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Edgeboro's Mission
is to love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism.

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10:30 AM WORSHIP
November 15, 2026
Festival of Christ the Chief Elder

Welcome & Announcements

Arriving for Worship *(A moment to center ourselves and listen to the Spirit.)*

Watchword for the Week

So teach us, O Lord, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
(Psalm 90:12)

Prelude & Reflection

Call To Worship

***Reconciliation Liturgy** p. 13 MBW

Joys, Concerns, Thanksgivings and Prayers

Children's Chat

Offering

Offertory - Choir Anthem

***Doxology & *Prayer of Dedication** #817 MBW

Scripture Reading – Psalm 8 *insert*
Hebrews 4:14-16 (pg. 220; Lg. 315)
John 10:1-10 (pg. 103; Lg. 147)

Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* #731 MBW

Message

***Hymn** *All Hail, Our Church's Elder Dear* #399 MBW

Communion – Chief Elder p. 3 SHC

Postlude

*Those that are able and comfortable, please stand.
MBW: Moravian Book of Worship || SHC - Services for Holy Communion

Visiting? If you are looking here for a church home in which to nurture your faith, please speak with the Pastor following the service.
Young children? There's a nursery downstairs.
Need Large Print? Please speak with an usher.

Pastor	Rev. Jodie Harney
Organist & Choir Director	Gayle Justice
Elder of the Day	Season Pagano
Sacristans	Heath & Val Hoff
Ushers	Bob & Elley Silfies
Nursery	Jenny Minnich
Ministers	YOU!

Notes:

November's **Joyful Noise Offering** will support Calvary Baptist Food Bank. Please place your offerings in the joyful noise can or give online by using the (QR code) to the right. Label your gift for "Joyful Noise."

Make a Gift to Edgeboro Online! Scan the QR code to make a gift to Edgeboro online using a credit card or bank account.

The Joy and the Risk

This is not my favorite parable. I am never really ready for the severity of it. Slavery, forced labor, unclear instructions, an exacting, unmerciful "owner" who terrorizes the people he enslaves with threat of harsh punishment. It seems that a lot of people really like this parable, though, because they imagine themselves as one of the good and faithful servants.

But let's be honest. Those of us reading this parable in a modern American context are not like the "good and faithful servants." We are much more like the servant who buries the money. Even though we live in a place that overflows with food, consumer goods, and so on, we often hoard our wealth and resources in a way that suggests we are facing great deprivation. We donate for the tax deduction, not the kingdom of God. We play it safe. Not just with our money, but also with our time and other resources.

What if we allowed ourselves to imagine a different future worth investing in? What if we could enter into joy? The ones who invested the money entrusted to them had to enter into that joy, before they could take the risk. They had to envision a potential future, do the work, and make themselves vulnerable to the possibility of failure. Their investments could have failed. Similarly, our endeavors are not guaranteed to work. But success is secondary to faith. God has called us to be faithful. May we enter into joy and get to work.

Elizabeth Corney, pastor, Hopewell Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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The Moravian Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

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GENERAL LITURGY 2
Reconciliation

(Standing)

LANCASHIRE (151 M)



Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth. Even the planets, the stars, and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

Where could we go from your Spirit? Where could we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name; we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.

God of certainty, God of truth, our confidence is in you and in you alone.

Yet we live in a fallen world and we are an imperfect people.

Our world is filled with pain and alienation.

We know of illness when body or mind is failing, and the loneliness of spirit it brings.

We know of separation from parent or child, from friend or neighbor, and the emptiness of life it brings.

We know of strangeness in new communities and in changing communities, and the longing it brings.

We know of alienation caused by unemployment or poverty or discrimination, and the pain it brings.

We have become strangers to our relatives, and foreigners to our own families.

How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? Let our cry for help come to you.

I am a God nearby, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? I am the Lord your God. I have called you out from the peoples and you shall be holy to me.

We declare your praise, the One who called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you.

MIT FREUDEN ZART



(Kneeling or sitting)

Gracious God, we humbly confess that we walk in the way of the indifferent, who depend on their strength alone. We sit among the scornful, who deny the need for your guidance and power. Our hearts are not satisfied with riches vulnerable to moth and rust and thief, yet we zealously store up those very treasures. Set our minds on things unseen and eternal, that our emptiness within may be filled.

We humbly confess that we fail to welcome the stranger among us. We pass by the neighbor who is hungry and thirsty, naked, sick, and in prison. We sing of your healing power and your unconditional love, but we fail to make our sanctuaries true havens for the suffering and the exiled. Give us the will to be ambassadors for our Savior and faithful stewards of the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Without Christ we were strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He is our peace.

We are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, with Christ himself as the cornerstone.

Therefore, let us affirm our faith in the Triune God.

(Standing)

We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens and all that is in them; who established a world that was good; who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it; who is certainty and truth.

We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity and knew our life as child, youth, and adult; who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless; who confronted popular opinion and power; who remained obedient in temptation and suffering; whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.

We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate; who does not leave us as orphans; who brings peace and calms the troubled heart; who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles; who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation.

