

KING'S GATE UNITED CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH IN
JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

(Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian)

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Micah 5:2 KJV

YOUNG ADULTS' SUNDAY

Sunday, December 22, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Enter to Worship... Depart to Serve!

MINISTER:

Rev'd Garwell Bacchus

WORSHIP LEADER:

Sis. Anissea Bremmer

ATTENDING ELDER:

Elder Beverley Brown

MUSICIANS:

Darron Fraser - Keyboard

Barrington Soares Jr. - Drum

Stephen Reid - Bass Guitar

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King's Gate United Church

Order Of Worship

APPROACH TO GOD

(Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to others.)

PREPARATION TIME

- “O Come Let Us Adore Him...”

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L/ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

C/ Show us Your unfailing love, O God, our Saviour and grant us
Your salvation.

L/ Listen to what the Lord our God says,: He promises hope, peace, joy
and love to His people. The Lord will indeed give what is good.

A/ Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way for His steps.
May the Lord make His holy face to shine upon us in this time of
Advent worship. We see God's face and so know love.

ADVENT OPENING HYMN: “Angels From The Realms Of Glory...”

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.
4. Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.

Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

L/ Loving God, in this Advent season of waiting on the Lord, we trust in the Lord's goodness.

A/ **We rely on Your mercy, O Lord, and we find shelter in Your steadfast love.**

L/ In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord we walk in the Lord's way.

A/ **Gracious God, help us to follow Your example of love and to keep our covenant promises.**

L/ In this Advent season of waiting, Lord forget our sins.

A/ **Lord God, in Your love remember each one of us. Remember Your people everywhere. Lord, we wait for Your Salvation. We wait for Your leading. We wait for Your coming . Lord, show us Your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Done in quiet whispers or silence of heart)

LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L/ The Good News of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life in Jesus Christ.

C/ **Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT CELEBRATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE FOR THE 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT

L/ It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness

A/ **It is better to light just one little candle than to stumble in the dark; better far that you light just one little candle, all you need is a tiny spark. If we'd all say a prayer that the world would be free, the wonderful dawn of a new day we'd see, and if ev'ryone lit just one little candle, what a bright world this would be.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

L/ A candle is burning, a candle of love; A candle to point us to heaven above. A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth, For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth

A/ **The Candle—light of Love.**

WELCOME & FAMILY INFORMATION SHARING: Elder Paula Cobourne

CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sister: Meagan Gooden

Brother: David Henry

Celebratory Prayer — Rev. Garwell Bacchus

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP WITH OFFERING FOR CHARITY

“Give as the Lord has prospered you”

Chorus: “Give It With Love...”

Chorus: “Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow...”

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS

HYMN: “Love Come Down At Christmas...”

1. Love come down at Christmas,

Love all lovely, Love Divine;

Love was born at Christmas,

Stars and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship with the Godhead,

Love Incarnate, Love Divine;

Worship we our Jesus:

But wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token,

Love be yours and Love be mine,

Love to God and all men,

Love for plea and gift and sign.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER : Rev. Garwell Bacchas

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5

New Testament: John 6:30-35

CELEBRATION WITH CHORUSES & SONGS OF PRAISE

- Sing De Chorus Clap Your Hand
- Hear These Praises From A Grateful Heart
- Forever

MESSAGE IN WORD: “Behold He Comes: Jesus The Bread Of Life”

Rev. Garwell Bacchas

GOING FORTH & ADVENT THEME SONG: “Behold He Comes....” (Days Of Elijah)

1. These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord"!

*Behold, He comes,
Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun,
At the trumpet call.
Lift your voice,
It's the year of Jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

2. These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant, David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Chorus

There's no God like Jehovah (Rep. x14)

Chorus

Lift your voice,
It's the year of Jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

BENEDICTION **Rev. Garwell Bacchus**
DOXOLOGY "Peace I Leave With You...."

