

ORDER OF WORSHIP

6:00 A.M. – SIS. AUDREY RODNEY-ROBINSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Hymn # 56 – “Sing we the King who is coming to reign”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHT LITURGY – Led by Sis. Olga Lancashire & Sis. Rosie Herron-Muir

ARE WE THERE YET? – TRUST

Congregation: Hymn #138 VIP – O Come, O Come, Immanuel – verses 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Hymn: Tell me the Old, Old Story (VIP #94)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 80: 1-7, 17-19

Old Testament: Isaiah 7: 10-16

Epistle Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

HYMN: Tell me the stories of Jesus (VIP 489)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE:

RESPONSE:

NOTICES & OFFERTORY

OFFERING FOR THE FOOD BARREL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Closing Hymn – “Hark ! The herald-angels sing” (VIP #63)

BENEDICTION

8:30 A.M. – M.I.T BRO. JERAND PHILLS / YOUTH

INTROIT- ReGENERATION MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP- Liturgist

Opening Song- “All for Jesus” (Ernie Smith)

PRAYERS OF:

ADORATION – Sis. Candice Carby

“O Come all Ye faithful” (VIP 66) vs. 1

CONFESSION- Sis. Patrice Crossfield

O Come all Ye faithful (VIP 66) vs. 2

THANKSGIVING: Sis. Christina Armstrong

TIME OF SHARING AND PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (CHANT)

WELCOME / GREETING OF VISITORS

VIDEO NOTICES

OFFERTORY, BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT BLESSINGS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANT BLESSINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Led by (Gen J):

Congregation: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

TIME OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

- Old Testament - Isaiah 7:10-16
- Dance Ministry (Gabrielle Christmas + Katherine Gooden)
- Epistle- Romans 1:1-7 (Christina Singh)
- Gospel - Matthew 1 :18-25 (video presentation by Gen J)

SPECIAL ITEM- ReGeneration music

MESSAGE- Bro. Jerand Phills (M.I.T)

RESPONSE

Closing Hymn - “Sing di Chorus”

BENEDICTION

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES –23rd – Sis. Carol Davis, Sis. Nadia Williams, Sis. Christina Armstrong;

26th – Sis. Karen Gauntlett, Sis. Patricia Sinclair-McCalla, Sis. Carol Steele; **27th** – Sis. Thelma Powell, Sis. Jamelle Rankine, Bro. Montage Robinson; **28th** – Sis. Elaine Rickards, Sis. Gloria Sobers

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 22nd – Mozien Sutherland

TODAY: - 5:00 p.m. – EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE.

Preacher: Sis. Lilieth Deacon

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wed. 25 Dec 6:00 a.m. **CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE**
Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain

FUTURE EVENTS

Sun. 29 Dec 7:30 a.m. **JOINT CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**
Sis. Sherlette Rookwood-Brown
6:00 p.m. **EVENING SERVICE.** Led by

the Bible Fellowship Group

Tues. 31 Dec 10:30 a.m. **WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**

Rev'd Dr. Oral Thomas

WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING OF Sis. Dawn Dennison (former Local Preacher) who died last Sunday at Medical Associates. Sincere condolences to her husband, Kenneth, sons Richard and Ronald and other members of her family. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

CONDOLENCE TO:

- The Family of the late Sis. Clementina Welsh who died recently. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 12 Noon here at Providence. Interment in the family plot at Constitution Hill.

BIBLE STUDY: There will be **No Bible Study** on Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st.

OUR DAILY BREAD 2020 – Copies of the Devotional “Our Daily Bread” are now available at the Church Office. Cost \$350.00

THE 8TH QUINQUENNIAL ASSEMBLY OF MCCA WOMEN is scheduled to be held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad at the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the period July 22nd – July 27th 2020. Information on registration and accommodation is available on their website www.mccawomen.org Early registration is in progress and ends January 31, 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER PRAYERFULLY, CALL AND VISIT

- **Sis. Laurel Bruce**, 15 Deanery Ave, 928-1873; **Sis. Verona Cameron**; **Sis. Helen Chambers**, 34 Charlemont Drive. 927-0747; **Sis. Keturah Forrest**, 10 Old Henry Lane(6), 927-5395; **Sis. Lois Kelly-Miller**, Gordon Town. St. Andrew; **Sis. Pearl Morgan**, 5 Elliott Ave(8), 924-0005; **Sis. Inez Morrison**, Trafalgar Apartments, 1 Caribbean Close, 667-1963 ; **Sis. Gertrude Phillips**, 4 Finchley Close(6), 977-9861; **Sis. Violet Tapper**, 1 Phadrian Ave, (6); **Sis. Cynthia Walsh**, 11 Ravinia Mews (6), 927-0275; **Sis. Jean Andrade**, 14 Roseneath Ave. 946-2769 ; **Sis Ina Chambers**, 1 Chambers Lane (6), 978-6398; **Sis. Lilith Johnson**, 29 Hope Mews (6),927-7021; **Sis Mavis Mitchell**, (970 1688); **Bro. Horace Brown**, 8 Halifax Cres, 978-0091; **Sis. Lauris Goldson**, 30 Glendon Circle, 927-

