

St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

December 1, 2024



First
Sunday *of* Advent

Evangelism Sunday

1st Sunday of Advent

Hope

A lit candle in a green wreath with red berries and a red ribbon. The candle is lit, with a small flame. The wreath is made of green leaves and red berries. A red ribbon is tied around the base of the candle.

*For unto us a
child is born,
unto us a son is
given:
and the
government
shall be upon
his shoulder:
and his name
shall be called
Wonderful,
Counsellor, The
mighty God,
The everlasting
Father, The
Prince of
Peace.*

-Isaiah 9:6

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On the **First Sunday** of Advent, it is a time when we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth. Prophets spoke for God, saying that God would send a Savior. God sent Jesus into the world to bring light and **HOPE** for all people.

Early Morning Worship Service

8:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude.....	Musicians
Call to Worship.....	Psalm 122:1-2
<i>I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.</i>	
Praise Service.....	Praise Team
Invocation.....	Pulpit/Deacons
Responsive Reading (<i>Please Stand</i>).....	Appointee/Congregation
<i>(Matthew 26:20-30)</i>	
Selections.....	Choir
Sermon.....	Pastor Banks
Invitation to Discipleship.....	Pastor Banks
Worship in Giving.....	Deacons/Ushers
Offertory Scripture.....	Malachi 3:10
Acknowledgement of Visitors.....	Pastor Banks/Greeter
Announcements.....	Church Clerk/Appointee
<i>Lord's Supper Observance</i>	
Remarks/Benediction.....	Pastor Banks

Morning Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude.....	Musicians
Call to Worship.....	Psalm 122:1-2
<i>I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.</i>	
Devotion	
Selection.....	Choir
Mission and Education Offering.....	Deacons/Ushers
Doxology.....	Choir and Congregation
Responsive Reading (<i>Please Stand</i>).....	Appointee/Congregation
<i>(Matthew 26:20-30)</i>	
Selections.....	Choir
Pastoral Remarks.....	Pastor Banks
Worship in Giving.....	Deacons/Ushers
Offertory Scripture.....	Malachi 3:10
Congregational Hymn #59	<i>"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>
Sermon.....	Pastor Banks
Invitation to Discipleship.....	Pastor Banks
Intercessory Prayer.....	Pulpit
Acknowledgement of Visitors.....	Pastor Banks/Greeter
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RESPONSIVE READING: MATTHEW 26:20-30

LEADER: ²⁰Now when the even was come, He sat down with the twelve.

CONGREGATION: ²¹And as they did eat, he said, "Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me."

LEADER: ²²And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

CONGREGATION: ²³And he answered and said, "He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me."

LEADER: ²⁴"The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born."

CONGREGATION : ²⁵Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, "Thou hast said."

RESPONSIVE READING: MATTHEW 26:20-30

LEADER: ²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

CONGREGATION: ²⁷And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it;

LEADER: ²⁸For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

CONGREGATION: ²⁹"But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

ALL TOGETHER: ³⁰And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives.

The Lord's Supper

¹⁷ Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.

¹⁸ For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

¹⁹ For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

²⁰ When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

²¹ For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

²² What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? what shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

²³ For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

²⁴ And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, ***Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.***

²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

²⁷ Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

²⁹ For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

³⁰ For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

³² But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

³³ Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

³⁴ And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ December 14th: For recipients, the Deaconess Book & Toy Drive distribution is 9am to Noon - CLC
- ❖ December 14th: Ugly Sweater Party 3pm - Youth
- ❖ December 15th: Lady Banks' Concert

December 25th Mervy Christmas!

- ❖ December 29th: Unity Service
Combined Sunday School 8am
Unity Service @ 9:30am
- ❖ December 31st: Watch Night Service @ 9:30pm



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& Lady Vanessa Banks

JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY PRAYER CALL

EVERY THURSDAY

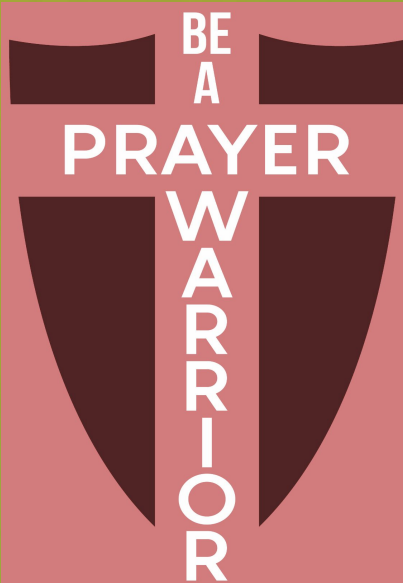
7:30 PM

Before they call
I will answer;
while they
are yet speaking
I will hear.
ISAIAH 65:24



Prayer Request Line: 1-520-525-8790

No access code required



If you're interested in facilitating
or praying on one of the weekly
calls, just let us know.
Simply call the office:
@ 813.247.2345.

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper
and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

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*Today's Promise for You*

*[Jesus] who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,  
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:  
by whose stripes ye were healed.*

*~I Peter 2:24*

**A** strange concept . . . that the wounds of another - Jesus Christ - could actually heal us. But that's what God's Word says. Jesus was wounded and ultimately died for our transgressions (Isaiah 53:5). **And through His sacrifice - His promise - we are able to experience an abundant life - and be freed from the punishment of sin forever (Hebrews 9:28).**

# *Daily Word: Hope and Faith*

*Inspired by hope and assured by faith, I begin my Advent journey.*

As Advent begins, I welcome the opportunity to reflect more deeply on what I hope for and what I affirm for my life.

Hope is a seed, a possibility. My divine faculty of imagination allows the seed of hope to sprout. Nurtured by faith, the seed takes root and grows from *I hope* to *I believe*.

I may have once hoped God would help me. Now I have faith that, through the Christ within, I can help myself. I may have once hoped for the life of my dreams. Now I have faith I can create the life I want through the power of my feelings and thoughts.

*I believe.* I mindfully use these words at the start of my Advent journey and beyond.

*To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

—Colossians 1:27



*From the Daily Word*



# HOPE

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I wait for the LORD,  
my soul doth wait, and  
in his word do I HOPE.

PSALM 130:5, KJV

# ADVENT

A photograph of four lit red candles in glass jars, arranged on a light-colored wooden surface. The candles are surrounded by winter-themed decorations, including green foliage, pinecones, and a small red berry. The background is a dark red gradient.

*A Season of Expectation*