Clemmons Moravian Church

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

Band Prelude

Prelude:

Welcome & Prayer — Christopher C. Thore

Call to Worship: "The People that Walked in Darkness" — Handel
Alejandro Cuellar, soloist

The Lighting of the Advent Candle and Moravian Star — Insert
Adeline & Leo Gaither

*The Liturgy for Advent (Hosanna Chorus pg. 239) — Page 49
(Choir - Part 1, Congregation - Part 2)

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings — Christy Clore
Offertory: "Every Valley" — Beck
*Doxology & Offertory Prayer

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 — Pew Bible Page 1038
Mark 13: 24-37 — Pew Bible Page 925
Congregational Response : "Thanks Be To God"

*Hymn in memory of Cindy Brewer: "In the Bulb There is a Flower" — Page 797

Meditation: "Waiting Well" — Christopher C. Thore

*Hymn: "Once He Came in Blessing " — Page 273

*Benediction

*Postlude:

**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	*Pastor*
Christy Clore	*Associate Pastor*
Eric Powell	*Music Director*
Jonathan Williams	*Guest Organist*
Donna Rothrock	*Band Director*
Rhonda Shronts	*Office Manager*
Suzanne Howard	*Financial Manager*

The flowers today are given with thanks and gratitude for Dean Matlock and his many years of service in preparing our Lovefeast coffee.

We thank **Adeline & Leo Gaither** for lighting our advent candle this morning. They are the children of Becca Sawyer Wean, grandchildren of Katherine Brewer and great-grandchildren of Ed Brewer.

We again welcome and thank, **Jonathan Williams**, our guest organist for sharing his musical gifts with us today.

Christmas Treasures Sale Saturday, December 5th from 8:00am-12:00pm. We are so excited that the Christmas Treasures Sale is finally here! We need everyone's help to make this project a success. Your donations of gently used holiday items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning Monday, November 30 -Friday, December 4 each day from 3:30-7 pm.. Remember, your old "stuff" could become someone else's new treasure. Please come and help with all the preparations any day that week including Saturday even if you can only be there for a short time. We especially need volunteers to help clean up after the sale. See you there!

Members of the **Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon** will be on Friday, December 11th at 11:30 at Bermuda Village. The cost is $20.00 (meal, tax and tip). Contact Carol Quinn by November 29th. Make check Payable to Carol Quinn.

We are so incredibly thankful for everyone's Thanksgiving Lovefeast food donations to Clemmons Food Pantry. **Our delivery totaled 764lbs!!**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday office closure, the **December Newsletter** will be published and mailed around December 4th-5th.

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Children's Church

Today
Gary & Jeff Ritz

Next Week
Maggie Harper
Willow Kimmel

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Today
Vanessa Cuellar
Volunteer

Next Week
Vanessa Cuellar
Volunteer

Greeters

Today
Melinda Kyle Dowell

Next Week
John & Debbie Nelms

This Week at Our Church

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

Sunday, November 29 – *First Sunday of Advent*

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship

Monday, November 30

3:30 - 7:00 pm	Christmas Sale Set-Up (FH)
7:00 pm	Band

Tuesday, December 1

10:00 am	Morning Circle (P)
3:30 - 7:00 pm	Christmas Sale Set-Up (FH)

Wednesday, December 2

3:30 - 7:00 pm	Christmas Sale Set-Up (FH)
6:00 pm	Spangenberg Ringers
7:00 pm	Church Choir

Thursday, December 3

3:30 - 7:00 pm	Christmas Sale Set-Up (FH)

Friday, December 5

3:30 - 7:00 pm	Christmas Sale Set-Up (FH)

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Christmas Treasures Sale (FH)

Sunday, December 6 - *Second Sunday of Advent*

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship





Join us on Saturday, December 19th from 4:30-6pm in the Pavillion by the Fireplace as we share in a time of fun, fellowship, and singing our favorite **Christmas Carols!**

We'll have hot chocolate, hot apple cider, cookies to enjoy along with some special carols featuring our church musicians.

The Covenant Class wants your money…..for the 2026 **Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign.** THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY TO GIVE! Look for the marked containers in the Education Building and the Narthex.
Go online to learn more about this great cause.

First Sunday of Advent (November 29, 2026)

HOPE Through Caring for Creation

Today, we begin our celebration of Advent. For the next four Sundays, we will eagerly anticipate the gift that is ours in Jesus Christ. To guide us through this Advent season, we will use the candles arranged in this wreath to help us remember that Jesus is the light of the world.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope.

We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, God is with us, Immanuel.

(The first candle is lit)

Hope is our assurance that God is with us even in the darkest of times, times facing uncertainty–the unknown.

Hope is our confidence that God's presence is felt around the world through the work of the Church. Gracious God, help each of us to bring hope into the lives of others.

Hope is our belief that the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

God is our hope today and forever! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

God created and named all of creation good. Jesus reminds us about the goodness found in the world. He talked about birds, flowers, sheep, seeds, water and trees. He reminded people that creation is a gift.

God cares about the needs of creation. The earth gives us clean water to drink, air to breathe, food to eat and animals and plants to protect.

God asks us to live gently with the earth and with each other.

This is how we take care of creation and enter into the HOPE all around us.



Children's Lovefeast and Candlelight Service will be December 13, 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 the Lovefeast families are invited to share dinner and an outing to go caroling with some of our members in residence.