

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

6:00 A.M. – DR REV ALISON ITON

### PREPARATION

*I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart* The preparation

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**OPENING HYMN** *MHB#904 Behold, the mountain of the Lord (tune Warwick MHB#387)*

### OPENING PRAYERS - INVOCATION

### COMMANDMENTS - [MPB pg 68-69]

### CONFESSION (all):

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

**THANKSGIVING** [MPB pg 69]; **GLORIA** [MPB pg 70]

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LITURGY OF THE ADVENT CANDLES - ARE WE THERE YET? – PEACE**

- SIS JESSICA & BRO RONAL BOURNE

**HYMN #138 VIP – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 2:1-5 - Sis Verla Seymour

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 122 (VIP#641)**

EPISTLE – Romans 13:11-14 – Sis Dawn Carey

SPECIAL SELECTION – *Church Choir*

GOSPEL – Matthew 24: 36-44

HYMN - *MHB267 (tune Austria #16) – ‘Lord, her watch thy church is keeping’*

**MESSAGE – Rev. Alison Iton**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed [MPB pg 71]**

**RECEIVING AND DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION HYMN VIP#441 – ‘We come now to your table Lord’** [Offering for the Care Fund]

**THE COMMUNION** [*The Sharing Hymns: SONG I'm gonna lay down my burden, VIP144, VIP236*]

**CLOSING HYMN VIP#460 – ‘We've a story to tell to the nations’**

### COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

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**8:30 A.M – REV DR GEORGE MULRAIN**

SUNG INTROIT – CHANCEL CHOIR (*Congregation standing*)

**CALL TO WORSHIP – (Prayer Book, pg. 68)**

HYMN #133 VIP “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

PRAYER FOR PURITY – (*Prayer Book, pg. 68*)

The Commandments Of Our Lord Jesus – (*Prayer Book, pgs 68 & 69*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS –

(*Prayer Book, pg 69*)

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH ...

WELCOME - Steward on Duty

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – The Pepple Family

HYMN #138 VIP Verse 1 – “O Come, O Come Immanuel”

MESSAGE TO JUNIOR CHURCH

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

MINISTRY OF THE PRAISE TEAM

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### The Collect

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 2: 1 – 5 – Bro Anthony Hogarth

Epistle Reading – Romans 13: 11 – 14 – Sis Velta Turner

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 24: 36 - 44

HYMN #286 VIP “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

**SERMON – Rev. Dr George Mulrain**

SELECTION – THE CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION, followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (*Prayer Book, pg 76*)

SPECIAL NOTICES HIGHLIGHTED

Communion HYMN VIP #441 “We come now to your table Lord”

**(during which the Offering for the Care Fund will be received)**

THE THANKSGIVING – (*Prayer Book, pgs76 – 78*)

**Prayer of humble access:**

HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION - VIP# 433, 440,435, 258, 439

POST COMMUNION PRAYER – (*Prayer Book, pg. 79*)

HYMN VIP#56 “Sing We The King Who Is Coming To Reign”

(*Blessing of the children during this hymn*)

### BENEDICTION

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES – 1st –** Sis Beverlie Baugh;, Bro

Jeremy Anderson; **3rd –** Sis. Velta Turner, Sis Gail Hepburn, Sis Kahyna Ridley; **4<sup>th</sup> -** Sis. Hazel Coburn, Sis Doret Solomon; **6<sup>th</sup> –** Bro Anthony Hogarth, Sis. Carol Dunn; Sis Norma Blanchard, Bro Alexander Welch.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 6<sup>th</sup> – Tara-Kay Gentles

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mon.	02	Dec	6:00 p.m.	PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tues.	03	Dec	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY
Wed.	04	Dec.	12 Noon.	PRAYER FELLOWSHIP
			7:00 p.m.	The installation Ceremony for Rev'd Dr. Oral Thomas as President of the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) which will take place at the Church of St. Margaret. All are invited.
Thur.	05	Dec	5:30 p.m.	VOICES AT DAWN
			6:00 p.m.	PRAISE TEAM
			7:15 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Fri.	06	Dec	6:00 p.m.	JUNIOR CHOIR

