

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### 6:00 A.M. – BRO SEYMOUR PANTON

#### INTROIT

Hymn VIP#248: “You servants of God, your Master proclaim”

#### PRAYER FOR PURITY

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

After period of silence

The Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Hymn VIP #118 (a) “God sent his son, they called him Jesus”

#### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

O.T. Isaiah 55: 6-11 - Sis Sharon Barrett

Psalm 19 (Responsive Reading)

Epistle: 2 Peter 1: 16 – 21 - Sis Patricia Patterson

Hymn VIP # 317 “Master speak! Thy servant heareth”

#### MESSAGE

##### APOSTLE’S CREED

Renewal of Fellowship

Welcome, Notices, Birthday and other Anniversary announcements

Offering/ Offering for Food Barrel

Hymn VIP # 289 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

##### INTERCESSIONS

##### THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN VIP # 402 “All praise to our redeeming Lord”

#### BENEDICTION

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### 8:30 A.M – SIS SHERLETTE ROOKWOOD BROWN

#### *Call to Worship (Congregation stands)*

Hymn VIP#56 ‘Sing we the King who is coming to reign’

#### *The Lighting of the Advent Candle*

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

#### *Prayer of Adoration*

*Chorus: Think about His love; think about His goodness*

#### *Silent Prayers of Confession*

#### *Corporate Prayer of Confession*

#### *Assurance of Pardon*

#### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Chorus: Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices*

#### Welcome

#### Praise in Worship

#### A Conversation with the Children

### Responsive Psalm [Psalm 19]

#### Gloria....

#### Ministry of the Word

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 55: 6 – 11 - Sis Dacia Brown

**Epistle:** 2 Peter 1: 16 – 21 – Sis Doret Solomon

**The Gospel** St. John 5: 39 – 47

**Hymn VIP# 454** ‘I cannot tell, why He whom angels worship’

#### THE MESSAGE

Hymn VIP#133 ‘Come thou long expected Jesus’

Notices & Announcements

Tithes and Offering/ Offering for Food Barrel

Prayers of Intercession

*Brief silence*

A prayer for our world

A prayer for our communities

A prayer for our spiritual leaders

A prayer for those sick or troubled

A prayer for ourselves

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn VIP#136 “Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord”

#### The Benediction

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### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES – 8th – Sis Daphne Simmonds, Sis

Diane Coward Robinson, 9<sup>th</sup> – Sis Dacia Brown, Sis Tricia Ann Taylor Cullum, Sis Christine Allene Sherer; 10<sup>th</sup> - Sis. Alice Hogarth, Sis Rolie Johnson, Sis Patricia Patterson; 11<sup>th</sup> Sis Verla Seymour, Sis Sydonna McCain; 12<sup>th</sup> Sis Sharon Barrett, Sis Marianne Taylor; 13<sup>th</sup> Sis Carol Sayers; 14<sup>th</sup> Bro Carl Carby; Sis Diahnn Gordon Harrison.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 10<sup>th</sup> – Darion Shepherd

**TODAY: - 6:00 p.m. BIRTH MONTH - EVENING SERVICE.**

#### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mon. 09 Dec 6:00 p.m. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Tues. 10 Dec 6:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

Wed. 11 Dec. 12 noon PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Thur. 12 Dec 10:00 a.m. SENATORS CLUB

10:00 a.m. SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for Owen  
Jefferson will take place at UWI Chapel.

5:30 p.m. VOICES AT DAWN

6:00 p.m. PRAISE TEAM

7:15 p.m. CHANCEL CHOIR

Fri. 13 Dec 6:00 p.m. JUNIOR CHOIR

Sat. 14 Dec 8:00 a.m. CLASS 26 - JUMBLE SALE - good shopping opportunities for the Christmas season, gifts etc. will be on sale.

10:00 a.m. PROVIDENCE CIRCUIT LOCAL PREACHERS’ MEETING at Providence. Focus – District Strategic Plan.

