

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

INTROIT: VOICES AT DAWN

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Hymn – “All hail the power of Jesu’s Name” (#40 VIP)

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

WELCOME

Hymn: “Tell me the old, old story” (#94 VIP)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 95

Old Testament: Genesis 17: 1-7

Epistle Reading: Romans 5: 1-11

HYMN: “Jesus I will trust thee, trust thee with my soul” (VIP #85)

Gospel Reading: John 4: 5-42

MESSAGE: COME AND SEE

RESPONSE:

“LIKE THE WOMAN AT THE WELL I WAS SEEKING” (#437 VIP)

*SUNG BY THE CHOIR AND CONGREGATION IN QUIET REFLECTION*

NOTICES & OFFERTORY

OFFERING FOR THE CARE FUND

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Closing Hymn – “I DANCED IN THE MORNING” (VIP #82)

BENEDICTION

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8.30 A.M. – SIS. SHERLETTE ROOKWOOD-BROWN

CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation stands)

PSALM 95: 1 – 8A

Hymn # 165 ‘Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast’

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Chorus: *You are awesome in this place, mighty God*

Silent Prayers of Confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Chorus: *Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks*

WELCOME

PRAISE IN WORSHIP

A TIME WITH THE JUNIOR CHURCH

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 17: 1 - 7

Epistle: Romans 5: 1 - 11

The Gospel: St. John 4: 5 - 30; 39 - 42

Hymn ‘A wonderful Saviour’

THE MESSAGE

Hymn # 437: ‘Like the woman at the well’

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERING FOR THE CARE FUND

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymn # 325 ‘Who is on the Lord’s Side?’

THE BENEDICTION

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES –16<sup>th</sup> –** Sis. Charmian

Rhoden, Sis. Joyce Gilbert, Bro. Philbert Crossfield; 17<sup>th</sup> – Bro. Emil Reid; 20<sup>th</sup> – Bro. Franklyn Taylor; 21<sup>st</sup> – Sis. Judith Ramsay

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Tues. 17 March 4:30 p.m. WOMEN’S LEAGUE

Wed. 18 March 12:15 p.m. LENTEN MID- DAY MEDITATION

12:45 p.m. PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Thur 19 March 5:30 p.m. VOICES AT DAWN

6:30 p.m. PRAISE TEAM

7:15 p.m. CHANCEL CHOIR

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Sun. 22 March 6:00 a.m. DIVINE WORSHIP

Sis. Lilieth Deacon

7:45 a.m. ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. DIVINE WORSHIP Youth

Wed 25 March 12:15 p.m. LENTEN MID- DAY MEDITATION

5:30 p.m. CIRCUIT RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Sat. 28 March 9:30 a.m. CIRCUIT PASTORAL COUNCIL

11:00 a.m. CIRCUIT COUNCIL MEETING

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

- Sis. Fay Nash-Campbell and family of the death of her aunt, Sis. Lynette Laughton. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. here at Providence.
- Bro Carl Carby and family on the recent death of his brother. The Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.

We pray for the families as they go through this difficult time.

**CRUSADE:** There will be a **postponement** of Crusade Week at Providence. This is not a cancellation but a careful and prayerful response to the existing situation. We are asking for your prayers that God will give us in the near future the opportune occasion for this crusade to take place.

**THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS ARE ALSO POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:** SENATORS’ CLUB; BIBLE STUDY AND JUNIOR CHOIR due the current situation with COVID-19

**FUND RAISING - WOMEN’S LEAGUE EASTER BUN**

**SALE:** Order Forms are available from members of the Women’s League and the Church Office. Prices are the same as last year. Queries should be directed to Sis. Florence Young, Treasurer, Women’s League, Tel.# 876-9270281 / 9776489. Please place your order by March 26, 2020.

**PRE- EASTER FISH FRY:** The Providence Methodist Church **Pre – Easter Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2020.** Menu includes - Escoveitch/Steamed Fish with bammy/festival & vegetables OR Curried Shrimp with pumpkin rice & vegetables. Cost - \$1700.00. Tickets available today from members of the fund-raising committee or from the church office.