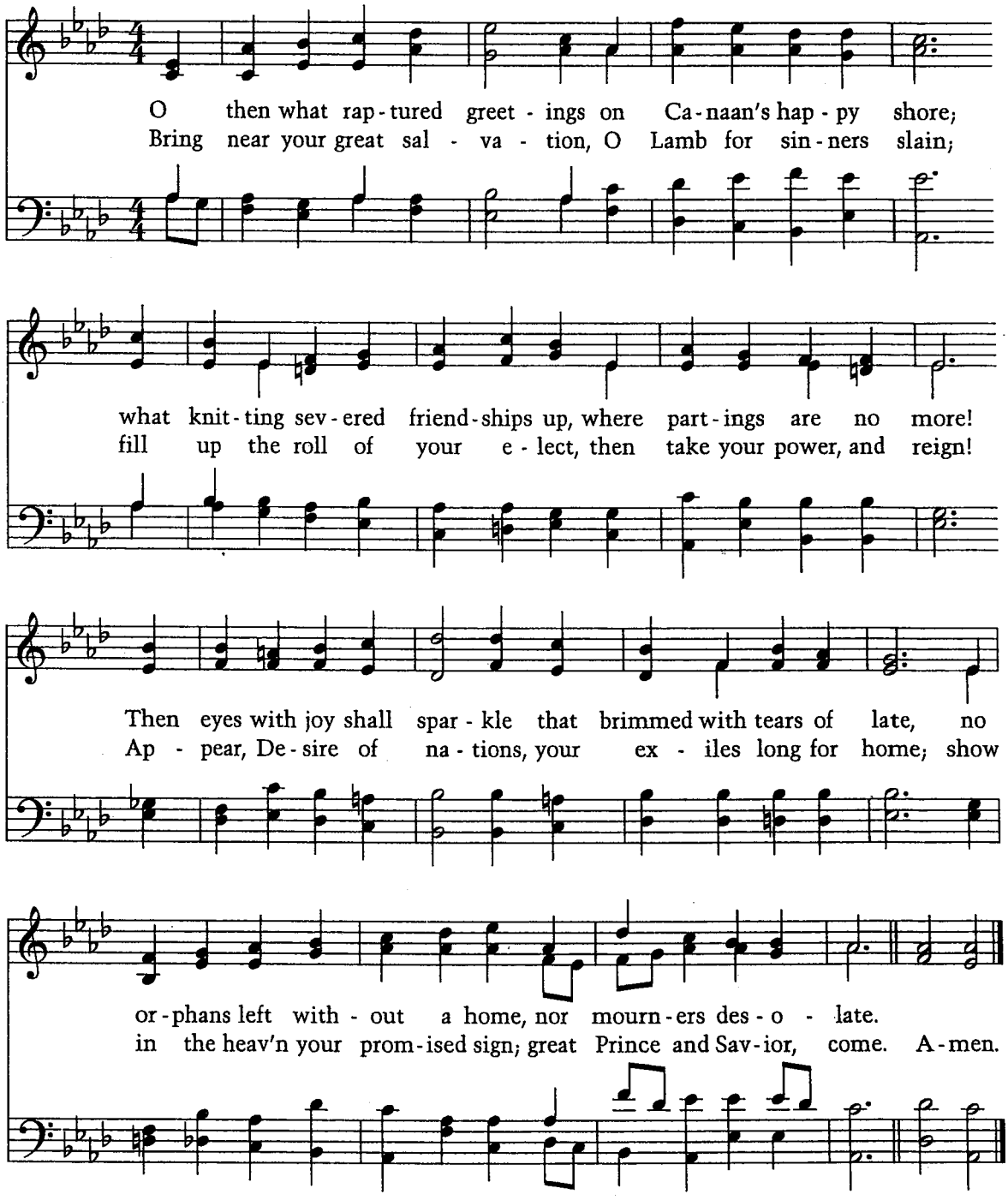
Let us in faith keep our eyes fixed on the promises of God, though we see them and greet them from a distance.

We confess that we are strangers and foreigners on the earth, a people who are seeking our true home.

We desire a better place, that is, a heavenly one. Indeed, God has prepared a city for us.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

EASTHAM



Psalm 8

Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

[1] O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

[2] Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

[3] When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

[4] what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

[5] Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

[6] You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

[7] all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, [8] the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

[9] O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hebrews 4:14-16 NRSVUE

Jesus the Great High Priest

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a
high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one
who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us
therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

