



THE SPIRIT  
OF THE  
LORD IS  
UPON ME,

because he has  
anointed me to  
bring good news  
to the poor

LUKE 4:18



# UNITED MORAVIAN CHURCH

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**“In an atmosphere of love and unity we seek to spread the gospel through worship and service to all people.”**

**Watchword for the Week: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14**

**Organ Prelude**

*Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne*

**Leader:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Response:** *And also with you.*

**Leader:** The prophet Ezra brought the Book of the Law to the people.

**Response:** *We, like they, are here to listen to the Word of God and its inspired interpretation.*

**Leader:** Ezra praised the Lord for providing the Law.

**Response:** *In faith, we praise God for all of God's teachings.*

**Leader:** Hearing God's Law is never cause for despair, but for joy.

**Response:** *We rejoice in the Lord always! We rejoice today in God's presence and provisions, and it is our desire to share these blessings with others.*

**\*Introit**

*The Chancel Choir*

**\*Processional Hymn #508: “To God Who Gave the Scriptures”**

**\*Liturgy for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Leader:** Almighty Creator of the planets and stars, we come to worship you and to seek the guidance we need to keep our lives in the more excellent way. Guide us in our worship today and we beseech you to let it lead us into transformation of our daily lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Living Designer, you have created the church to be one body with many members, working together under the control of the Head, Jesus Christ. Forgive us for the times**

**when we have acted toward others as if they did not matter, or as if the church could get along without them. Pardon our discrimination that gives more praise to some than they deserve, at the expense of others who serve modestly without recognition. We acknowledge that we do not always share joy and sorrow equally, as we are meant to do. Merciful God, we beg your pardon for the sake of Jesus Christ, who forgets no one. Amen.**

**Leader:** Beloved children of God, hear the good news! One Holy Spirit was poured out for all of us to partake.

**Response:** *The weakest of us is still indispensable to the body of Christ, the church.*

**Leader:** People of God, hear and believe the good news!

**Response:** *Hallelujah! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

**Prayer of Intercession:**

**Leader:** O God, save your people and bless your heritage. Strengthen your servants to continue steadfastly in the teaching of your apostles, in communion with believers everywhere. Help us to live and labor in one Spirit and make straight the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Response:** *Light of the world, shine through all your people wherever they may be and whatever their calling. Unite us in our various callings that no workplace or social gathering shall be without your spokesperson.*

**Leader:** We pray today for all who are vested with authority in this and other lands, together with their representatives in the United Nations, that there may be justice and peace in our world.

**Response:** *Merciful God, sustain all who are employed in honest work. Bless those in a position to find work, who are unemployed, that all may know the dignity of work that serves the common good, as did the work of the Carpenter of Nazareth.*

**Leader:** Bless our homes with mutual love and peace, with reverence and learning. Bless those who nurse the sick at home, in hospitals or elsewhere; and those who take food to the hungry and offer their skills to serve those in need. Give patience and wisdom to those who serve in our security forces. May their presence, knowledge, and skill serve to protect our communities and discourage criminal activity.

**Response:** *We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.*

**Leader:** Everlasting God from whose love nothing can separate us, we bless your name for all your servants who have endured the temptations of this life and who are now at rest and in peace with you.

**Response:** *Bind us with cords of love to you and all your saints that we may be drawn at last to heaven, through the ascended Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all glory, time without end. Amen.*

## **Song #111 (All the Best Songs of Praise & Worship): "Open the Eyes of my Heart"**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you,  
I want to see you. (Sing twice)

To see you high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love;  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy;  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.

**Welcome:** We welcome all to this time of worship in this sacred space! As we worship, let us acknowledge that there is the Power beyond our own. That Power is God who has made us and not we ourselves. Let us make this a time of prayer when we bring ourselves, just as we are, into the presence of the Holy One. Let us make it a time of praise, lifting our hearts and voices in grateful thanksgiving to our Maker. May this time of worship also prepare us to use the gifts which we have been given to serve as God's witnesses in our world. (*Identification of visitors*)

