

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 9, 2005

Bethabara Moravian Church believes because of the love of Jesus Christ revealed in us, that Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father but by (him)." John 14:6

Bethabara Moravian Church leads people to an active relationship with Jesus Christ by providing a path of worship, prayer, and knowledge of God's Word through our Moravian heritage and Christian fellowship.



*We are so glad you came to worship with us today.
We pray our service was memorable and meaningful for you in every way.*

*Nos alegramos tanto de que Ud. haya decidido adorar a Dios con nosotros hoy.
Rezamos que nuestro servicio sea memorable y significativo para Ud. en cada
manera.*

In Essentials, Unity; In Non-essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.



Remembering the past, envisioning the future.

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Watchword for the Week
A BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK, AND A DIMLY BURNING WICK HE WILL
NOT QUENCH; HE WILL FAITHFULLY BRING FORTH JUSTICE.
-Isaiah 42:3

Service Of Worship

BAND PRELUDE

PRELUDE "How Firm A Foundation" Robby Boyles, Violin

CALL TO WORSHIP "Rejoice and Be Glad" Hal Hopson
Bethabara Children's Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TE DEUM LAUDEMUS

(standing)

You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim,
sing in endless praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are
full of your glory.*

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

*Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father of majesty
unbounded: your true and only Son, worthy of all worship: and the
Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.*

You, O Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

*When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's
womb.*

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to
all believers.

*You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will
come and be our judge.*

Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to provide flowers in the Sanctuary. There are still several dates available, see the sheet at the vestibule table; if you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary, please contact Rachel, in the church office, or Anne Roberts. Thank you!

Thank You

A thank you note has been received from Old Town Elementary School. Monies donated to the school helped purchase coats and jackets for some of their neediest children. The letter is posted on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's Study.

Tsunami Relief

During the month of January, donations are being accepted for the Tsunami Relief. Checks may be made payable to the church, noting in the memo the designation "Tsunami Relief". At the next Board meeting, Pastor May and the Board of Directors will prayerfully discuss to which agency/charity the monies will be donated. Please be in prayer for the families of all involved in this catastrophic event.

Happening Today

9 am – Fellowship Breakfast/Band practice

9:45 am – Sunday school

11 am – Installation Service for Pastor Tripp May

12 N – “Welcome Luncheon” for Pastor May & Family

4 pm – Harmony Ringers

5 pm – Bethabara Ringers

5 pm – God’s Gang (Youth Fellowship)

7 pm – Board of Directors meeting

Happening this week:

Please remember to check the bulletin board for events in the area

Mon. 10	12 N	A.A.
	7 PM	Board of Directors meeting
Tues. 11	7 PM	College Age Fellowship <i>Panera on Miller</i>
	5:45 PM	Wednesday Night Fellowship
	6:30 PM	Prayer and Praise
Wed. 12	6:30 PM	ESL Classes
	6:30 PM	Children’s Choir Practice
	7:15 PM	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs. 13	12 N	A.A
Fri. 14	8 PM	A.A.

Looking Ahead:

*Mon. 17 - **Church office closed** MLK Jr. Holiday*

Sat. 22 – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

Come then, Lord, and help your people bought with the price of your own blood.

*And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;*

Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your Name forever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

HYMN 537

T. Mit Frueden Zart

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of pow’r, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.

My soul with comfort rich he fills,
and ev’ry grief he gently stills:
To God all praise and glory!

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(sitting)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 29 Page 478
John 1:29 – 42 Page 922

THE CHURCH IN GIVING

Reception of Tithes and Gifts
Offertory "What Child Is This?" Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Bethabara Ringers
The Doxology Page 817

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who has made us all one.

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens.

But we are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

HYMN 716 T. Batty (16,A)

On your ransomed congregation,
Lord, lift up your countenance;
be our help, joy and salvation;
life and health to us dispense.
In each heart, O fix your dwelling;
there erect a monument
of your love, all love excelling;
there fulfill your blest intent.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

Lift in Prayer

Margaret Gabriel Jennifer Gragg Dean Hatcher
Daughter of and Family
Bill & Carole Becky Sapp's father
Rosenbaum
Bill Caudle Joe Lowrance Brandon Bailey
Serving in Iraq Margaret Gabriel's Serving in Iraq
nephew

Our Homebound

J.C. Bruce Tommy & Marie Barbara Key
Choplin
Mike & Edith Kudelka Gay Nell Reich Anne Roberts
David & Norma Dorothy Stewart
Segraves

In Care Facilities

Helen Blackburn Leona Chatham Sara Cooke
Springwood Care Vienna Village Friends Home
Callie Dooley Sarah Holland
Vienna Village Oak Dale Heights

Help us keep our Prayer List updated; contact the church office if you have any updates and/or changes to make to the list. Thank you.

Ministry Opportunities

Nursery TODAY

Nursery NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters TODAY

Moir and Fern Hunter

Greeters NEXT SUNDAY

Rachel Pike and Jimmie Ring

*"Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna."
San Juan 3:16*

Bethabara Moravian and is installed as our Pastor today.

Tripp and Jeannie (a first grade teacher at Sherwood Forest Elementary School) are the proud parents of two children: Russell Craig (age 25) and Elizabeth Ann (age 20).

