

# Clemmons Moravian Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Prelude: Wexford Carol (Good People All, This Christmas Time)

Setting by Aaron Shows

Welcome & Prayer

Rev. Christy Clore

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Insert

Atticus Fulton

\*The Liturgy for Advent 1 (omitting Hosanna)

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The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Of the Father's Heart Begotten"

Arr. David Willcocks

\*Doxology & Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

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Luke 1:46b-55

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Congregational Response: "Thanks Be To God"

\*Hymn: "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

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Message: "Patient Strength"

Rev. Christy Clore

\*Hymn: "Once He Came in Blessing"

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude: On this Day Earth Shall Ring (Personent hodie)

Setting by Robert J. Powell

*\*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

Christy Clore

Jacob Cook

Jeanell Brown

Donna Rothrock

Rhonda Shrouts

Suzanne Howard

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Interim Music Director

Interim Organist

Band Director

Office Manager

Financial Manager

The two red and white **poinsettias** are placed in the sanctuary today by Suzanne Davis in loving memory of her husband Parke, as well as Parke's parents, Alan and Katherine Davis, and Suzanne's parents, Jeff and Emily Davis.

We thank **Atticus Fulton** for lighting our advent candle this morning. Atticus is the son of Adam Fulton and Katie Southard and the grandson of Pam & Randy Fulton and the great-grandson of June Fulton.

**Children's Lovefeast and Candlelight Service will be December 14th** at 5:00pm in the Church sanctuary. This special Lovefeast is designed especially for children and their families. Traditional lovefeast buns and hot chocolate will be served. Our youth and their families will serve as dieners and Pastor Christy will give the message. Following this service, children, youth and their families are invited to go caroling. We'll have a light meal, make a few stops by CMC member homes to spread holiday spirit and wrap up around 7:30pm. Please let Pastor Christy or Randy Fulton know if you would like to participate.

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the **Christmas Treasures Sale** on Saturday. We are grateful to say we made **\$3,224.55**. The proceeds will be divided between Clemmons Food Pantry and The Storehouse for Jesus in Davie County. Our total over these 17 years of having our sale is: \$44,641.62. Thank you again for continuing to support this outreach ministry! ~Kay Burke, Betty Lou McCauley & Martha Clopton  
Our total over these 17 years of having our sale is: \$44,641.62 Thank you again for continuing to support this outreach ministry! In addition, our "Holiday Harmonies" concert that was held to help with the funding of our *Music Scholars Program*. Thanks to everyone for their generous support. **\$4,200** was given to support these scholarships.

We extend our **Christian sympathy** to:



The family of Ollie Cherry on her passing; and  
Judy Culler and family on the passing of her husband, Steve Culler.

## Children's Church

Today

Pam & Randy  
Fulton

Next Week

Pam & Ed Corum  
Olivia Griffith

## Infant & Toddler Nursery

Today

Vanessa Cuellar  
Volunteer

Next Week

Vanessa Cuellar  
Volunteer

## Greeters

Today

John & Earlene  
Ferguson

Next Week

Brodie & Gwen  
Rudd

## This Week at Our Church

Fellowship Hall (FH) Library (L) Parlor (P)

### **Sunday, December 14** - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship
1:00 pm	Band Caroling (van)
5:00 pm	Children's Lovefeast (S)
6:00 pm	Youth Caroling (van)

### **Monday, December 15**

7:00 pm	Band
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### **Tuesday, December 16**

7:00 pm	Quintet Practice
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### **Wednesday, December 17**

7:00 pm	Choir Practice
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### **Sunday, December 21** - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship
5:00 pm	Longest Night of Service of Comfort (S)

**Cup Washers Needed:** We need volunteers to help wash cups after each Christmas Eve Lovefeast service. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the vestibule after worship today and next Sunday or talk to Tom Baskin.

The **Young at Heart** will have it's **2026 planning meeting** on Friday, January 9th at 10:00 am in the education building.

We invite all Senior Friends of the congregation to attend the meeting and join us. Our monthly activities are always printed in the newsletter and the Sunday Bulletins. You can also sign up to be on our email list to receive any updates to our events. If you have any question contact Bill Nussbaum 336-682-0346 Please join on Friday, January 9th.  
Bill Nussbaum President YAH



A nursery will be available for all three of our Christmas Eve Lovefeast services beginning at 1:00pm.