**Celebrations:** *Anniversaries, Birthdays etc.*

**Hymn # 447** (*Persons with anniversaries and birthdays are invited to remain standing*)

## **Announcements**

*Bro. Iva Grant*

- **The Church Council meeting will be held today right after service.**
- **The Nomination Committee is seeking your nominations for six Elders and six Trustees to serve the congregation for 2019-2021. Of the six Elders, you may nominate for reelection Goldine Nicholas, Melsadis Dolphin, Iris Joseph, Stephen James Sr. and Lloyd Farquharson, and a new member. Of the six Trustees you may nominate for reelection, Jamala Hunte, Peggie Williams & Tracye Harvey, plus three new members. Nomination forms along with an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of Elders and Trustees are on the rack. Please submit your nominations to Sis. Trisha Simon, Bro. Iva Grant, and Bro. Emiel Henry.**
- **The Moravian Youth Convo is slowly approaching! This year, it will be held in the US Virgin Islands! It will be a time of reflection, learning, fellowship and service with the different youth from all of the Moravian districts across the United States. If you are interested in attending, or you are a parent that's interested in having your child attend, please come to a brief info session in the church library after service! If you're unable to attend, please see Sis.**

**Danielle Chambers for more information, as she is the Eastern District's Youth Liaison. Thank you!**

- **Time is running out to get tickets for 'Ain't Misbehavin' at the Westchester Broadway Theatre on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This outing includes a show, dinner, and transportation for only \$125, and is hosted by the Jamaica Group. See Sis. Jonelle Bernard, or any Group member *TODAY!***

**Passing the Peace of Christ:** We, though many, are one body in Christ Jesus. Let us affirm our unity as we greet one another in Christian love.

**\*Greeting Song # 22 (The Chorus Book): "This Is the Day" (Sing once before greeting)**

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

**Ministry of the Word:**

**Leader:** The Spirit of the Lord has been given to us to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and to proclaim that this is the year of our Lord's favor.

**Response:** Come alive to us again, Living Word. In the hearing of this Written Word and its interpretation through preaching, call us to yourself so that understanding your will for us, we may be obedient both individually and as a congregation. **Amen.**

**#1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Psalm 19 *Sis. Peggie Williams*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *Bro. Jaiden Simon*

**\*Choral Response #846:** "Glory be to you, O Lord"

**\*Gospel Reading:** Luke 14:14-21 *Sis. Goldine Nicholas*

**\*Choral Response #846:** "Praise, praise, praise..."

**Selection:** *The Chancel Choir*

**Sermon:** "The Sharp Word" *Rev. Desna A. Henry Goulbourne*

**\*Hymn of Response # 503:** "God's Word Alive and Active"

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:**

**Offertory Invitation** (Unison): *As we give, we join hands with sisters and brothers in this place and around the world; we accomplish things together that we could never do alone; and we express our unity in Christ.*

**Offertory Hymn #511:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

**\*Offertory Response #817:** “Praise God from Whom...”

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Unison): *Spirit of God, enable us to do what needs to be done, whether little or much, that all of us, doing our part, may help to complete your work in the world. Gracious God, in wisdom you provide every gift needed to build up the church. In gratitude, we offer our spiritual and financial gifts to support the ministry and mission of this congregation. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

**\*Benediction:** Go back into your world – your world, God’s world – and be bearers of good news, makers of peace, and sources of joy! May the nourishing Word of God go with you to always sustain you. Use God’s Word today and every day to nourish yourself and the world. And to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who can do far more than we can even imagine, we give all the glory and praise! **Amen.**

**\*Recessional Hymn # 3 (British Hymnal): “O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

O that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep his statutes still!  
O that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will!

O send your Spirit down to write  
Your law upon my heart!  
Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,  
Nor act the liar’s part.

From vanity turn off my eyes;  
Let no corrupt design,  
Nor covetous desires, arise  
Within this soul of mine.

Order my footsteps by your word,  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

My soul has gone too far astray,  
My feet too often slip;  
Yet I have not forgot your way,

Restore your wandering sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands,  
'Tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,  
Offend against my God.

**Musical Postlude:**

*Bro. Fabio Alvarez*

**#Means the lesson is read responsively. \* Means that the congregation stands.**

## January Birthdays

Sis. Olive Jones	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sis. Brendalie Jones-Benjamin	19 <sup>th</sup>
Sis. Kevisha Watkins	5 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Amare Turner	21 <sup>st</sup>
Bro. Mayers A. Turner	6 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Samuel Goudie	21 <sup>st</sup>
Sis. Inez Atkinson	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Nahzari Christopher	21 <sup>st</sup>
Sis. Leana Palmer	10 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Patrick Bernard Sr.	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Sis. Eldra Drew	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Esmie Fraser-McLeod	25 <sup>th</sup>
Sis. TaSharae Solomon	14 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Alim Jones	26 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Nigel Powell	16 <sup>th</sup>	Bro. Delvin Edwards	26 <sup>th</sup>
Sis. Peggie Williams	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sis. Jackie Williams Nicholas	27 <sup>th</sup>

The family of the late **Oscar Williams** mark the anniversary of his passing, and birthday with flowers.



