

# St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

December 8, 2024



*Seasons Greetings!*

Second  
Sunday of Advent

The **Second Sunday** of Advent candle lighting reminds us that Jesus came to bring peace. Before Jesus' birth, Zachariah spoke of a Savior who would guide our feet in the ways of **PEACE**. The prophet Micah said: This candle reminds us that Jesus came to bring peace and good will.

# 2nd Sunday of Advent



# Peace

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*And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

*But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.  
-Micah 4:3-4*

# 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>(Isaiah 9:1-7)</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
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>(Isaiah 9:1-7)</i>	
Selections.....	Choir
Pastoral Remarks.....	Pastor Banks
Worship in Giving.....	Deacons/Ushers
Offertory Scripture.....	Malachi 3:10
Congregational Hymn #61 .....	<i>"Joy To The World"</i>
Sermon.....	Pastor Banks
Invitation to Discipleship.....	Pastor Banks
Intercessory Prayer .....	Pulpit
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# RESPONSIVE READING: ISAIAH 9:1-7

**LEADER:**

**1** Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

**CONGREGATION:**

**2** The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

**LEADER:**

**3** Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

**CONGREGATION:**

**4** For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.



# RESPONSIVE READING: ISAIAH 9:1-7

**LEADER:**

5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

**CONGREGATION:**

6 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.

**ALL-TOGETHER:**

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ December 14th: For recipients, the Deaconess Book & Toy Drive distribution is 9am to Noon - CLC
  - ❖ December 14th: Youth Dinner with Pastor - 3pm/CLC  
Theme: Ugly Sweater
  - ❖ December 15th: Lady Banks' Recital & Christmas Program  
4pm
  - ❖ December 17th: Outing - District Congress @ Faith Temple  
M.B. Church, 2916 Orient Rd, Tampa - 7pm  
Male Chorus will accompany Pastor
- December 25th Merry Christmas!*
- ❖ December 29th: Unity Service: Combined Sunday School 8am  
Worship 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.



-3 John 2-

*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*

*Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear  
what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear,  
we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.*

*~1 John 3:2*

**M**ost of us have days when we just don't like ourselves very much. Our appearance, our health, our attitudes, our temptations - so many issues trouble us. But God has promised Christians a day when all our problems will be over. We'll actually be like Jesus - perfect and complete in every way.  
**"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).**

# Daily Word: Peace

## *I Give the Gift of Peace*

I begin the second week of Advent by affirming peace for myself and all beings and letting the peace of God flow through me.

Peaceful living does not mean isolation from noise or turmoil. It means calm even in the middle of the hubbub. At this time of year when so many seem busy and rushed, I rely on the peace of God that resides within to promote calm in my home, in my life, and in the world.

Prayer helps me stay centered, serene, and relaxed, so I can be an instrument of peace. Holding thoughts of tranquility and affirming peace in every heart, I move through this day and Advent season affirming kindness and compassion. I give the gift of peace as I let it flow from my heart like ripples on a lake, sustaining each person in concentric circles of tranquility and goodwill.



*The God of peace be with all of you.  
—Romans 15:33*

# PEACE

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PEACE I leave with you ...

Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, 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*