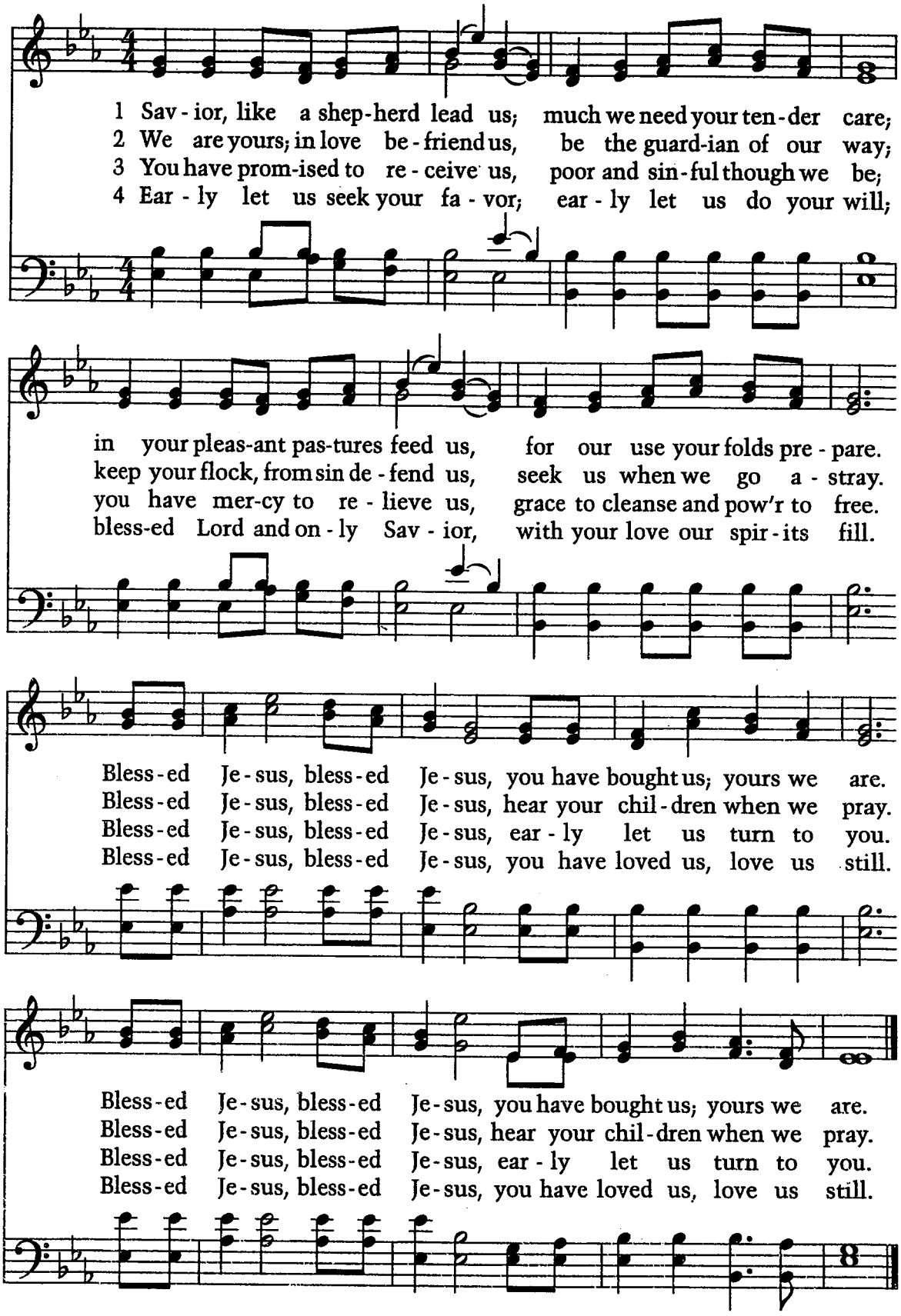
John 10:1-10 NRSVUE

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate
but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by
the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him,
and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them
out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the
sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger,
but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6
Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what
he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.
8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen
to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in
and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and
destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

731 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



TEXT: Dorothy Ann Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young* (1836), alt.
TUNE: William B. Bradbury (1859)

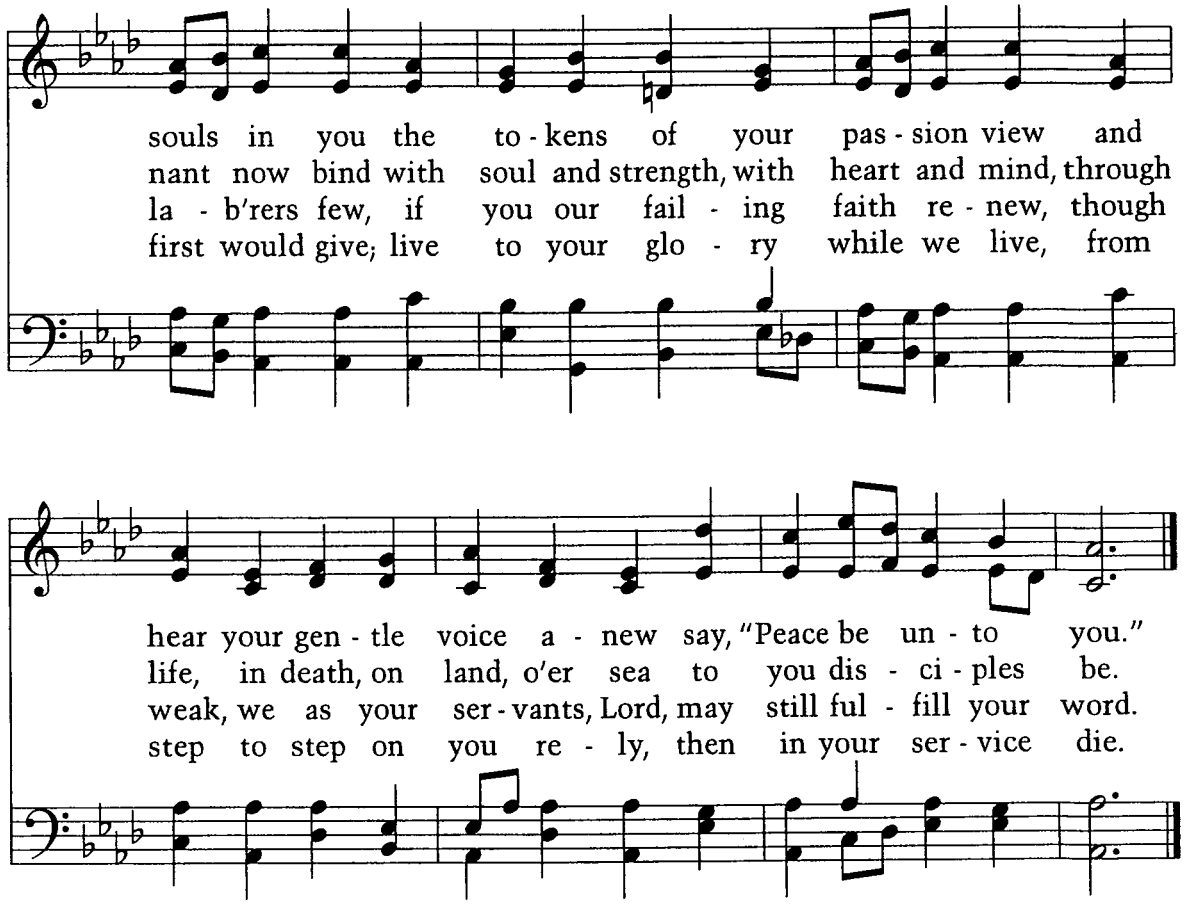
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SHEPHERD

