# NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 31, 2023
First Sunday after Christmas
New Year's Eve

***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:**

*"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,*
*born of a woman, born under the law,*
*so that we might receive adoption as children."*
Galatians 4:4,5

***A PRAYER TO PREPARE:***

*"Gentle Savior, gracious God, and loving Spirit, you are consistent in your dealings with your children. As you gather us together in worship this day, let us renew our covenant with you. Bless us, O Lord, and help us to grow in grace this day. Amen."*
*(2023 Moravian Daily Texts)*

**PRELUDE**

***HYMN** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **MBW #291**

***LITURGY** *New Year and Anniversaries* **MBW #143**

**READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

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| The Old Testament | **Isaiah 61:10-62:3** | **Page 768** |
| The New Testament | **Galatians 4:4-7** | **Page 200** |
| The Gospel | **Luke 2:22-40** | **Page 60** |

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**THE MESSAGE** *A Mission Is Set, A Shadow Is Cast*
**The Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler**

***HYMN** *Once in Royal David's City* **MBW #292**

**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** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **MBW #295**

**DRAWING OF THE WATCHWORDS**

**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.