

# 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



Let brotherly love  
continue. Be not  
forgetful to  
entertain strangers:  
for thereby some  
have entertained  
angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:1-2 KJV

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 21, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Enter to Worship... Depart to Serve!

MINISTER:

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PREACHER:

WORSHIP LEADER:

ATTENDING ELDER:

MUSICIANS:

Rev'd Dr. Margaret Downer-Messias

Rev'd Dr. Dave Hazle

Elder Paul Downer

Elder Beverley Brown

Elder Judith Fraser

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:** Elder Beverley Brown

**CHORUS:** “Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord....”

## **ENTRANCE OF THE WORD**

### **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

- L/ We come seeking a sign from You, the One who sits upon the throne.  
**C/ Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.**  
L/ We come seeking to worship You, the One who dwells with us always.  
**C/ Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.**  
L/ We come seeking to witness Your might, a child to be born in coming night.  
**A/ Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.**  
**Let us worship God!**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE: “O Come, O Come Immanuel....”**

1. O come, O come, Immanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice!*  
*Immanuel shall come to Thee,*  
*O Israel.*
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory over the grave.
3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*(Please be Seated)*

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Done in quiet whispers or silence of heart)

### LORD'S PRAYER (West Indian Version)

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done. Hallowed, be Thy Name.

On the earth as it is in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Give us this day our daily bread, Hallowed be Thy Name.

For give us all our trespasses, Hallowed be Thy Name.

As we forgive those who trespass against us, Hallowed be Thy Name.

And lead us not into temptation, Hallowed be Thy Name.

But deliver us from all that is evil, Hallowed be Thy Name.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, Hallowed be Thy Name.

For ever and ever and ever and ever, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Amen, Amen, it shall be so, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Amen, Amen, it shall be so, Hallowed be Thy Name.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L/ God has never left us nor forsaken us. God is Immanuel in the face of crisis  
Immanuel, in the midst of calamity, Immanuel in the presence of tribulation. God  
with us. Helping our unbelief, bringing us back to life, reminding us that we are  
light. Let that be good news.

## ADVENT CELEBRATION

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE FOR 4<sup>TH</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 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.

**FAMILY INFORMATION SHARING:** Elder Paula Cobourne

### CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sisters: Sherene McNeil, Joyce Nelson, Megan Gooden, Kimberley Rose

Brother: David Henry

**Celebratory Prayer** — Rev. Dr. Margaret Downer-Messias

**WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
**WORSHIP WITH OFFERING FOR CHARITY**

**“Give as the Lord has prospered you”**

Cho: “O Come Let Us Adore Him...”

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

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**New Testament:** Hebrews 13:1-8

**CELEBRATION WITH CHORUSES & SONGS OF PRAISE**

- Open The Eyes Of My Heart
- You Are God Alone
- Holy Forever
- God Is Here

**MESSAGE IN WORD:** **“Promise Of God’s Divine Presence”**  
Elder Paul Downer

**RESPONSE HYMN:** “The Love Of God Is Greater Far.....”

1. The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled,  
And pardoned from his sin.

*Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—  
The saints’ and angels’ song.*

2. When hoary time shall pass away,  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God’s love so sure, shall still endure,  
All measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam’s race—  
The saints’ and angels’ song.

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

**PASTORAL PRAYER:** Elder Paul Downer

**GOING FORTH HYMN:** “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus...”

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to a set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.
2. Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a Child, and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us for ever;  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## **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 will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.
- 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.**
- **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

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## **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 22, 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 24, 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	-	Luke 1:1-25
Monday	-	Luke 1:26-56
Tuesday	-	Luke 1:57-80
Wednesday	-	Luke 2:1-21
Thursday	-	John 1:1-18
Friday	-	John 1:19-34
Saturday	-	John 2:1-21

### Nugget For Today:

How have you experienced a particular verse or passage as a compass for your life in recent days?

When are you tempted not to follow the directions the compass of scripture gives?

## SERMON NOTES

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