399 All Hail, Our Church's Elder Dear



TEXT: James Montgomery (1841), alt.
TUNE: Herrnhut (c. 1740); C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784)

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WORSHIP (159 A)


souls in you the to-kens of your pas-sion view and
nant now bind with soul and strength, with heart and mind, through
la-b'rers few, if you our fail-ing faith re-new, though
first would give; live to your glo-ry while we live, from
hear your gen-tle voice a-new say, "Peace be un-to you."
life, in death, on land, o'er sea to you dis-ci-ples be.
weak, we as your ser-vants, Lord, may still ful-fill your word.
step to step on you re-ly, then in your ser-vice die.

THE SERVICE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In Celebration of the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ

(An ordained minister presides and consecrates the elements.)

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing. The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)

WORSHIP (159 A)



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Lord's Prayer may be used as a conclusion to this prayer.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

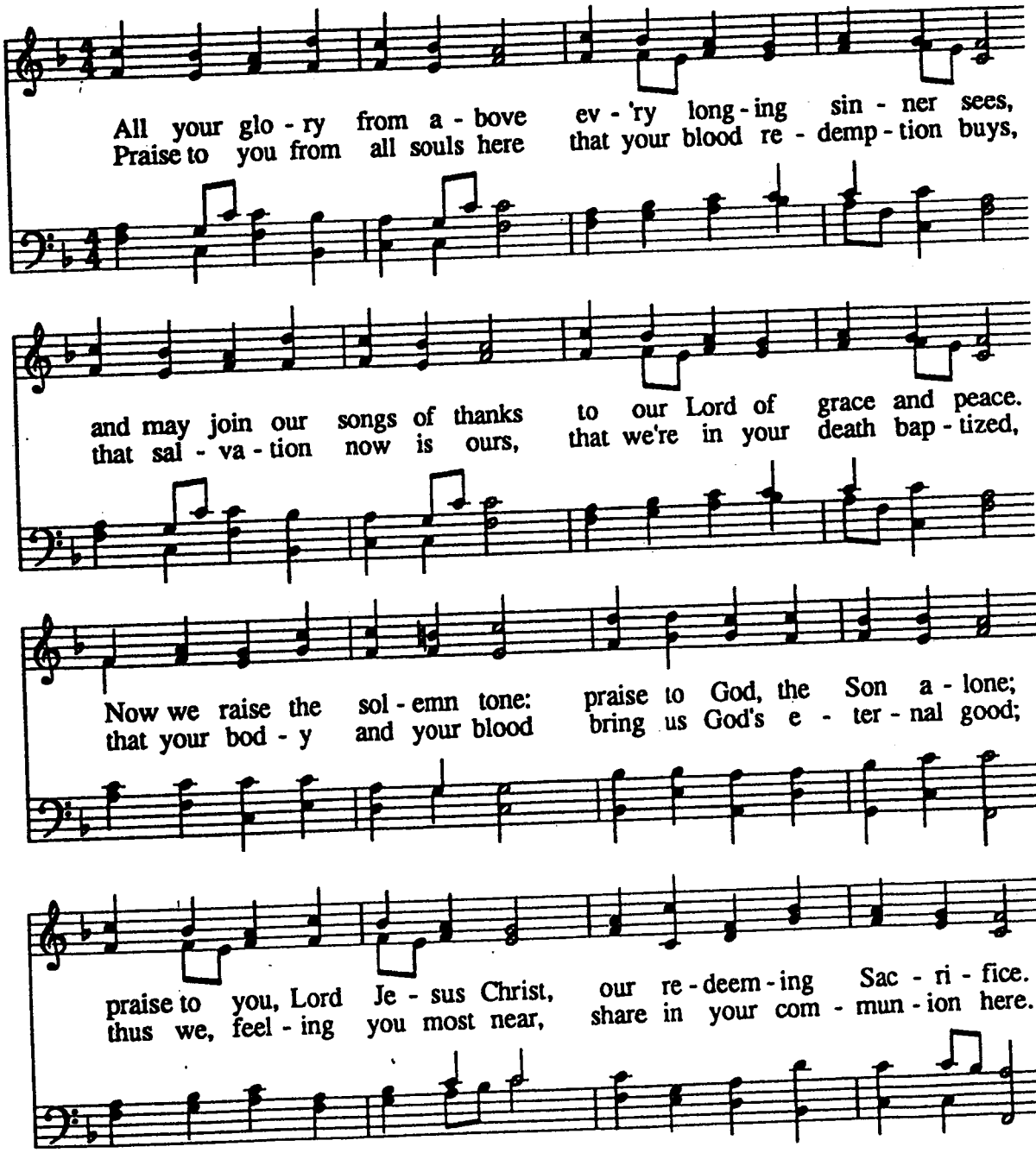
(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

