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ADVENT

**A SEASON OF REFLECTION, PENITENCE,
RENEWAL & EXPECTATION**

Sunday, December 1, 2013

First Sunday of Advent

Stewardship..... A way of life

To experience and share God's reconciling love

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

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WELCOME TO EVERYONE

*Please take a moment to **TURN OFF** all cell phones as the signal interferes with our sound system.*

Thank you.

Our Head Usher for today is Miss Sabrina Howard.

Worship tips and gentle reminders.

When the service has started, please wait until the procession is halfway up the aisle before you enter. The ushers will direct you.

THE CIRCLE OF LIGHT



During the Sundays in the Advent season, we light the candles on the Advent wreath, one by one. With each lighting, the brightness increases until we have a circle of light. Then, for Christmas we light the “**Christ Candle**” in the centre.

So too in our personal lives we build up our faith and life one step at a time. We start on the First Sunday with vision and **Hope**. Vision shows us new areas to explore and hope gives us the courage to move out and try.

We then add, on the Second Sunday, a sense of **Peace**, of shalom, the deep inner calm that reflects the spirit of God that is within us. This gives us reassurance and makes us feel at one with God and with other people.

To these we add on the Third Sunday, **Love**, the ingredient that gives warmth to our growing lives. God is love, God created us, and it is the continuing love of God and others that makes life rich and full.

The finishing touch on the Fourth Sunday adds the experience of **Joy**. In a sense, joy is the fruit of hope and peace and love. This joy is not mere light-heartedness or gaiety. It is a deep inner satisfaction made up of many parts, all of them rooted in God’s providence.

Like the circle of light, however, our life finds its centre in Christ and so we light the **Christ Candle** on Christmas Eve. It is Jesus, who makes all the rest possible. As Christ’s light shines within and through us, life’s full beauty can be seen.

*By this will you know that you are my
disciples, that you love one another!*

Let us pray:

Collect for Purity:

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Voluntary:

Choir & Altar Party Enter

Priest:

Introduction of the Advent Circle of Light

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Altar party approaches the Advent Candle. The child appointed lights the appropriate Candle and says:

I light the Candle of Hope.

All of God's people have 'their hope set on the Living God.'

This is the Christian expectation.

The child then places the descriptive Banner in place and says:

Let us pray.

All:

Lord God, help us in the midst of this sinful world, to live in the hope of Eternal life with you in Heaven. Keep us ever conscious that death is but the gate to a rich and fuller life with you. And this we ask in Jesus' Name.
Amen.

Opening Hymn:

CH 34

Opening Sentences

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Acclamation & Prayer of Intent:

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The Kyries & Gloria:

Page 102

THE COLLECT: First Sunday of Advent: Page 157 BCP.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, on which He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1ST Lesson: Isaiah 2: 1-5	Mrs. Wyalanda Crawford
Psalm: 122	Page 641 (BCP)
2ND Lesson: Romans 13: 8-14	Ms. Roslyn Turney
Gradual Hymn:	CH 40
The Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44	
The Sermon	

During the singing of this hymn members of the congregation are invited to bring their commitment forms to the Altar.

CH 536

The Bidding Prayer

The Litany of Penitence: (<i>Page 217</i>)	Mrs. Margaret sobers
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The Commitment Prayer

O God, our Father, as I seek to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and to make Him known to others, guide me in the use of all the blessings you have provided for me. Help me to make my Stewardship a vital part of building the community of believers at Christ the King. May my cheerful giving be an expression of my thankfulness. Pour out your Holy Spirit to empower me to give more of myself to Jesus and the Service of others.

Amen.

Act of Penitence:	Page 123
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The Absolution:	Page 124
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The Greeting of Peace:	Page 124/125
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The Peace Song:	There's a sweet, sweet spirit
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Enrollment of Prayer Group Member:

Offertory Hymn: CH 539

THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Prayer: Page 126

Sursum Corda: (The Lord be with you) Page 126/127

The Proper Preface: (ADVENT) Page 127

Sanctus: (Holy, Holy, Holy) Page 131

The Eucharistic Prayer A: Page 131

The Lord's Prayer: Page 144

The Breaking of the Bread: Page 145

The Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God) Page 147

Invitation to Communion: Page 145/146

Administration of Communion:

During the singing of the Communion Hymns, we invite to the Lord's Table all those persons who are communicant members in this church and in their respective churches.

