

## NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of New Dorp Moravian Church is:  
To **GROW** in Christ, to **KNOW** His love, to **FOLLOW** His footsteps.

### CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD for 2025

*“God, who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us,  
how will he not with him also give us everything else?”*  
*Romans 8:32*

The Moravian Church is a Protestant denomination with roots that predate Luther. It was founded in Moravia, now a part of the Czech Republic. Moravians have been serving Christ in the United States for over 250 years. We believe in God as Trinity, the Holy Bible as the primary guide for life and faith, the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and spiritual growth through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Moravian Church is recognized and accepted by all major churches and is a Charter member of the National and World Councils of Churches. Please visit our denomination's website at [www.moravian.org](http://www.moravian.org) for more information.

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, please speak with Pastor Bishop or contact the Church Office for further information.

The Church Office can be reached by phone: (718)351-0090, or by email: [office@newdorpMoravian.org](mailto:office@newdorpMoravian.org). If you have an idea, a suggestion, a concern, or are interested in serving on a committee, please speak with the pastor or one of the Board members.

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## Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

*Good Morning and Welcome!* We are glad that you made the decision to worship with us today. We are thankful for that, and hope that what you experience here today will lead you to come back and worship with us again. As you worship today, may the peace and the joy of the Lord be yours.

### Our Thanks to this week's Worship Leaders:

- Worship Leader: **The Rev. Walter Bishop**
- Guest Musician: **Glenn Kaiser**
- Greeter: **Richard Simpson**
- Lector: **Debbie Bishop**
- A/V Tech: **Jeremi Amagsila**

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### Today Toy Drive Items Due

10:00 am Worship/Sunday School  
After Worship – Fellowship/Coffee

### Wednesday, December 17 Newsletter Information Due

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

### Friday, December 19

1:00 pm Poinsettia Orders Due

### Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm Vanderbilt Community Dinner

### Sunday, December 21

10:00 am Worship/Joyful Noise/Sunday School Program  
After Worship – Fellowship/Coffee

### Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Candle Service

**We continue to be thankful** to Glenn Kaiser for providing us with music during our worship service!

**Thank you also** to Jeff Bollinger, Paul Chen, and Marla DiForte for serving as our counters this month.

**A Big Thank You** to the Amagsila family for hosting fellowship today!

**Use your gifts** to serve as Lector or Audio Visual Tech. The sign-up sheets are posted in the fellowship area above the coffee service table. Training is available and perfection is not required. **Please sign up to help in these invaluable services. By signing up you also help our secretary in the preparation of materials for Sunday worship.**

### Comfort Room

There is a windowed room at the back of the sanctuary where parents may go with their infant children and still be engaged in the worship experience. **If you are not tending children, please sit with the congregation.**

### Fellowship Hour

The Coffee Hour following worship is a valuable opportunity for fellowship and welcoming visitors! **Sit with someone new** to mix it up a bit and get to know others better. Also, would you like to sponsor the refreshments? There is a sign-up sheet in the coffee area. Expenses are reimbursed if you'd like. You can also help by donating regular and decaf coffee as well as other beverages, **and helping with clean up following our time together.**

### Office Deadlines

If you have anything to add to the monthly newsletter **the deadline for additions/changes is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.**

If you have any additions to the weekly church service bulletin or announcements, **the deadline for additions/changes is “end-of-day” each Tuesday for the following Sunday service.**

### For Your Prayers This Week:

**Please help us keep our prayer list current and notify the church office if changes occur. Names may be periodically removed but will be added back if you notify the church office.**

**For On-going Concerns:** Dolores Cavallo, Richard Iadorola, Carmel McCarthy, Barbara Carolan, Linda Griggs, Connie Vadola, Lois Zipf, Libby Neri, Estefania Griggs, Charlee Cheru and family (Charlee undergoing treatment for childhood leukemia), John DiForte, Jean DelBagno, Michael Cericola, Jackie Passburg, Debbie Lotito.

**For Healing:** Joyce Fernandez (treatment for breast cancer), Carol Bugge, Marla DiForte, Maria Metzger (undergoing chemotherapy), Robin Lawson (surgery/treatment of throat), Alana Guarino, Van Takoushian (diagnosed with partial heart failure), Patrick Eng, Megan Poljak (treatment for breast cancer), Karen Ortado (uterine cancer), Deborah Griggs (in rehab), Dawn Mormile, Shirley Parson, Peter Jones, Theresa & John Sahaj, John Jacoby (recovering from surgery), Charlotte Goldgrave (recovering from hospital stay), Lauren Mormile (comfort during the holidays), Michele Ward, and Arlene Bonamo's family following the death of her nephew.

**Other Concerns:** For leaders here and throughout the world to seek solutions for peace and justice, and an end to all war.

Please remember to pray for our denominational leaders, our Pastor, Board Members, and Committee Chairs, and for our church, that we may follow God's call and leading in our service and ministries, and help those who come to us seeking, find whatever they need.