COVENANT (185 A)

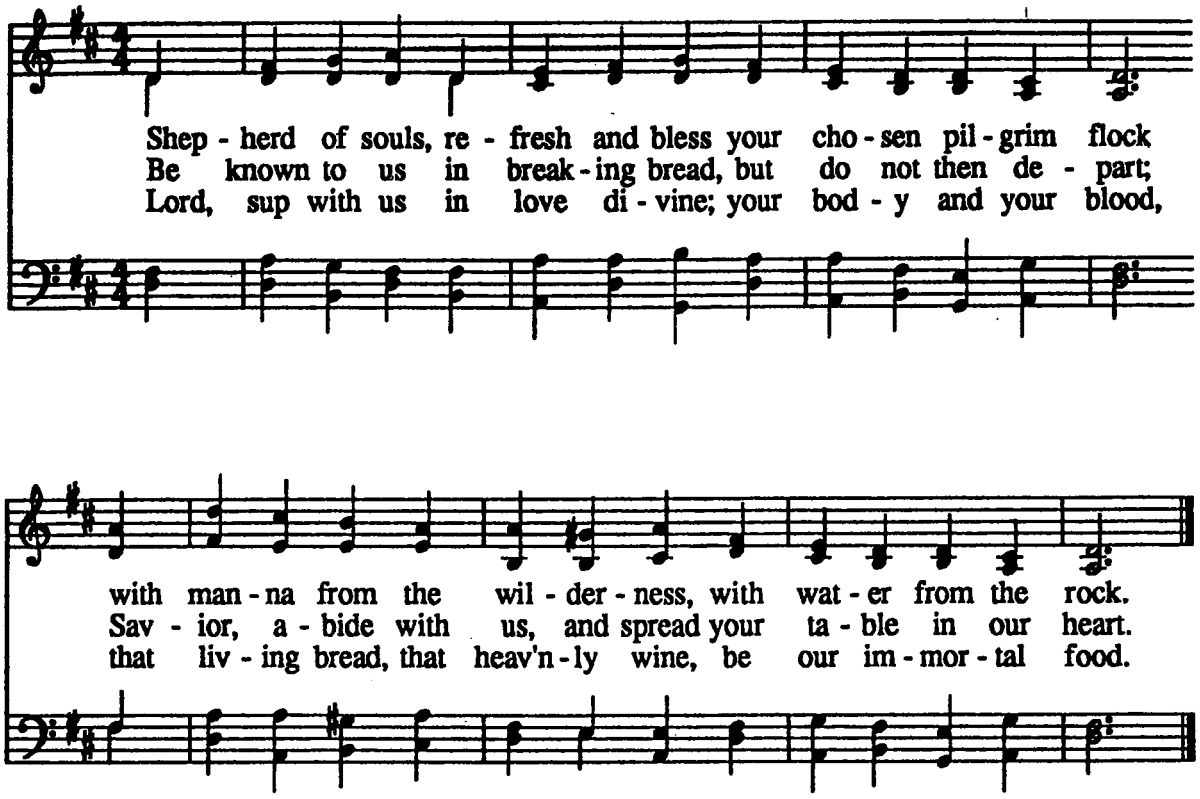




GOUDIMEL (205 A



DUNDEE (14 P)


Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless your cho - sen pil - grim flock
Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;
Lord, sup with us in love di - vine; your bod - y and your blood,
with man - na from the wil - der - ness, with wat - er from the rock.
Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
that liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

DUKE STREET (22 Q)