Communion Hymns: CH 416 CH 279 CH 623 CH 618

During the singing of the next hymn, all children who are not confirmed are invited to the Altar for a Blessing.

Hymns for the Blessing & Recommitment: CH 732

Post Communion Prayer: Page 147/148

Final Blessing: Page 148

Additional Notices and Announcements:

Hymn of Eucharistic Thanksgiving: CH 41

DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION:

May the grace of Christ our Saviour, and the Father's boundless love

Thus may we abide in union, with each other and the Lord.

With the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

And possess in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.

Advent – A Season of Hope

Advent is described as a season of preparation with the feeling of hope. We recall not only Christ's first coming at Bethlehem, but we look forward to His second coming at the end of time. We live between those times during which we are seeking the daily advent of Christ in our lives, while also under the command to live with the end in mind. So, how do we use Advent as a season of preparation?

We must remember that Advent is a penitential season, hence the use of blue as the liturgical colour. It is within the context of preparation for His second coming that our penitence is expressed. Throughout church history, it has been recognized that repentance and renewal are necessary preconditions for welcoming the coming Lord.

Our penitence is not the penitence of those who have no hope, but of those who have been redeemed by the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are preparing ourselves to be followers of Christ in every possible way.

Let us use this Advent season as a period of reflection, penitence and renewal.

Saints' Days

St. Nicholas: Nicholas was a 4th century Greek bishop of Myra who was known for the miracles attributed to his intercessions. In fact, he was also known as Nikolaos the Wonderworker because of these miracles. Nicholas had a reputation for secret gift giving and thus was the model for the modern-day Santa Claus. St. Nicholas is venerated on December 6th.

St. Ambrose: Ambrose was the Archbishop of Milan who became one of the most influential early Church theologians. He was largely responsible for the conversion of St. Augustine and indeed St. Augustine is often seen as the spiritual successor of St. Ambrose. Ambrose is also known as a composer of Christian hymns. He is commemorated on the anniversary of his consecration as bishop, December 7th.

Bible Readings for the Upcoming Week

In the Daily Office readings, three readings and the Gospel are provided for every day. Two of the readings may be used in the morning and one in the evening. The Gospel should be read.

<i>Monday</i>	Amos 2:6-16	Ps 1,2,3
<i>Tuesday</i>	Amos 3:1-11 2 Peter 1:12-21	Ps 5,6 Matt 21:12-22
<i>Wednesday</i>	Amos 3:12-4:5 2 Pet 3:1-10	Ps 119:1-24 Matt 21:23-32
<i>Thursday</i>	Amos 4:6-13 2 Peter 3:11-18	Ps 18:1-20 Matt 21:33-46
<i>Friday</i>	Amos 5:1-17 Jude 1-16	Ps 16,17 Matt 22:1-14
<i>Saturday</i>	Amos 5:18-27 Jude 17-25	Ps 20,21:1-7(8-14) Matt 22:15-22

Colours of the Season

If you look around the Church, you will notice that the colour for the season of Advent is blue. Advent is the season of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. As a result, we use Blue to signify hope and expectation as we look to the dawn of a new day in Christ. Look around the church, at the Altar frontal, the Priests and the Eucharistic Minister's vestments and the choir scarfs. They are all blue.

Happy Birthday

We rejoice with and pray God's blessings on:

Mr. Sydney Robertson Tues Dec 3

Happy Birthday - Children

Shamar Wharton Thurs 5 14yrs

Happy Anniversary



Mr. Stephen Howell & Mrs. Claudette Howell	Tues	Dec	3	(30yrs)
Mr. Harold Toppin & Mrs. Klesil (Kitty) Toppin	Tues	Dec	3	(19yrs)
Mr. Tennyson Holder & Mrs. Hadassah Allamby-Holder	Thurs	Dec	5	(26yrs)
Mr. Vernon Sobers & Mrs. Margaret Sobers	Fri	Dec	6	(33yrs)

Thank You Parish Family You did Good

Thanks to all who made this feast of Title a special one. It stands out in my mind as one of our best: wonderful services and the attendance was up...parish family included! I especially wish to thank the chairpersons and coordinators of the various organizations for the hard work they put in. Both Ms. Cathyann Prescod our Parish secretary and Ms. Quenzel Tudor our sexton deserve special mention. Mrs. Margaret Sobers deserves a medal. And finally a very special thanks to my chair of worship Mrs. Wyalanda Crawford. Other names could be mentioned but space does not permit. Thank you! Wonderful Job! Oh by the way, wonderful leadership seminar too!

