

Clemmons Moravian Church

First Sunday after Christmas
January 5, 2025

Prelude: "The First Noel" arr. Gary Prim

Welcome & Prayer Christopher C. Thore

*Liturgy for Epiphany Page 65

Installation of Elders and Trustees (Insert) Christopher C. Thore

Conclusion of Epiphany Liturgy Page 70

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "We Three Kings"

The Spangenberg Ringers

*Doxology & Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Ephesians 1: 3-14 Pew Bible Page 1065

John 1: 10-18 Pew Bible Page 966

Congregational Response: "Thanks Be To God"

Meditation: Christopher C. Thore

The Service of Holy Communion in Celebration of Christ's Coming
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*Benediction

*Postlude: "O Worship the King" Joni Hanna

(You may pick up your 2025 watchword on the communion table)

**Please stand, if able*

A warm **welcome** is extended to all who are visiting with us today. May your worship with us be a source of mutual blessing. If you do not have a local church home and would like to become part of our family of faith, please contact the pastor or the church office.

Christopher C. Thore

Jonathan Sidden

Joni Hanna

Donna Rothrock

Rhonda Shronts

Suzanne Howard

Pastor

Music Director

Organist

Band Director

Office Manager

Financial Manager

If you would like to place **flowers** in the sanctuary please contact Suzanne Davis at (336)766-4223.

If you ordered **poinsettias**, they are in the Lovefeast Kitchen; please take them with you today.

The **watchword for Clemmons Moravian Church for 2025** is: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." ~John 3:16

After worship, please come forward and pick up your **2025 watchword on the communion table**.

Calendar items this week: Tues/Jan 7 - Circle 1 at 10:00am (P), Circle 2 at 10:00am (L) & Circle 3 at 7:00pm (P); Thurs/Jan 9 - Elders Mtg. (L) ; and Fri/Jan 10 - YAH 11:00am 2025 planning meeting (L).

Our **Sunnyside Collection Item** for January is: **BLANKETS**.

Clemmons Moravian Church is scheduled to participate in the **Unity Prayer Watch**, on **January 18th** from 12:00am/midnight - 8:00am. Please use the sign up sheet in the vestibule if you are willing to pray during a specific 30 minute period.

The **Young at Heart** invites all members of our congregations to attend our January 10th, 2025, planning meeting in the education building a 11:00 am. If you are interested, plan to attend our meeting and see what monthly activities we make for the year, an consider becoming a member of the YAH. If you have any questions about our activities, see a member of the YAH or Bill Nussbaum. 336-682-0346 wmnussbaum@aol.com .

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Children's Church

Today

No Children's Church

Next Week

Becky Cook
Sharon Phelps

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Today

Vanessa Cuellar
Volunteer

Next Week

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Volunteer

Greeters

Today

Marie Reynolds

Next Week

John & Debbie
Nelms

LITURGY FOR INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND TRUSTEES

Elders and Trustees: O God, receive our prayers as we present ourselves to you.

Pastor: Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your natures transformed.

Congregation: Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what is good, acceptable and perfect.

Pastor: Do not have a mind proud beyond that which a mind should be, but have a mind directed toward wisdom, as God has given the measure of faith to each one of you.

All: Teach us, O Lord, to walk in true humility of mind and soul, that we may experience more fully the measure of faith which God has granted to each of us.

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this congregation in its wisdom and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, has elected you to important positions of leadership. Your duties include many tasks which are necessary for the revealing of the Kingdom of God and the administration of this local community of God's people. As you begin these responsibilities, or as you continue to serve, I trust that you will do so with a prayer for guidance, and with a commitment to Christ that you may fulfill your responsibilities in such a manner that the work of Christ will be enlarged by your presence.

Newly Elected Elders and Trustees: I accept the office to which I have been elected as a trust committed to me by our Lord and Master.

All Elders and Trustees: We will endeavor to serve as faithful stewards of things both spiritual and temporal, and to fulfill our responsibilities through God's grace.

Congregation: We will support by prayer, by word, and by work those we have asked to provide leadership for this congregation that we may successfully fulfill our common task. We have chosen these people to exercise responsibility and authority, and ask that they be installed in their respective offices.

Pastor: Within the authority given to me by the members of this congregation and as a minister of the Moravian Church, I welcome you to the positions of leadership to which this community of God's people has called you. Only trust in God, and know that God's grace is sufficient to make you effective servants of God's people.

All: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.