(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

SILENT PRAYER

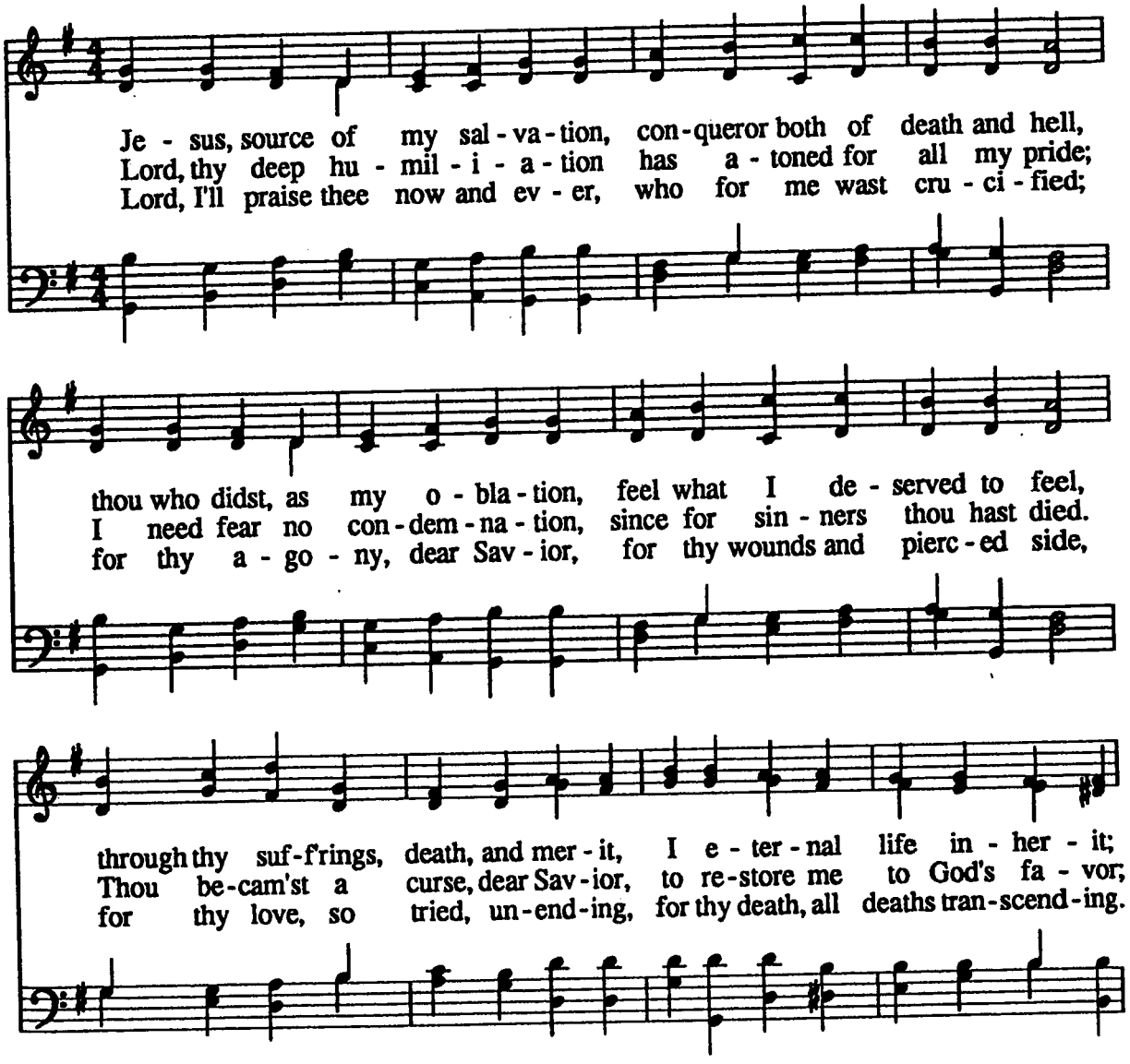
By your divine presence,
By the holy sacraments,
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

ZURICH (168 A)





ST. THEODULPH (151 G)




Je - sus' name, Je - sus' name, source of life and hap - pi - ness!
Bow-ing low, bow - ing low, yet the high - est joy we know
In this name true con - so - la - tion mourn - ing sin - ners may pos - sess;
as your con - gre - ga - tion rais - es songs which from your splen - dors flow
here is found com - plete sal - va - tion. Bless - ed Je - sus,
to pro - claim your won - drous prais - es: hon - or, wor - ship,
we your name will praise all our days, all our days.
praise, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a!



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(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