FAMILY NEWS

OUR WELCOME

We are pleased to have you, our friends who are visiting and worshipping with us today. It is our hope that you will come again and join in our fellowship as together we worship God. We welcome you most cordially.

If you are desirous of becoming a full fledged member of the fellowship of our church family, please indicate such an interest to any of the ushers or to the minister. Have a blessed week.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Prayer & Fasting
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study

3rd Saturdays 8:30 a.m. Prayer & Fasting

NOTICES

ON-GOING & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our Bible Study will resume on Tuesday January 7, 2024.
- Heads of Auxiliaries and Chairpersons of Committees are being asked to submit lists of activities for the 2025 KGUC Church Calendar. Lists can be submitted to Miss Johnson at the Church Office. The deadline is Saturday 28 December 2024
- On **Christmas Day** our Morning Worship will begin at **6:30 a.m.**
- On **New Year's Eve** our **Watch Night Service** will begin at **10:00p.m.**
- It is with deep regret we announce the passing of our beloved Sis. Thelma Feanny. The Prayer Service will be on Sunday December 29, 2024 at 6:00p.m. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, January 4, 2025, @11:00am at King's Gate.
- Condolence to Sis. Delmaire Morgan and Phelicia Morgan on the passing of their cousin Derrick. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, January 11, 2025.
- Book Cards for "**Eat Greedily**" is now available for sale at a cost of **\$1500** contact **Sis. Claudette Bacchus**
- **Steel Pan** training Saturdays at 12noon—2:00pm
- **The Skills Training Centre** is now recruiting for **Housekeeping Level 2, Food Preparation Levels 2 & 3**. Please contact Mrs. Venice Walters at 946-3989 for further information.
- **The Skills Training Centre** is now offering **Basic & Advanced Computer Class** on Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00pm – 6:00p.m. Cost \$16,000.00. Please contact Mrs. Venice Walters at 946-3989 for further information.

Electronic Banking for Tithes & Offerings

National Commercial Bank (NCB)

Half Way Tree Branch

Chequing Account Number 301979606

If you are not able to use electronic banking at this time, please call **876-340-9724** or email: kingsgateunited@yahoo.com

SICK & SHUT-INS

- ⇒ *Call to buoy-up spirits*
Visit – to strengthen with your presence
Pray For – to commend to God's care:
- ⇒ Sis. Joyce Angus
- ⇒ Sis. Alice Downer
- ⇒ Sis. Daphne Drummond
- ⇒ Sis. Edith Gutzmore
- ⇒ Sis. Lillian Johnson
- ⇒ Sis. Vera Lynch
- ⇒ Sis. Maisielyn Noble
- ⇒ Rev. Dr. Richmond Nelson

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- ⇒ Sis. Veronica Brown
- ⇒ Sis. Norma McCarty, Beatrice Walters, Patricia Barnes

These are our members who because of failing health, have not worshipped with us for a considerable time. Let us be unfailing in our support.

KING'S GATE UNITED IN PRAYER

Monday, December 23, 2024

Let's pray in earnest concerning:

- The Church and its witness in the world
- The cessation of crime in Jamaica and the world

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Let's pray in earnest concerning:

- Youth of our nation
- The government and policy makers for Godly wisdom

Did you remember to pray last Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m.? Call to remind someone. Wherever we may be, we are urged to pause for prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 p.m. Your prayer requests are solicited.

THE WORD

- ⇒ Let us take pleasure and find fulfilment in reading the Bible daily. Our suggested readings may be found useful.

Sunday	-	Luke 1:26-56
Monday	-	Luke 1:57-80
Tuesday	-	Luke 2:1-21
Wednesday	-	John 1:1-18
Thursday	-	John 1:19-34
Friday	-	John 1:35-51
Saturday	-	Luke 2:22-52

Nugget For Today:

In what ways has God comforted you?
How can you be a comfort to others because of that?

SERMON NOTES