

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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 3:1 KJV

CHURCH SCHOOL & YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, December 8, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Enter to Worship... Depart to Serve!

MINISTER:

WORSHIP LEADER:

ATTENDING ELDER:

MUSICIANS:

Rev'd Garwell Bacchas

Sis. Kimoya Benjamin Tulloch

Elder Jennie Brown

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

- “Enter My Chamber...”
- “O Come Let Us Adore Him....”

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L/ We gather in preparation.

C/ For Good News is about to be proclaimed.

L/ We gather in expectation.

C/ For peace has exploded in our midst in Jesus Christ.

L/ We gather in celebration.

**A/ For we are those people who have said yes to the Prince of Peace,
yes to the wholeness of God! With preparation and expectation,
let us celebrate.**

ADVENT OPENING HYMN: “Good Christian Men Rejoice...”

1. Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say
News! News!
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 men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this
He hath ope'd the heav'nly door
And man is blessed evermore
Christ was born for this
Christ was born for this
3. Good Christian men, rejoice;
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave:

Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save

(Please be Seated)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING (Spoken)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Done in quiet whispers or silence of heart)

The Lord's Prayer (Father Holung's Version)

Our Father who art in heaven,

Holy, holy, holy, be Thy name.

Our Father who art in heaven, Holy be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come on earth, Thy will be done on earth,

Thy Kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven.

1. Give us this day our daily bread, (Rep. x3)
And forgive us our trespasses; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Forgive us our trespasses.
2. Do not lead us into temptation. (Rep. x1)
(But) deliver us from all evil; deliver us from all evil.
And forgive us our trespasses; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
Forgive us our trespasses

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen (Rep. x1).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L/ God's love is costly, generous and trustworthy. It is deeper than our expectations and higher than our hopes. Let us accept in our hearts the promise of new life and proclaim with our lips the inexhaustible goodness of God.

A/ Holy, Holy, Holy, Love's empowering might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. We give You glory God most high.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE FOR THE 2nd 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 peace; A candle to signal that conflict must cease: For Jesus is coming to show us the way; A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A/ **The Candle—light of Peace.**

WELCOME & FAMILY INFORMATION SHARING: Elder Paula Cobourne

CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sister: Eugene Blake

Brother: Mario Welcome

Celebratory Prayer — Rev. Garwell Bacchas

INFANT DEDICATION

CAROL: "Away In A Manger..."

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP WITH OFFERING FOR CHARITY

"Give as the Lord has prospered you"

Chorus: "Thanks Thanks I Give You Thanks..."

Chorus: **"Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow..."**

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4

Sis. Jamelia McNeil

New Testament: Luke 3:1-6

Bro. Zaire McBean

CELEBRATION WITH CHORUSES & SONGS OF PRAISE

- I've Got Peace Like A River
- I've Got Joy Joy Joy Down In My Heart
- Be Still And Know

MESSAGE IN WORD: **“Behold He Comes: Prepare The Way”**
Rev. Garwell Bacchas

RESPONSE HYMN: “Have You Any Room.....”

1. Have you any room for Jesus
 He who bore your load of sin?
 As he knocks and asks admission,
 Sinner, will you let Him in

 Room for Jesus, King of glory
 Hasten now, His Word obey
 Swing the heart's door widely open
 Bid Him enter while you may
2. Room for pleasure, room for business;
 But for Christ the crucified
 Not a place that He can enter,
 In the Heart of which He died
3. Have you any time for Jesus
 As in grace He calls again
 O to-day is time accepted,
 To-morrow you may call in vain
4. Room and time now give to Jesus;
 Soon will pass God's day of grace,
 Soon thy heart be cold and silent,
 And thy Saviour's pleadings cease.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER : 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
DOXOLOGY

Rev. Garwell Bacchas
"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 final Bible Study for the year on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The presenter for this meeting will be Rev. Garwell Bacchas. The house of Esther will lead in the month of December. The Online Bible Study Link: Zoom platform Meeting ID: 852 3707 4906 Passcode: biblestudy. All members are encouraged to attend as well as to bring out their family and friends.
- 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.
- It is with deep regret we announce the passing of our beloved Sis. Thelma Feanny. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, January 4, 2025, @10:00am at King's Gate.
- Book Cards for **"Eat Greedily"** is now available for sale at a cost of **\$1500** contact **Sis. Claudette Bacchas**
- **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 9, 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 11, 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	-	Malachi 4:1-6
Monday	-	Revelation 1:1-20
Tuesday	-	Revelation 2:1-29
Wednesday	-	Revelation 3:1-22
Thursday	-	Revelation 4:1-11
Friday	-	Revelation 5:1-14
Saturday	-	Revelation 6:1-17

Nugget For Today:

Is there someone around you today that you might invite to “glean” from the abundance in your life? Ask God to reveal the needs around you that you might respond with His heart.