

# NEW DORP MORAVIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth 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. If you are visiting with us today, please complete a Visitor Card (located in the pew racks) so that we may send you a letter of welcome and some information about our congregation.

If you have a prayer request to be shared during the service, please complete a Prayer Request Card (located in the pew racks.)

PLEASE NOTE: All worship materials are provided on-screen. Hymn numbers and page numbers are provided herein if you would prefer to follow along in the Moravian Book of Worship and/or the pew Bible.

*Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME

### WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK:

*“God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly.”*

Luke 1:52

### A PRAYER TO PREPARE:

*“Jesus, we can become so discouraged when our faith does not produce results that our eyes can see. Change our perspective, Lord, to trust in your work always. Amen.”*

*(2024 Moravian Daily Texts)*

### PRELUDE

*Prepare Us for Your Coming*

*Johann Abraham Peter Schulz*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\*HYMN *People in Darkness Are Looking for Light* MBW #266

\*LITURGY *Advent 2* MBW p. 54

## READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

First Scripture Lesson **Micah 5:2–5a** Page 966

Second Scripture Lesson **Hebrews 10:5–10** Page 240

Gospel Lesson **Luke 1:39–55** Page 58

## CHILDREN’S TIME

CHORAL ANTHEM *How Shall I Meet You, Jesus*  
NDMC Choir

THE MESSAGE *Let’s Take a Closer Look*  
The Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler

\*HYMN *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus* MBW #262

## 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 *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed* MBW #263

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christmas Medley* Ji-Yong Kim

Following worship please join us in the Conference Center  
(located behind the sanctuary)  
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Please scan the QR code for offering gifts on-line.