## **Lighting the Advent Candle**

### Liturgist

Today we light three candles. The **first candle** illuminates patience in the areas of our lives where God has called us to visit. The **second candle** extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. The **third candle** awakens our spiritual senses, challenging us to embrace the glory of God, as we await our Savior's promised coming. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

The lighting of the candle followed by the congregation singing the verse below:

### Congregation

***O come, O bright and morning star  
And bring us comfort from afar  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
And turn our darkness into light***

Circle 4 invites you to stop by the parlor to see and be blessed by the gift of a **beautiful nativity**. It was designed and made by our own Tom Brady in memory of his late wife Kay, a beloved Circle 4 sister.

Join us on **Sunday, December 21st at 5:00pm** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, which happens to fall on the "longest night of the year" – the Winter Solstice, we'll once again offer a Longest Night of Comfort worship service in the sanctuary.

**What is a "longest night" service?** It's a worship opportunity that seeks to create a safe and sacred space for those who feel the heaviness of the shorter days and longer nights of the late Fall and Winter. These are often particularly difficult for those who've experienced different forms of loss, struggle with depression and seasonal affective disorder, or who find themselves in the midst of significant life changes.

**What can I expect?** This service will be a space and time for remembering that we worship a God who is with us, even in the darkest of times. Scripture and music offerings will be shared to remind us of God's presence and promises while candle lighting and other ways of marking, reflecting, remembering, and sharing will be offered to name and hold collectively the heaviness that can sometimes be felt distinctly during this season of the year.





## A Season of Giving: Supporting Our Church and our Community

As each year passes, I am continually amazed at how quickly the days seem to fly by. It's hard to believe that Advent is here! As we prepare our hearts for this joyous season, let us reflect on our many blessings and offer both praise and gratitude to God for all that He has provided.

Soon, we will hear the familiar story of Jesus' birth. But have you ever considered that you could have been one of the three wise men present at that miraculous moment? According to the Bible, the wise men did three distinct things - they sought out the new King, they bowed down and worshipped Him, and then they immediately made an offering to Jesus. I might suggest that each of us have wandered down this same path in our Christian lives, taken these same actions, and each of us may be seen as present day "wise men."

As 2025 draws to a close, we are facing a year-to-date deficit of approximately \$19,000, comparing our offerings to our expenses. This is not an unfamiliar situation for CMC, as we have encountered similar financial challenges in previous years. Nevertheless, the extraordinary generosity of our congregation—the "wise men" among us—demonstrates our unwavering faith in the Lord.

Giving is a spiritual discipline that honors God and enables us to participate in His work through our church. Let us bring valuable resources to Jesus during this season, remembering that every gift, no matter its size, is a gift to the King, and not just to a church.

Regards,  
Chuck Jones - Chairman of Trustees

Online Donations: Visit our church website to make a secure online donation.

[www.clemmonsmoravian.org](http://www.clemmonsmoravian.org)

In-Person: Drop your donation in the collection plate during services.

Mail: Send your contribution to the church office.

P.O Box 730 Clemmons NC 27012



Dear CMC Congregation: All contribution gifts, to be recorded as received in **2025**, must be "delivered" in 2025. This means that year end checks must be **dated in 2025** and either mailed **and postmarked** by December 31, 2025 or **physically delivered** to the church office by December 31, 2025. Checks that are dated in 2025 but *not postmarked or physically delivered to the church office until 2026* will be treated as 2026 contributions. They will not be reflected on 2025 contribution statements and should not be deducted in 2025.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th, with limited hours on other days. If you need my special attention to a donation, please see me by Thursday, December 18th. As always, donations may be delivered through the mail slot in the front office door if no one is present in the office. Donations delivered in this manner by December 31st will be processed as 2025 donations.

Merry Christmas and Peace to you in the New Year!  
Suzanne Howard, Financial Manager.



## The poinsettias have been placed in the Sanctuary and lobby of the CE Building by:

Betty and Lonnie Ashby in honor of Jane Ashby

Betty and Lonnie Ashby in memory of Elmer Ashby and Raymond & Frances Binkley

Arlene Baker, Judy Carter, and Lois Romahn, daughters in memory of their parents, Carl and Hazel Lutz

Jacquelyn Bargoil in honor of Phil Bargoil, a wonderful caretaker

Phil and Jacquelyn Bargoil in honor of our music scholars

Ollie Cherry in memory of her husband, Charlie Cherry

Ollie Cherry in loving memory of Kathy Needham and Karen Houston, her daughters

Sherry Claassen & family in loving memory of Stu Claassen

Martha Clopton in loving memory of her husband, Earl

Dianne & Robert Ferree memory of their grandmothers, Lady Vera Ferree and Margaret Thelma Johnson

Pam and Randy Fulton in loving memory of Bud Fulton and in honor of June Fulton

Pam and Randy Fulton in loving memory of Tom and Athleen Lockhart

Pam and Randy Fulton in memory of Melissa Nifong and in honor of Paul Nifong, Jr.