0711; **Sis. Clover Treasure**, 816-2424; **Sis. Winsome Jameson**, 453-6983; **Bro. Carlton Brown**; **Sis. Myra Lynch**, 702-2800, **Sis. Bernice Saunders**, 7 Maynard Dr, Patrick City. **Sis. Grace Boyne**, **Sis. Joyce Bolton**, **Sis. Alma Smith**, **Sis. Verna George**, **Sis. Isolene Livingstone**, **Sis. Beryl Miles**; **Bro. Lester Palmer**, **Sis. Gwendoline Thomas**, **Sis. Sybil Francis**, **Sis. Lesma Brown**, **Sis. Pam Morris**, **Sis. Muriel Lewis**, **Sis. Pauline Mason**, **Sis. Enid Phillips**, **Sis. Marjory Smythe**, **Sis. Sadie Mitchell**, **Sis. Carmen Subaran**, **Sis. Elaine Rickards**, **Sis. Mae Polack**, **Rev'd Claude Cadogan**; **Sis. Lena Anderson**, **Sis. Janice Robinson**, **Sis. Inez Bernard**, **Bro. Eric King**, **Rev'd Dr. Rupert Young**, **Sis. Patricia Welsh**, **Sis. Gerda Theobalds**, **Sis. Hazel Cobran**, **Bro. Roy Thomas**

THIS WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL READINGS FROM "OUR DAILY BREAD"

Sun.	22 Dec	2 Cor. 5:14-21	Silent Night of the Soul
Mon.	23 Dec	Matthew 1:18-23	God with us
Tues.	24 Dec	Luke 2:11-20	A Thrill of Hope
Wed.	25 Dec	Luke 2:1-10	Traditions and Christmas
Thur	26 Dec	Matthew 17:24-27	What on Earth?
Fri.	27 Dec	Psalm 117	Thanks Journal
Sat.	28 Dec	Proverbs 15:13-15	Everyday Moments

PASTORAL LETTER

GOD'S FAVOUR

"But Noah found favour in the eyes of the Lord....Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God" (Genesis 6:7-9).

This story, which might be prehistoric, tells of God's displeasure with the state of the whole created order, including humans. Hence, God decided to "wipe the slate clean" by destroying every living thing, causing a new genesis. Amidst this depressing and disappointing situation, God recognized that Noah was righteous, blameless and faithful to his Creator.

Noah was not sinless, but he was untainted by the universal corruption that otherwise submerged the whole of humanity. The text says: **"among the people of his time"**,

which suggests that he was an exception to the rule. There was enough purity in him to make it possible for God to utilize him as the second great ancestor of mankind. Consequently, God decided to preserve him and his family.

The word "favour" is used in the Bible to mean grace, acceptance, goodwill, an act of countenancing, or gaining approval. These bestowments are available to those who believe in God and live righteous and sober lives. Many biblical characters found favour with God or humans. This favour is not favouritism, as God does not show partiality. Neither is it love, because God loves equitably.

God's favour is undoubtedly one of the most amazingly gracious and wonderful things. How then do we attract God's favour in our lives?

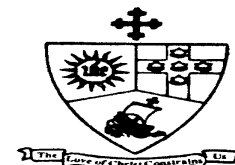
One way to find favour is to love God (Prov. 3:1-4); also, giving gifts and offerings to God (Gen. 4:4); so, too, is living a blameless and righteous life (Ps. 5:12). Our honesty is critical in earning favour. Joseph found favour with Potiphar because he could be trusted (Gen. 39, Prov. 11:10). According to Solomon, wisdom is a key factor to gaining favour. He said: **"For those who find me (wisdom) find life and receive favour from the Lord"** (Prov. 8:35).

Is finding favour with God important and necessary? Can we? Should we? The short answer is: Yes! Finding favour with the Lord is absolutely wonderful and desirable. It is encouraging to know that we can grow in favour and that God's favour is lasting. Luke 2:52 says: **"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man"** and Ps. 30:5 says: **"His anger lasts only a moment, but his favour lasts a lifetime."** A lifetime!! God's favour is seasonal and periodic. It is for all our days. You and I can find favour with God if, like Noah and Joseph, we are blameless, righteous and faithful.

THOUGHT: Reflect on the words of Hezekiah Walker's song, **"God Favoured Me"**:

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Everal Galbraith

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NOTICES

LORD'S DAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday, December 22, 2019

6:00 a.m. - Sis. Audrey Rodney-Robinson

8:30 a.m. - Youth / Bro. Jerand Phills

5:00 p.m. - EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE

Sis. Lilieth Deacon

MUSICIANS

6:00 a.m. - Bro. Roger Williams

8:30 a.m. - Bro. Godfrey Taylor

STEWARDS ON DUTY:

6:00 a.m. - Sis. Pauline Archer,
Bro. Llewellyn Facey

8:30 a.m. - Sis. Cesna McCain, Sis. Sharda Small
Sis. Pamela McKenzie, Sis. Sobva Pepple

FLOWERS TODAY ARE DONATED BY:
Sis. Angela Richards and Bro. Dan Richards