10:00 a.m. CLASS 39 - CLASS MEETING.

#### FUTURE EVENTS

Sun. 15 Dec 6:00 a.m. **DIVINE WORSHIP** – Bro Howard Armstrong

7:45 a.m. ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. **HOME & FAMILY** – Rev Charlene Burton

6:00 p.m. **CAROL SERVICE**

Sun. 22 Dec. 5:00 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

**CONDOLENCE:** to the family of Clementina Welsh who passed away recently. The Funeral Service will take place at Providence on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. interment in family plot Constitution Hill.

**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 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.**

## THE PASTORAL LETTER

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

Sun.	08	Dec	Acts 9: 1 - 19	Unexpected Grace
Mon.	09	Dec	Galatians 3: 23-29	Outside In?
Tues.	10	Dec	Psalms 145: 1-16	Restored Failures
Wed.	11	Dec	Ephesians 2: 1-9	It's All a Gift!
Thur	12	Dec	Philippians 4: 1-9	The Cure for Anxiety
Fri.	13	Dec	1 Cor. 15: 1 - 11	It Isn't Me
Sat.	14	Dec	Joshua 14: 7-15	With God's Help

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

**THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** – regrets that there will be no Christmas Dinner this year due to unforeseen circumstances. Merry Christmas, until next year 2020. Thanks for your understanding.

**FREE HEALTH FAIR** - being sponsored by a pharmaceutical company therefore the medical checks will be at no cost to persons who turn up on the day. Venue ABM Medical, Empire Plaza, 1-3 Retirement Road, Cross Roads. Date and Time Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Advent Greetings to All,

Let me express sincere gratitude to all who made the recent ordination service memorable for Dr. Iton and myself. It was truly heartwarming to experience the support and fellowship. Like Charles Wesley I declare, "And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet, what heights of rapture shall we know when round his throne we meet!"

As we celebrate Advent and look forward to our various plans for the Christmas season let us not lose sight of the fact that some things are only temporary. Many get caught up in the various expectations and spend more than they can afford. They then start the New Year with mounting bills and anxieties. Perhaps before one goes shopping it would be useful to take a moment to reflect on whether or not getting caught up in the hustle and the bustle of the season is worthwhile.

I suggest that the most meaningful experiences in life cost very little in terms of money but require a significant amount of our time. Time spent empathizing, nurturing and helping others are good for our soul. It takes but a few minutes to buy and deliver a gift but an half hour of quality time with someone can have a lifelong impact.

What Jesus offered to the people he met was not presents but rather His presence. He went where they were and spent time with them. While in human form he was bound by time and space but now he is everywhere, knocking and seeking a space in our busy schedules.

Our loved ones are also seeking a space in our busy schedule. It is better to have peace, love and fellowship than any expensive meal. Proverbs 17:1 "Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife." Let us not allow the strain and stress of the busyness of life to ruin our relationships with those who matter most.

One of the most meaningful experiences we can have is sweet fellowship shared with God and with others. Remember some things are but for a moment while others have an impact for a lifetime. Choose to make your moments leave lasting impacts.

Yours in Christ's Service

Rev'd Charlene Burton

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**NOTICES**  
**DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**3rd LORD'S DAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**6:00 a.m.**

*Bro Seymour Panton*

**8:30 a.m.**

**Preacher:**

*Sis Sherlette Rookwood Brown*

**6:00 p.m. - Birth Month Service**

**MUSICIANS**

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

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

**STEWARDS ON DUTY:**

**6:00 a.m. - Sis. Jacqueline Lazarus**

**8:30 a.m. - Sis. Hazel Campbell, Sis. Cecille Bernard,  
Sis. Karen Stanley-Jones, Bro. Connel Steer**

**FLOWERS TODAY:** Are donated by Sis Frances Godfrey in memory  
of her mother Sis Elsa Roberts