Fr. Jay+

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER 2013

Wed 4 th	12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Sun 8th	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Lighting of the Advent Wreath) 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon / 10:30 a.m. Sunday school
Wed 11 th	12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Sun 15th	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Lighting of the Advent Wreath) 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon/ 10:30 a.m. Sunday school
	Wed 18th NO SERVICE
Sun 22nd	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Lighting of the Advent Wreath) 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon 4:15 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Programme
Tues 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE 11:30 p.m. Carol Singing

NOTICE: Please note that Wednesday, December 11, 2013 will be the last Midweek Mass for the year.

WARNING!!

Be on the alert for the Advent Virus. Some signs and symptoms are:

- *An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.*
- *A loss of interest in judging other people.*
- *A loss of interest in conflict.*
- *A loss in the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom).*
- *Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.*
- *Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.*
- *Frequent attacks of smiling.*
- *An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others, as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it yourself.*

SPECIAL PRAYERS

*O God merciful and compassionate, who art always
ready to hear the prayers of those who put their trust in you,
Graciously attend to us who call upon you,
And grant us your help in this our time of need,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please remember and pray for those who are travelling:

*Vernon & Cynthia Knight, Cheryl Senhouse, Mr. Carl & Mrs. Lois Ince, Lupita Maynard
and Isolene Mason.*

Please remember and pray for those who are in hospital:

Joyce Babb, Juliette Clarke

Please remember and pray for those who are recuperating:

Grafton Brathwaite, Sandra Williams

Please remember those who have requested the prayers of the Church:

*Adele Lewis, Lawrence Nelson, Sandra Williams, Cynthia Clarke, Ms. Elma Hood, Evelyn Reid,
Tabhita Doster, Elsie Clarke, Isolene Mason, Rudolph Gill, Cedric McCarthy, Daniel Watson,
Warren Conliff, Elaine Springer, Alexis Alleyne, and Edlin Chandler.*

Please remember and pray for those who are sick & shut-in:

Ometa Allamby

Erma Babb

Joyce Babb

Eric Best

Marjorie Bonnett

Grafton & Doreen Brathwaite

Isolene Mason

Isolene Maloney

Marjorie McCollin

Marge Walke

Tony Whittaker

Maureen Workman

Evelyn Reid

Please remember and pray for those who grieve:

The family of the late Ms. Mertina Millar; The family of the late Canon Jimmy Springer; Mrs. Marcelyn Belle, Mrs. Audrey King and Mrs. Trudy Reid on the death of their sister; Mrs. Margaret Sobers on the death of her father. We remember all those who have died. May the Almighty God, who gave them life, take them back to himself and grant them eternal peace.

PLEASE NOTE

It would be appreciated if the Church Office could be notified or the information entered into Fr. Jay's blue book when parishioners return from travelling, or when they have returned to health and should be removed from the sick list. If you wish to be remembered in our prayers, but do not wish to have the information published in the bulletin, please so indicate.

Calendar for the Week Ahead

MONDAY 2nd December

Priest's Sabbath

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

5:00 p.m. - Church Army

TUESDAY 3rd December

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

5:00 p.m. - Line Dancing Eden Lodge

WEDNESDAY 4th December

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

12:05 Midweek Mass

5:30 p.m. - Prayer Group

THURSDAY 5th December

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

FRIDAY 6th December

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

4:30 p.m. - Friday School

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Youth Group

SATURDAY 7th December

3:00 p.m. - Reading Club

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 4, 2013 - Mid-Week Mass - 12:05 p.m.

Readings: Isaiah 40: 25-31 Psalm 103-1-10 Matthew 11: 28-39

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

8:00 a.m. - Said Eucharist & Sermon 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

READINGS

Isaiah 11: 1-10 / Psalm 72 / Romans 15:4-13 / Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

A Word of Encouragement

Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.

Martin Luther

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