

# 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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## MORNING PRAISE & WORSHIP



And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Luke 1:46-48

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 14, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Enter to Worship... Depart to Serve!

MINISTER:

Rev'd Dr. Margaret Downer-Messias

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Rev'd Dr. Dave Hazle

WORSHIP LEADER:

Melody-Skye Simmonds

ATTENDING ELDER:

Elder Mikhail Reid

MUSICIANS:

Barrington Soares Jr. - Keyboard

Sean Mesquita - 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.)

**WELCOME:** Sis. Melody-Skye Simmonds

**CHORUS:** “You Are Awesome In This Place....”

### **ENTRANCE OF THE WORD**

### **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

L/ The Lord is near! In this season of waiting, we are called to rejoice!

**C/ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!**

L/ For God promises good news to the afflicted, healing for the broken, and light for the lost.

**A/ Come, let us worship God with glad hearts, for salvation is at hand!**

### **SONG OF PRAISE: “Gather Christians....”**

Gather, Christians, let's now celebrate;  
Gather, Christians, the Lord we now await.  
Gather, Christians, behold He comes, rejoice and sing!  
For the Lord is King!

To God the Father, let's give Him praise,  
To God the Father our voice we raise,  
To God the Father who reigns above,  
Praise the Lord for His mercy and His love!

(Please be Seated)

### **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING (SPOKEN)**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Done in quiet whispers or silence of heart)

### **LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L/ Lord, if you keep a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? But You offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear You.

**C/ Amen.**

## ADVENT CELEBRATION

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 joy; A candle to welcome brave Mary's  
new boy. Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow, As joy  
brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

A/ The Candle—light of Joy.

### FAMILY INFORMATION SHARING: Elder Paula Cobourne

### CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sister: Latasha Fraser, Gilian Johns

Brother: Noel Downer, Andre Wallace

**Celebratory Prayer** — Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle

### WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

### WORSHIP WITH OFFERING FOR CHARITY

“Give as the Lord has prospered you”

Cho: “Give It With Love...”

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

### DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10 Sis. Gabrille Campbell

New Testament: Luke 1:46-55 Sis. Holly Thomas

### CELEBRATION WITH CHORUSES & SONGS OF PRAISE

- Every Praise
- Hallelujah Praise The Lamb

### MESSAGE IN WORD: “Big Him Up!!!” Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle

**RESPONSE SONG:**      “Be Magnified O Lord....”

I have made You too small in my eyes  
O Lord, forgive me;  
I have believed in a lie  
That You were unable to help me  
But now, O Lord, I see my wrong  
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong;  
And in my eyes and with my song  
O Lord, be magnified  
O Lord, be magnified

*Be magnified, O Lord  
You are highly exalted;  
And there is nothing You can't do  
O Lord, my eyes are on You  
Be magnified  
O Lord, be magnified (Repeat)*

I have leaned on the wisdom of men  
O Lord, forgive me;  
And I have responded to them  
Instead of Your light and Your mercy  
But now, O Lord, I see my wrong  
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong;  
And in my eyes with my song  
O Lord, be magnified  
O Lord, be magnified

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**      Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle

**GOING FORTH SONG:**      “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**      "Now Unto The King Eternal...."  
**POSTLUDE**

## 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 anyone is desirous of becoming a full-fledged member of the fellowship of our church family, please indicate such an interest to any of the ushers. 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

## **VESTRY HOURS**

Fridays	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle
Mondays	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Rev. Dr. Margaret Downer-Messias (Appointments only)

## NOTICES

### ON-GOING & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our Bible Study continues on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The presenter for this meeting will be Rev. Paul Pinto. St. Stephens United Church will lead in the month of December. All members are encouraged to attend as well as to bring out their family and friends.
- It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our beloved Sis. Alice Downer. The Prayer Service will be held here on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The Funeral Service will be held at the Webster Memorial United Church on Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 10:00 am. Let us continue in prayer for the family.
- We are invited to our Christmas Presentation on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 5:00pm.
- **Steel Pan** training Saturdays at 12noon—2:00pm.
- **The Skills Training Centre** is seeking donations of computers, if you or someone you know is able to generously donate a desktop/laptop please reach out to Sis. Shernett Smith at 876-997-5198.
- **The Skills Training Centre** is now recruiting for **Housekeeping Level 2, Food Preparation Levels 2 & 3**. Please contact Ms. Nicola Rhodd at 876-946-3989 for further information.
- **The Skills Training Centre** is now offering **Basic & Advanced Computer Class** on Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. Cost \$16,000.00. Please contact Ms. Nicola Rhodd at 876-946-3989 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](mailto: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. Ena Dixon
- ⇒ Sis. Daphne Drummond
- ⇒ Sis. Daslin Francis
- ⇒ Sis. Edith Gutzmore

- ⇒ Sis. Lillian Johnson
- ⇒ Sis. Maisielyn Noble
- ⇒ Sis. Jennifer Van Horne Paul
- ⇒ Bro. Noel Downer
- ⇒ Bro. Louis Francis
- ⇒ Rev. Dr. Richmond Nelson

### **Kintyre -**

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

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 15, 2025**

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 17, 2025**

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	-	Isaiah 25:1-9
Monday	-	Isaiah 26:1-19
Tuesday	-	Isaiah 35:1-10
Wednesday	-	Ezekiel 36:1-15
Thursday	-	Ezekiel 36:16-38
Friday	-	Ezekiel 39:21-29
Saturday	-	Zephaniah 3:1-20

## **Nugget For Today:**

What comes to mind as you consider the vastness of space?  
What does the night sky reveal about God?

# SERMON NOTES