

## **Moravian Love Feast**

Sunday December 8, 2019 5:00 p.m.

### **Worship Leader**

Rev. Timothy Reeves

### **Hosts**

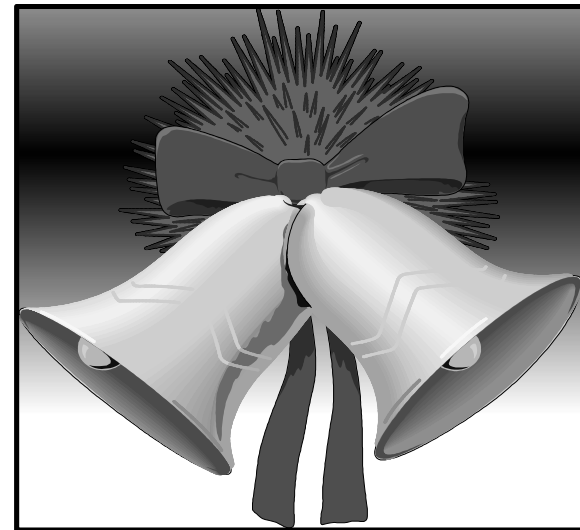
“Dieners”

Jemmie Moseley and Betty Coles

We are grateful to all of those participating in tonight's service, and everyone who has come to share in this evening's celebration.

The Moravian Love Feast is an annual tradition here at Central and one which has grown and developed over the years. We gather this evening as members of the family of God, and together we seek God's blessing for our community and for our world.

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Pine Bluff, AR  
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## Order of Worship

### Christmas Chimes

#### Greeting

**Hymn # 132**    *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

#### Call to Worship

**Leader:**    "Let us love one another; for love comes from God."

**People:**    **"Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."**

**Leader:**    "This is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

**People:**    **"Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."**

**Leader:**    "No one has ever seen God."

**People:**    **"If we love one another God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."**

**All:**        **"Let Us Worship!"**

**Hymn #93**        *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates*

#### Scripture Reading    **Luke 2:1-14**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

#### The Evening Prayer

**Sermon**            *A House Built of Love*

**Hymn #143**        *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

#### Blessing of the Breads

**Hymn #119**        *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

## **132. Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!**

**2 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!**

**3 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!**

## **93. Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

**1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.**

**2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**3 Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.**

### **143. Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

**1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you, who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**3 Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations;  
you have seen his natal star:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**4 All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

### **119. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

**Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.**

**Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"**