

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



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18-19 KJV

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 7, 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:

Elder Paula Cobourne

ATTENDING ELDER:

Elder Jeanette Howell

COMMUNION ELDER:

Elder Jeaneth Rose

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: Elder Paula Cobourne

CHORUS: “Lord Prepare Me....”

ENTRANCE OF THE WORD

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

- L/ Get ready, people of God! The time of peace is at hand.
- C/ **We are called to action rather than reaction.**
- L/ Open your hearts to God's Word and God's will.
- C/ **Help us to be workers for God rather than observers**
- L/ Come, draw near to God in faith.
- A/ **Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.**
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: “Majesty....”

Majesty, worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise
Majesty kingdom authority flow from His throne unto his own,
His anthem raise,
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

(Please be Seated)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING (SPOKEN)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Done in quiet whispers or silence of heart)

LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L/ God is with us, even as we wait, understanding us, loving us, comforting us and granting us peace. Thus we know the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
- R/ **Amen.**

ADVENT CELEBRATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE FOR 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 be free, the wonderful dawn of a new day we'd see, and if everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world this would be.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

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.

FAMILY INFORMATION SHARING: Elder Paula Cobourne

CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Brother: Mario Welcome

Celebratory Prayer — Rev. Dr. Margaret Downer-Messias

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP WITH OFFERING FOR CHARITY

“Give as the Lord has prospered you”

Cho: “Because We Love You And Your Works...”

Because we love You and Your works

Our offering now we make

Be pleased to use it as Your own

We ask for Jesus sake

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

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10 & Psalm 72:1-7 & 18-19 Elder Ilene Rhooms

New Testament: Luke 4:14-20 & Romans 15:4-13 Sis. Melonie Thompson

CELEBRATION WITH CHORUSES & SONGS OF PRAISE

- Let Praises Rise
- Faithful One So Unchanging
- There's A Peace In My Soul
- Peace Of God Cover Me

MESSAGE IN WORD:

“Jesus: Anointed & Appointed”

Rev. Dr. Margaret Downer-Messias

RESPONSE HYMN: “Have Thine Own Way Lord....”

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting yielded and still.

2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, to – day!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,

As in Thy presence, humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary Help me, I pray!

Power --- all---power surely is Thine!

Touch me and heal me, Saviour Divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with thy Spirit, till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Let us celebrate this joyful feast. People will come from east and west and north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Anyone who comes to me I will never turn away.

SONG: “Worthy Is The Lamb....” (Sung during the distribution of elements)

Thank You for the cross, Lord.

Thank You for the price You paid.

Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came

And gave Amazing Grace.

Thank You for this love, Lord.

Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.

Wash me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know...

Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb

seated on the throne.

We crown You now with many crowns

You reign victorious!

High and lifted up

Jesus, Son of God.
The darling of Heaven, crucified...
Worthy is the Lamb.

LITURGY FOR THE HOLY COMMUNION

M/ The Lord be with you
C/ And with you also
M/ Lift up your hearts
C/ We lift them up to the Lord
M/ Let us give thanks to our Lord
C/ It is right to give thanks to the Lord

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

M/ Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
A/ Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
M/ Let us pray
Almighty God and our heavenly Father, we recognise that it is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to You. We join the angels and the company in singing to You.

All sing: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

M/ We give You thanks for the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ: for His life and ministry on earth; for His suffering and death on the cross; for His glorious resurrection from the dead; for His ascension into heaven; for the promise of His coming again.
A/ We therefore present ourselves to be living sacrifices unto You; holy and pleasing in Your sight. Send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify us, and present us once again faultless before Your throne of grace with exceedingly great joy. Amen.

THE RE-ENACTMENT

SONG: “Kum Ba Yah.....”

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah,
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah,
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah,
O Lord, kum ba yah.

Elder J. Howell: Almighty God, King of the universe - You who bring forth bread from the earth, send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify this bread, which we set before You that it may be for us the body of Christ. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD

SONG: "Kum Ba Yah...."

Someone's cryin', Lord, kum ba yah,
Someone's cryin', Lord, kum ba yah,
Someone's cryin', Lord, kum ba yah,
O Lord, kum ba yah.

Elder J. Rose: Almighty God, King of the universe - You who bring forth wine from the vine, send down Your Holy Spirit to sanctify this wine, which we set before You that it may be for us the blood of Christ. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE WINE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG: "Kum Ba Yah...."

Someone's prayin', Lord, kum ba yah,
Someone's prayin', Lord, kum ba yah,
Someone's prayin', Lord, kum ba yah,
O Lord, kum ba yah.

PASTORAL PRAYER: Rev. Dr. Margaret Downer-Messias

GOING FORTH HYMN: "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations...."

1. We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth—
The kingdom of love and light.*

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword.
3. We've a message to give to the nations—
That the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.
4. We've a Savior to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples

Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY "Now Unto Him Who Is Able...."

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 <i>(Appointments only)</i>

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.

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National Commercial Bank (NCB)

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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.