With love always, wife Gwen,  
children Oscar, Atira, Jackie  
& the grandchildren.

Happy Birthday to **Jackie Williams-Nicholas**

from her  
children and



loving husband,  
grandchildren.

**2018 BOARD OF ELDERS**

<b>Name &amp; Title</b>		
Rev. Nigel Powell Chairman		
Sis. Goldine Nicholas - Vice Chair Chancel Choir	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Sis. Jonelle Bernard - Secretary Sunday School	2018-2020	Second term
Bro. Lloyd Farquharson - All Nations Groups / Asst. Secretary	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Sis. Iris Joseph - Ushers Board Moravian Women in Ministry	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Bro. Stephen James Sr. YAC-YOU / Prayer Warriors	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Sis. Melsadis Dolphin - Prayer Warriors / Sick and Home Bound	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Patrick Smith Maintenance Committee	2018-2020	First term
Bro. Iva Grant Moravian Men's Fellowship		Not Willing to Serve
Hugh Abel - Men's Fellowship Social Hall Coordinator	2018-2020	First term
Charles Donovan –Sick & Homebound Social Hall Coordinator	2018-2020	First term
Ernestine Harris All Nations Groups	2018-2020	First term

**2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

<b>Name</b>		
Sonia Bernard		Not Willing to Serve
Peggie Williams	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Patrick Bernard– Ex Officio		
Yolanda Christopher	2017-2019	Ineligible
Jamala Hunte	2017-2019	Willing to Serve
Winnifred Farquharson	2018-2020	First Term
Etta Chambers	2018-2020	Second Term
Whitfield Nicholas	2018-2020	Second Term
Trisha Simon	2017-2019	Ineligible
Tracye Harvey	2017-2019	Willing to Serve

**Bro. Philbert Jeffrey - Chairman of Maintenance Committee**

**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Sis. Jannette Abel  
Sis. Joyce Anderson  
Sis. Jeromie Barnard  
Sis. Ena Billy  
Sis. Anna Bishop  
Bro. Lorne Canton  
Bro. Donald Garth Dixon  
Bro. Tralane Donovan  
Sis. Elaine Elvin  
Sis. Henrietta Gumbs  
Sis: Millicent Hodge  
Sis. Hyacinth Isaacs  
Sis. Donna Marie James  
Sis. Carmelita Keith  
Sis. Evelyn Lloyd  
Sis. Ruby Mitchell  
Sis. Ena Morgan  
Sis. Sylvia Pigott  
Pastor Nigel Powell  
Sis. Zenna Reid  
Bro. Berwin Roberts  
Sis. Ethel Robinson  
Bro. Maynel Thompson Sr.  
Sis. Teresita Tonge  
Bro. Lurvey Williams**

**When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.**

**Listening to the Sermon**

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

**SERMON TITLE**

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**Main points to remember**

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**Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:**

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# The Power of the Spirit

Do you have life goals? Do you make “to do” lists that help you translate those goals into the nitty-gritty choices of your daily life?

Jesus has goals that inform his choices as he goes about his ministry. He speaks of them early on in his inaugural speech in the Nazareth synagogue: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:18–19).

These audacious goals require Jesus to take on the political and religious forces that oppress the poor, the exiled, the occupied, the sick, and the guilt-ridden. Where will he find the courage to embrace these goals and then the wisdom and power to follow through and accomplish them? The answer rests in Jesus’ certainty that the “Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” “It is the Spirit of the Lord who calls, directs, and empowers me.”

Do we believe that the Spirit of the Lord can rest upon each of us as it rested upon Jesus, that it can rest upon our churches and social institutions? Do we believe that today, this scripture has been fulfilled in our own hearing, that God is still calling us to do what is audacious and bold?

Consider your “to do” lists for the day, week, and year. Do they reflect your call as a follower of Jesus? Is the Spirit of the Lord resting upon you and the goals you claim? Surely, we all need the Spirit of the Lord strengthening us whenever we join Jesus in overturning the powers that wage war on the poor, that send immigrants back into oppression, that blind us to God’s clear call for justice and peace.

*Lynnette Delbridge, pastoral staff, Central Moravian Church,  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

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## The Moravian Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27, 2019