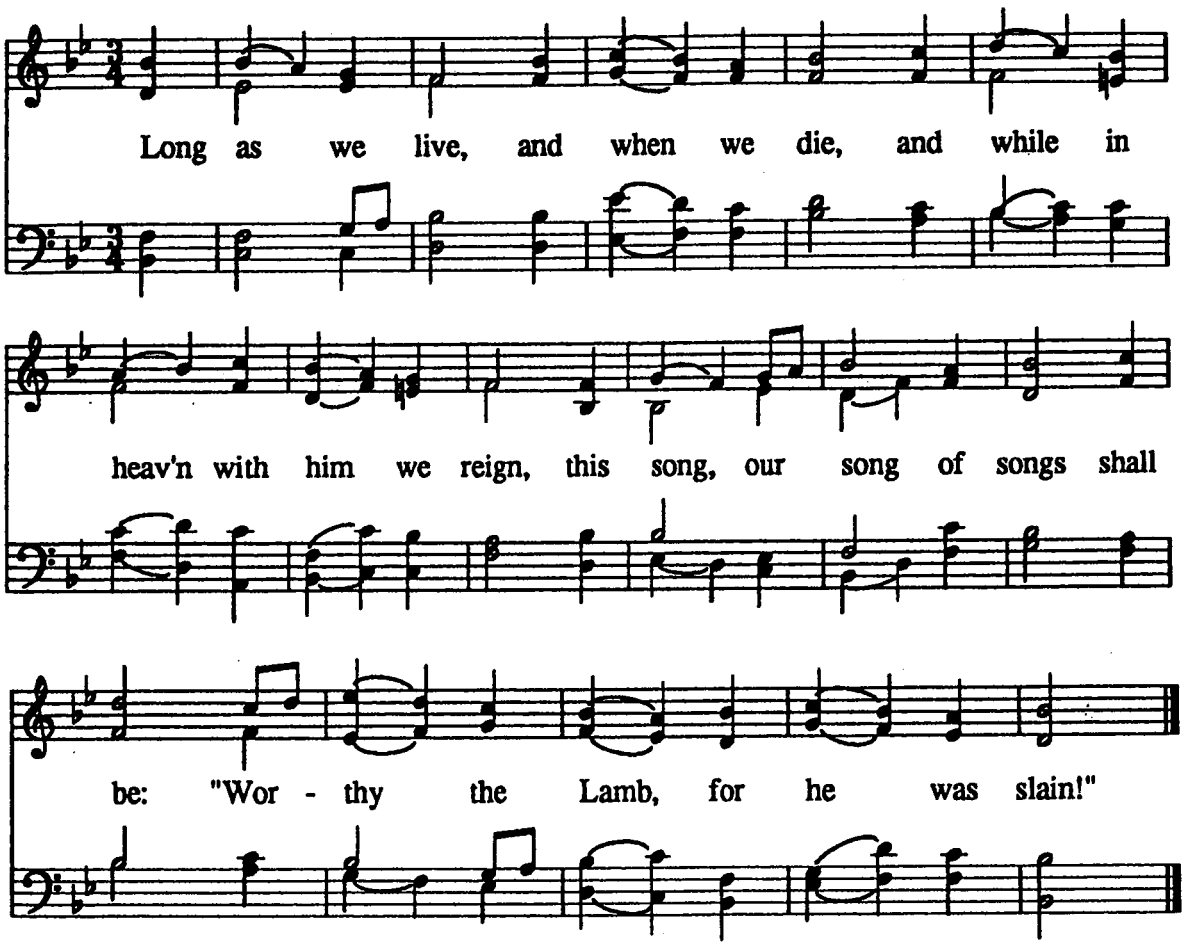
(All partake together.)

SILENT PRAYER

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

WAREHAM (22 H)



Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

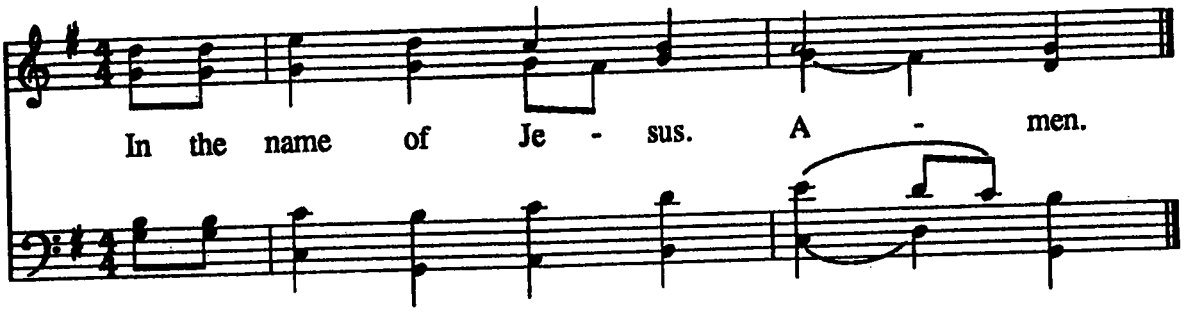
(The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)

COVENANT (185 A)



The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

(539 B)



Announcements

Edgeboro's 2026 Watchword: For whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

(*Hebrews* 11:6)

This week's flowers are given by Robyn Balsai in loving memory of her parents, Neil and Riki Keller and their support of the Christmas Putz for many years.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 15	9:15am Adult Sunday School
	9:30am Youth Sunday School
	10:30am Worship - *Communion*
	11:30am Sacristan Meeting
Tuesday, November 16	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 17	6:30pm Girl Scouts
Thursday, November 18	7:00pm Trustees Meeting
Saturday, November 21	7:00am Pumpkin Baking
Sunday, November 22	9:15am Adult Sunday School
	9:30am Youth Sunday School
	10:30am Worship
	Elder: Val Hoff
	Sacristans: John & Paula Horn
	Ushers: Heath & Val Hoff
	Nursery: Madison Hoff
	11:30am Putz Volunteer Training
	5:00pm Confirmation Class

Advent Communion Service Join us as we enter this season of waiting, expectation, and hope. Come gather for worship, reflection, and the celebration of Holy Communion as we prepare the way for the coming of Christ. All are welcome at the Lord's table! **Sunday November 29, 4:00pm.**

NECC Christmas Gifts - Edgeboro is sponsoring 75 children for gifts for Christmas this year. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please choose a tag from the garland hanging in the sanctuary. All needed information is on the back of the tag. After you select the tag, be sure to fill out the information on the clipboard on the piano, so we can keep track of who is buying the gifts. The tags are hanging by family, if you want to purchase gifts for siblings, take tags that look alike & confirm that the numbers on the back are the same. When returning the gifts, please use the tag that you selected as the gift tag to help us keep track. **Gifts should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 6th.** Thank you for your generosity!

