

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

GREETINGS! We want to welcome everyone who is joining us for this service of worship – whether you are worshiping in-person, or joining us live on-line. We are committed to in-person services while following all Covid-related mandates and guidelines. We are also committed to continuing our Live-Stream and our recorded worship opportunities for later viewing. Let us know what we can do to improve your worship experience.

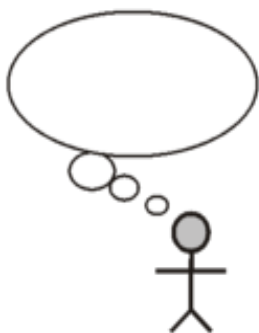
Our Thanks to this week’s Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **Bishop Chris Giesler**
- Music Director: **Dylan Sauerwald**
- Lector: **Jeremi Amagsila**
- Greeter: **Richard Simpson**
- Video Editor & Tech Advisor: **Andrew Kay**

Office Hours :

The Office will be open on **Tuesdays** through **Thursdays from (9am-1pm)** and working remotely from home on Mondays and Fridays, monitoring phone calls and emails.

Seeds for Thought:



This ^{Third} Sunday in Advent is observed by some as “^{Light} Sunday.” With so much “bad news” in the world, it is important to rejoice when we see God’s restoring and healing power in our own lives and in the life of our community. In Isaiah, the prophet speaks of Israel’s return from exile. He was called to bring Good News to the oppressed and comfort those who mourn. In John, we again hear of the Baptizer, who was sent to bear witness that the Light of God was coming into the world. Hearing again that we are not forgotten, and that our God is faithful and is near, should give us a good reason to shout for joy and rejoice..

We ask that **ALL persons** to wear a mask while walking in and through the building. Masks do not have to be worn while sitting in the pews or while sitting at tables. Please practice social distancing. Be aware that some are still uncomfortable shaking hands or having unmasked people standing in their “comfort zone.”

While getting the vaccine is a matter of choice, for the sake of your health, as well as for the sake and safety of your loved ones and our children, **we strongly advise all eligible persons to get the vaccine** and observe all reasonable directives issued by the City and the CDC.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

TODAY: Guest Speaker Bishop Chris Giesler

8:30am Sunriser’s Prayer Group
10am Worship (In-person & Live-streamed)
10am Sunday School Classes
11:15am Coffee & Reception

Monday, December 13

5:00pm Outreach Meeting

Friday, December 17

8:00pm Youth Group

Saturday, December 18

6:30pm Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 19

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Sunriser’s Prayer Group

The Sunriser’s Prayer Group will be gathering on Sunday mornings at about 8:30am to pray over concerns that have been shared, mail out “We’re praying for you” cards, and giving out prayer shawls upon request. Also if anyone has prayers requests please fill out one of our prayer request cards and give them to Joe Rudy. He will make sure your request is received.

Prayer Shawls

The knitting of prayer shawls is a Mission Project of the SI Moravian Churches. Great Kills is the coordinator. Shawls are available on request. New shawl knitters are always welcome.

2022 Daily Texts

The Moravian Daily Text Books for 2022 are now available. The cost is \$11 for Regular Print and \$14 for Large Print. A Kindle version is available on Amazon.com for \$8. You can also view it online at: www.moravian.org.

Christmas Concert Tickets

Tickets for our Christmas concert, "Christmas is Here!", are available for purchase online at our website: newdorpmoravian.org or Michéal's Website: michealcastaldo.com

December 5	Host(s) Needed
December 12	Jeremi Amagsila
December 19	Bob, Marla, & Maria
December 26	Host(s) Needed

For your prayers this week:

- For **Tom and Phyllis Delisio**, as they deal with his cancer.
- For **John Polcari** whose mother has recently passed.
Prayers for him and his family.
- For the **Joint Boards of New Dorp and Great Kills** as they continue the Call process for a new pastor.

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the New Dorp Moravian Church is:
To **Grow** in Christ, to **Know** His love, to **Follow** His Footsteps.

CONGREGATION WATCHWORD for 2021

“You are the salt of the earth.” *Matthew 5:13*

The Moravian Church is a Protestant church. Moravians are Trinitarian (God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit), are Christ-centered (affirming the Lordship of Jesus Christ by His life, death and resurrection) and affirm the Old and New Testaments as sacred scripture. Moravians affirm and value the ancient Creeds (e.g. The Apostle’s Creed) but believe that equally important is how we live in relationship with God and others. Moravians have emphasized the sacredness of living our faith rather than just reciting it or preaching it.

If you would like to know more about what a “Moravian” is, are looking for a new church home, or just want to talk with someone about a concern or your faith, Emma would be glad to direct you to a Moravian Pastor, due to our New Dorp Pastor retiring. She can be reached by phone or email to arrange a time with a sister church.

To contact Emma, you may call or email her at:

Office Phone: (718) 351-0090. Email: Office@newdorpmoravian.org

If you have an idea, a suggestion, a concern, or are interest in serving on a committee, please speak with one of the Board members.

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