### FUTURE EVENTS

Sun.	08	Dec	6:00 a.m.	<b>DIVINE WORSHIP –</b> Bro Seymour Panton
			7:45 a.m.	ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL
			8:30 a.m.	<b>DIVINE WORSHIP –</b> Sis Sherlette Rookwood Brown
Mon.	09	Dec	6:00 p.m.	FINANCE MEETING.
Sat.	14	Dec	10:00 a.m.	PROVIDENCE CIRCUIT PREACHERS' MEETING at Providence. Focus – District Strategic Plan.
Wed.	15	Dec.	7:00 p.m.	CAROL SERVICE

**CONDOLENCE:** to the family of Bro Owen Jefferson who passed away recently. The Funeral Service will take place at the University Chapel of the W.I. on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 10:00a.m.

**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. Clementina Welsh, Harrison Memorial Home, 25 Charlton Ave (8), 924 1675. – 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. Clover Treasure**, 816-2424; **Sis. Winsome Jameson**, 453-6983; **Bro. Carlton Brown**; **Sis. Jean Andrade**, 14 Roseneath Ave. 946-2769; **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**, **Sis. Dawn Dennison**; **Bro Roy Thomas**.

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

Sun.	01	Dec	Mark 9: 33-37	The Last Will Be First
Mon.	02	Dec	2 Chron. 16:1-9	Ham and Eggs
Tues.	03	Dec	Micah 5: 2-4	Waiting
Wed.	04	Dec	Luke 1: 68-75	Christmas at MacPherson
Thur	05	Dec	1 John 4: 7-16	Jesus Loves Maysel
Fri.	06	Dec	Daniel 3: 13-25	Trusting God Even If
Sat.	07	Dec	1 Timothy 4: 12-16	First Things First

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

**THE PASTORAL LETTER**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Today being the first Sunday in December gives us reason to recall that we have entered that season when we increase our thinking about the *Second Coming* or *Advent* of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In this month, while the Christian emphasis is on living in a state of watchfulness or preparedness for the "soon coming King", let us be warned that there is another sense in which you and I must be watchful. It is no secret that there tends to be an increase in crime in the build up to Christmas Day. Evil intentioned men and women seize the opportunity to attack innocent and unsuspecting individuals, including those who are walking the streets, happily chatting on their mobile phones and being oblivious to everything around. Purse and chain snatchers love it when they spot such potential victims. Whether you are on the streets or in the homes where you live, please be alert to what is taking place around you. Do not freely give the opportunity to vandals to inflict harm upon you.

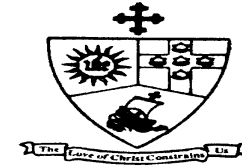
Cultivating the habit of being on the alert in the sense just described is commendable. It is equally a good thing when one is conscious of the importance of living in expectation of the second coming of Jesus Christ. This is the message in the Scriptures that tends to be emphasized during this season. You and I do not know when Christ's second advent will take place, whether in our own lifetime or somewhere in the near or distant future. We have absolutely no idea when the day of judgment will be. However, we are to live each day in awareness of God's presence as if the day were our last. We are to live in the love of God and of those with whom we interact day after day.

Please do not let down your guard, in both senses described. Do everything possible to ensure physical safety and security wherever you may be. May you so live that if the Lord's coming were to be today or tomorrow, you will be both physically and spiritually prepared for the event.

Every blessing to you!

George Mulrain (Rev. Dr)  
Superintendent Minister

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**NOTICE S**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**ADEVENT SUNDAY**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> LORD'S DAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**  
**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

**6:00 a.m.**  
*Dr Rev Alison Iton*

**8:30 a.m.**  
**Preacher:**  
*Rev Dr George Mulrain*  
**Liturgist**  
*MIT Tene Joseph*

**MUSICIANS**  
**6:00 a.m. – Bro Roger Williams**

**STEWARDS ON DUTY:**  
**6:00 a.m. – Sis. Karen Taylor, Sis Andrea Crossfield**  
**8:30 a.m. – Sis. Claudett James, Sis. Fay Nash-Campbell,**  
**Sis. Erma Morgan, Sis. Jodi Campbell, Bro. Carl Carby**