PUTZ Calendar

November 22 and 29: volunteer training in Fellowship Hall after worship

December 1 – 22: Putz walk-in showings

Walk-in Times: Thursday – Saturday 6-8pm; Sunday 12noon – 3pm

December 13: Congregational Shopping Day beginning at 9:30am

Putz Committee: Robyn Balsai, Shannon Balsai, Ron Freyman, Holly Haines, Deb Hepler, Peggy Leith, Terri Long, Blake Messman, Tom Pheiffer, Art Sergent, Megan Weikert

Edgeboro Ensemble is a group of Edgeboro musicians who practice together to prepare for performing in church during Christmas and Easter. Anyone who has had at least one year of instruction on their instrument may join. Adults and students are welcome. Instrument in the closet? Dust it off and join us!! Students, we need you!! We will be performing preludes before church, **December 13, at 10:15;** accompany liturgy and hymns during the church service and finish with postludes. **Upcoming rehearsals: Sundays, November 29th in choir room & December 6th in sanctuary, 11:45am-12:45pm** Snacks and water provided! **Sunday, December 13th** Report to choir room no later than **10:00am** Prelude music will begin at 10:15am
Please call or email director, **Megan Weikert: 610.392-0910,** meggstar@rcn.com to inform of your participation.

Prayer Requests

Use this prayer list creatively in whatever way that will help you remember these names in prayer. Do what works for you to remain connected in prayer. Here are those we are praying for now:

Sharon Bond
Kyle Borowski
Helene Boyle
Lori Burns (Johanna Heft)
Caitlain Carfagno (Christopher Geist)
Billy Christman (Sherri Hoff)
Namelia Duro
Kay Gariepy
Anna Gehret
Tammy Geiger Vitulano (Karen Gehret)
Tim & Fatima Gilman (Robyn Balsai)
Glenn Gemzlinger (Blake Messman)
Jim Grebs (Rick Grebs)
Ronald Heft
Eric Hollowell
Sharon Hollowell
Peg Heimbrook
Leah Hosterman
Hriniak family (Myra Jones)
LaRue Jones
Jacob Kindt
Kyle Kutzler(Sharon Hallowell)
Logan Lipsky (Jenny Minnich)
Kathy Loch (Sharon Hallowell)
Pat Mills (Sharon Hollowell)
David Nagle
Irene Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Kiera Pheiffer (Tom Pheiffer)
Pete Raskovic (Anne Hosterman)
Ed Reed (Nancy Remaly)
Jane Schollenberger (Lynn Terry)
Rev. Dick Seigfried (Helene Boyle)
Brent Sergent, II
J'neane Smith (Robyn Balsai)
Megan Weikert
Allison (Kathie Klein)
Dawn (Val Hoff)
Gina (Pastor Jodie)
Jen (Val Hoff)
Louie & family (Pastor Jodie)
Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Nora (Terri & Michael Long)
Rosie (Nancy Remaly)
Tracy (Carol Saeger)

Guidance

Janice Bourdage
Jeffrey Boyle (Helene Boyle)
Ryan Zaun (Sharon Zaun)
Julie (Marcia)

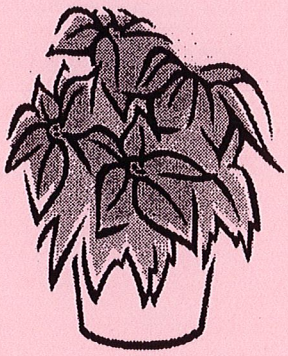
Homebound

Ann Amidon (Jessie Bucchin)
Joyce LeWando

Military Service

Allison Hoff
Kole Koch (Parker Hoff)
Mark Saeger

This list will be refreshed regularly. If you would like a name added or removed from the list, please fill out a blue prayer request card found in the pews or contact the church office.



Order Your Poinsettia

The poinsettias will be displayed in church through the Christmas Eve Services: 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm.

Please place your order by December 6th.

Fill in the order form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 610-866-8793. When writing a check, please make payable to Edgeboro Moravian Church, marked "Poinsettia". If using Venmo (@EdgeboroMoravian), please write "Poinsettia" in the note section. We also ask that you consider padding your donation to help cover the 1.9% + $0.10 fee for each donation.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

6" pot - $9.50

Name _____

Number of Plants_____ **Amount owed**_____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

____ **I will pick up my plant(s) after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service.**

____ **I will pick up my plant(s) after Christmas.**

____ **I wish to donate my plants(s) to a shut-in.**