Gloria and Frank Gamble in memory of their daughter, Tiffany Gamble Santiago and Gloria's parents Tom and Tracie Garman

Becky and Danny Green in memory of Danny's daughter Brook Bean

Becky and Danny Green in memory of Danny's parents, Laura and Arthur Green

Becky and Danny Green in memory of Becky's parents, Horace W. Parrish and Katherine J. Parrish

Worth and Elayne Green in memory of Lee Smith

Peggy Hagood & Ed Welborn in memory of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Ray Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Welborn

Peggy Hagood and daughter Meagan in loving memory of Steven K. Hagood

Andy, Lari, Amanda, Isaac, and Leah Harding in loving memory of Jerry and Edna Harding



Lynn Hedrick in memory of Ken Hedrick

Lynn Hedrick in honor of Steve and Judy Culler

Lynn Hedrick in honor of Cecelia Davis

Susie, Dan and Amy in loving memory of their mother, Ramona Hodnett

Julie Hughes in honor of Nancy Lutz Jackson

Julie Hughes in memory of Gray and Mary Jackson

The Kirkman family in loving memory of Mark Kirkman

Ruth Knesel and Dave in honor of Veronica Cline

The Knesel family in honor of Ruth Finley Knesel

The Knesel family in memory of Neal Knesel

Suzanne and John Mann in loving memory of Charles Stovall

Suzanne and John Mann in loving memory of Charles Mann, Chip Mann, and Kristin Whiteford

Suzanne and John Mann in honor of Chris Thore and Christy Clore

Sue, Jordan, Jonathan, Allison, Mike, and Ian in memory of Jan Martin

Jeanette Mellish in memory of the Josh and Ellie Ray Quinn family, Nancy, Mike, and Pat

Melanie, Alex and Meghan Moser in loving memory of Wade H. Moser, Jr.

Melanie, Alex and Meghan Moser in memory of Melanie's brother, Mark Bodford

Tony Myers and Teresa Swisher in honor of Frank and Carlius Myers

Dr. Paul Nifong, Jr., and grandchildren in memory of Dr. Paul and Marie Nifong

Dr. Paul Nifong, Jr., and children in loving memory of Melissa Cook Nifong

Dr. Paul Nifong, Jr. and his brother, Gary B. Nifong, in memory of their sister, Lisa C. Nifong

Janice Pilcher and family in loving memory Glenn Pilcher

Mandy Plyler in memory of Phil Plyler and Moses

Mandy Plyler in honor of our Pastors and our church staff



MJ and Charles Plitt in memory of Ben and Bonnie Plitt

Carol Quinn in loving memory of Charlie Quinn

Janet Sanders and children in loving memory of Adam Sanders

Dorothy Sell in loving memory of her husband Lester and her granddaughter Amanda.

Jonathan Sidden in honor of the choir

Carol and Chip Stovall in memory of Phil Benitz

Carol and Chip Stovall in memory of Charles Stovall

Susan Styers and her daughters, Anna, and Jennifer in loving memory of LC Styers

Vickie and Chris Sullivan in memory of Louise and Richard Hampton

Vickie and Chris Sullivan in memory of Esther and Jack McCuiston

Vickie and Chris Sullivan in memory of Ruth and Garland Sullivan

Tanglewood Campground Hosts in honor of Janet D. Sanders

Jenny Taylor in honor of her grandchildren Lydia, Emma, and Lucas

Jenny Taylor in memory of Rodger Vanderford

Ilene and Jamie Trujillo in memory of their daughter Sandra Trujillo de Moyano

Ilene and Jamie Trujillo in memory of their parents, Lake and Mae Elizabeth Sink, and Flora and Emilio Trujillo

Dianne and Robert Tuttle in honor of our choir and music staff

Barbara and Dan Wilkerson in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Cavanaugh

Barbara and Dan Wilkerson in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Wilkerson

Judy Yarbrough in loving memory of her husband, Reg Yarbrough

Judy Yarbrough in memory of her parents and Reg's parents, Catherine and John Hall and Erlene and Gray Yarbrough

**Christmas Eve Lovefeast Service Times**

**2:00, 4:00, and 6:00pm.**