Russell is a senior at Moravian Seminary and is married to Melissa Leigh Teicholz (a police officer in Allentown PA).

Liz is a sophomore at Salem College where she is majoring in Piano. She works part time for the Boarding kennel at Winston Veterinary Hospital and enjoys digital sound recording (her intended career). The Mays have a border collie named Mollie and a 21 year old Mainecoon cat named Sylvester.

Contact Information

Tripp and Jeannie May currently reside at 4201 Sunnydell Drive in Winston Salem, NC 27106, they do have plans to move into the Church Parsonage once their home sells.

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The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today, by Clara Pou in loving memory of her parents and to the Glory of God.

The rosebud is placed by Daphine Sams, in loving memory of her twin brother Daniel Beaver and their birthday.

To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

Dearly beloved, we are assembled to receive Commie L. (Tripp) May III and his family as members of this congregation and to install Tripp as the forty-seventh Pastor of the Bethabara Congregation, upon call to this holy office by the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Moravian Church, with the approval of the Board of this congregation.

(The pastor being installed shall stand.)

Commie L. (Tripp) May III, do you now promise in the presence of the Head of the Church and of this people that, by the grace of God, you will endeavor in accordance with your ordination vows to carry out faithfully all your duties as Pastor of this congregation, being careful at all times to conduct yourself as an ordained servant of Christ?

I do.

(The members of the Board shall stand.)

Do you, the officers of this congregation, now receive Commie L. (Tripp) May III as a pastor and shepherd of this flock?

We do.

Do you promise to respect, to pray for, and work with Tripp in defending and upholding the doctrine and discipline of the church? And do you promise to provide Tripp with appropriate emotional, spiritual, and financial support as Tripp serves among you?

We do.

(The members of the congregation shall stand.)

Will you, the people of this congregation, now accept Tripp May as your Pastor? Will you encourage, respect, and pray for Tripp as together you proclaim the Kingdom of God in this community?

We will.

As you covenant with each other and with God in this hour, I charge you the people of the Bethabara Congregation, to remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those

who abide in me, and I in them, they are the ones who bear much fruit." Likewise, I charge you, Tripp, to remember the words of our Lord Jesus to Peter: "Do you love me? Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep."

In the Name of Jesus Christ, the Chief Elder of the Church, and by the authority of the Provincial Elders' Conference, I declare Commie L. (Tripp) May III to be duly installed as the forty-seventh Pastor of the Bethabara Congregation.

Let us pray.

(All shall kneel or sit while the Officiant calls upon the Triune God to bless the pastor, the congregation, and the Church Universal. After the prayer, all shall stand and the Officiant shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the newly installed pastor [and the pastor's family] while the congregation sings):

HYMN 432

T. Cationale Germanicum

We bid you welcome in the Name of Jesus, our exalted Head.

Come as a servant; so he came,
and we received you in his stead.

Come as a shepherd;
guard and keep your fold from all that fosters sin,
and nourish lambs, and feed the sheep,
the wounded heal, the lost bring in.

Come as a teacher, sent from God,
charged his whole counsel to declare;
lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
while we uphold your hands with prayer.

Come as a messenger of peace,
filled with the Spirit, fired with love;
live to behold our large increase,
and die to meet us all above.
(sitting)

THE SERMON *Christ the Refiner and Purifier of My Soul* Malachi 3:3

PRAYER

(standing)

HYMN 641

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

CHORAL AMEN "Come, Christians, Join To Sing" Gordon Young

POSTLUDE

Welcome Pastor May and Family

Commie L. May, better known as "Tripp," was born February 3, 1949 in Alamance County, North Carolina to Commie L. May Junior and Ann Sneed. His family lived in Burlington until 1953, when they moved to Durham. Tripp was baptized and confirmed in Saint Philip's Episcopal Church of Durham. He has a younger sister, Mary May Pickett, who was born in 1954. Tripp was active in his church youth group and in scouting, where he attained the rank of Eagle and received the God and Country Award (Episcopal).

Tripp graduated from Durham High School in 1967 and was a member of the National Honor Society. He enjoyed DeMolays, model-building and technical theatre (a lighting and sound techie for many high school productions). He was an avid swimmer and became a Water Safety Instructor. His interest in water safety provided employment for several summers while in high school and college.

College graduation in 1971 was from Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina with a B.A. in English and a concentration in drama (Tripp was student assistant in the school theatre department). It was at Campbell that the Lord led him to his bride and the love of his life, Jeannette Elizabeth Cherry (daughter of Russell T. Cherry, Jr. and Jewel Jones, now of Lumberton, NC).

Seminary Education for Tripp was at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He graduated in 1974 with an M.Div. with Languages. Jeannie, his wife, graduated in 1975 with a Masters in Religious Education.

Ordained as a Southern Baptist minister October 10, 1976, Tripp served several Baptist churches as Associate Pastor for Youth & Education. In 1995 Tripp accepted the call to serve the Friedberg Moravian Church as Minister of Education. He was ordained a Deacon of the Moravian Church on January 19, 1997. Tripp accepted a call to the pastorate of Advent Moravian in July 2000 and began his ministry to the Advent congregation on September 4, 2000.

In December 2004, he accepted a call to the pastorate of