

NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor

Rev. Walter Bishop

***Indicates everyone who is able is invited to stand**

PREPARATION: As you share in quiet conversation, please be aware that others around you may be preparing for worship in moments of silence and prayer.

Welcome. We are glad that you are here to worship. As we gather on this Lord's Day, let us turn our hearts toward God who can calm our fears, cool the turmoil of our souls, restore our hope, and fill our lives with abundant joy.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

*"May the God of peace sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

1 Thessalonians 5:23

A PRAYER TO PREPARE:

*"Sustaining Provider, our faith is firmly placed in your divine "Yes."
May this Advent season be filled with the realization of your majestic
presence in all that we ask or hope for in this life. In Jesus' name, we
pray. Amen."*

(2023 Moravian Daily Texts)

PRELUDE

Gottlieb Moffat

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*HYMN

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

MBW #262

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM *Grinch*

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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The New Testament 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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The Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

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CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LITURGY *Advent 3 The Great "O" Antiphons* **On Screen**
From Sturgeon Bay Moravian Liturgies

*HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, the Kingdom Comes

MBW #260

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

MBW #825

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Invitation

*Offertory Response Prayer *Praise God*

MBW #817

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

MBW #381

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments
at the conclusion of our service.**

If you have a prayer request, please complete a Prayer Request
Card or contact the Church office.