**NB-** Please encourage your colleagues at work to support and we will deliver the meals.

**NOVEMBER BIRTH MONTH BAMMY SALE FOR EASTER:** Regular Size \$300.00 per pack; Small Size \$350.00 per pack. Interested persons please contact Sis. Hyacinth Brackett, Sis. Jacqueline Lazarus, Sis. Patricia Allwood or Sis. Kathi Sutherland to place your orders.

**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**, 669-1709; **Sis. Winsome Jameson**, 453-6983; **Bro. Carlton Brown, 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, Bro. Roy Thomas**

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

Sun. 15 March Psalm 25:1-11 Revealed to Be Healed  
Mon. 16 March Job 38:1-18 Wonders in Focus  
Tues. 17 March Ephesians 4:22-32 Whispering Words  
Wed. 18 March Nehemiah 8:5-12 Letters Home  
Thur 19 March Eccl. 3:1-11 A Good Season  
Fri. 20 March Psalm 118:1-14,26-29 The Art of a Grateful Heart  
Sat. 21 March Matthew 14:25-33 Walking on Water

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**PASTORAL LETTER**

**Trusting God in the Wilderness of Our Lives**  
"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" Matt. 4:1.

Life is not a bed of roses. We all have our wilderness experiences. If you have not had yours yet, you can be assured that it is coming. Our wilderness can be the middle ground between leaving our comfort zones and arriving at a place of clarity or contentment; it can be a time of utter frustration and deep disappointment, a natural disaster that destroys valuable possessions, or a sudden bereavement. During our wilderness, it is normal to be tempted to abandon our faith and trust in God.

Shortly after the affirmation of a divine relationship, approval and pleasure (see Matt. 3:17), Jesus was directed into the wilderness -- "a barren place" -- by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not enter the wilderness on his own initiative, but he chose to remain there until the ordeal was over. During his experience, he faced a series of temptations designed to test his trust and confidence in God.

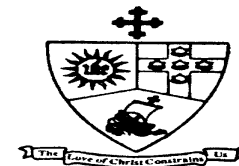
Targeting Jesus' hunger, and implying that God's beloved should not be hungry or lack anything, the adversary invited Jesus to disrespect and manipulate creation for his own satisfaction, to disregard the intrinsic value, beauty and goodness of stones, and cheat his way to a belly full. The tempter targeted Jesus' ego and, implying that God's child should be center stage and not operate in obscurity, the tempter promised him fame, visibility, recognition and clout. Finally, the enemy targeted his vulnerability and invited Jesus to expose himself to danger with the full confidence that God loved him and would protect him from harm and danger.

Jesus fought the enemy with his confidence in God and the truth and power of God's word. Successfully maintaining his trust in God, Jesus left the wilderness with even greater confidence.

Our entrance into that place of barrenness or brokenness varies. We are "prone to wander" and so sometimes we wander into the wilderness, or we enter the wilderness because of disobedience and stubbornness. Sometimes God leads us there. Regardless of how we enter the wilderness, however, our best and most reliable weapon against doubt and the deceptions of the tempter is the word of God.

Yours In Christ,  
Bishop Everal Galbraith

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**NOTICES**  
**DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> LORD'S DAY IN LENT**  
**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**6:00 a.m. - Sis. Audrey Rodney-Robinson**  
**8:30 a.m. - Sis. Sherlette Rookwood-Brown**

**MUSICIAN**  
**6:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. - Bro. Godfrey Taylor**

**STEWARDS ON DUTY:**  
**6:00 a.m. - Sis. Verla Seymour,**  
**Sis. Martha DeSouza, Bro. Trevor Morgan**

**8:30 a.m. - Sis. Alison Symes, Sis. Florence Young,**  
**Sis, Shirley Carby, Bro. Ossel Campbell,**  
**Bro. Newton Amos, Bro. Anthony Hogarth**