sister-in-law of Kay Vance)  
 Clark Steed (brother-in-law of Teresa and Art Perry)  
 Billie Wenzel (cousin of Beth Basta)  
 Jon Vickers (friend of Lynn Williamson)  
 Nancy Yerigan (cousin of Kay Vance)

### Serving in Missions:

Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide (Bethel, Alaska)

## Opportunities

<b>Today, December 17</b>	9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Children's Lovefeast
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Tai Chi NO Intergenerational Bells 7:30 p.m. Unity Bells
Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday	10:00 a.m. Band Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday, December 24</b>	11:00 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Lovefeast 7:00 p.m. Lovefeast

**Church office closed December 25th and 26th for Christmas holidays.**

## Annual Reports

All organizations and committees of Unity Moravian Church are asked to have their Annual Reports with a brief synopsis of the year in to the Church office no later than Sunday, **January 14**. Should reports arrive later than Tuesday, there is no guarantee they will be included in the packet that will be placed in mailboxes on Sunday, **January 21**.

## Flowers for our Sanctuary for 2018

If you would like to remember or honor someone special by placing flowers in our sanctuary, you may reserve the date of your choice by signing up on the calendar posted in the hall outside the Church office. We can accommodate two arrangements per service.

## Thank You!

We had such a good time at our "Bulletin Stuffing Party." A very special thank you to Faye Johnson, Barbara Knouse, Cam Lane, and Becky Norman.

## Foods of the Month

**Sunnyside Ministries:** Donations  
**Samaritan Ministries:** Hotel-sized toiletries  
**LCAP:** Toilet Tissue

## Statistics Last Week (12/10/17)

<b>Attendance Sunday Worship</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Weekly Needs to Meet Our Budget</b>	<b>\$3,305.89</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$6,055.00</b>
<b>Peanut Butter Offering</b>	<b>\$143.00</b>

## Volunteers for December 24, 2017

Liturgist:	Nancy Wonsavage
Usher Team:	Ernie Hughes
Greeters:	Betty Fansler, Gay Sharon Brothers
Sound Board:	Bob Morrell
Time with Children:	Linn Parsons
Children's Worship:	Christa Garcia
<b>Lovefeast</b>	
4:00 p.m. Greeters:	Joy Cole, Kay Brown, Henry Pearce
7:00 p.m. Greeters:	Joyce Carden, Dick Whittenton

## Prayer Concerns

Anyone who has prayer requests or concerns to be shared during worship or to be placed in the bulletin, please complete one of the pink forms in the narthex and give to an usher.

The beautiful rose in the sanctuary today is in celebration of the birth of **Willa Mackenzie Smith** born December 7 to Will and Kasey Smith. The proud grandparents are Dick and Phyllis Whittenton.