

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAS-JAMAICA DISTRICT PROVIDENCE CIRCUIT



District Theme:

"SPREADING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS TO REFORM THE NATION ----BEGINNING WITH ME"

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PROVIDENCE CIRCUIT ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE MEMORIAL SERVICE/ HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2000

SUNDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.

Preacher- Rev. Charlene Burton

Theme: YOLO or YODO?

INTROIT - Hymn 365 "There is a Place of Quiet Rest"

1 THERE is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God; a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

- 2 There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God; a place where we our Saviour meet, near to the heart of God.
- 3 There is place a place of full release, near to the heart of God; a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Cong. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt his name together.

Cong. O taste and see that the Lord is good, happy are those who take refuge in him.

Opening Hymn 196 Story"

"I Will Sing the Wondrous

1 I WILL sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me; How he left his home in glory, For the Cross on Calvary:

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me— Sing it with the saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.

- 2 I was lost; but Jesus found me— Found the sheep that went astray; Raised me up and gently led me Back into the narrow way:
- 3 I was bruised; but Jesus healed me: Faint was I from many a fall; Sight was gone, and fears possessed me: But he freed me from them all:
- 4 Days of darkness still come o'er me; Sorrow's paths I often tread: But the Saviour still is with me, By his hand I'm safely led.
- 5 He will keep me till the river Rolls its waters at my feet; Then he'll bear me safely over,

Where the loved ones I shall meet.

PRAYERS

PRAYER OF PURITY

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

GREETINGS, NOTICES AND OFFERING

MEMORIAL LITURGY:

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE between November 2019 – October 2020

Meta Eloise Bogle Myra Elizabeth Lynch
Ivy May Williams Bryson Adrian Mitchell
Barrington Delano Richards Patricia Scott

Gwendolyn Mary Silvera

Audrey Helena Louise Nosworthy-Cobussen Monica Douglas Rickert Allen Sigisman Small Linnett Laughton Lois Kelly -Miller Edwin Adolphus O'Gilvie Owen Collin Jefferson Mary Allison McLean Clementina Cleopatra Welsh Ivan Scarlett Hazel Elaine Samuel **Shane Trevor Bennett** Dawn Millicent Dennison Ina Chambers Albert Edward McGann Erma Morgan Cynthia Gordon Inez Scott **Ethel Hinds** Neville Bradberry

Winsome Jameson

St. George Vivian Thompson

May Patricia Golden

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

God of holiness, as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

¹²singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 14I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat: ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the will be their and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

2nd Epistle: 1 John 3:1- 3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Hymn "Around the Throne of God in Heaven" MHB 656

Around the Throne of God in heaven, thousands of children stand

Children, whose sins are all forgiven a holy, happy band.

Singing: Glory, glory, glory! Singing: Glory, glory, glory! In flowing robes of spotless white see every one arrayed, Dwelling in everlasting light and joys that never fade.

What brought them to that world above that heaven so bright and fair.

Where all is peace and joy and love? How came those children there?

Because the Saviour shed His blood to wash away their sin:

Bathed in that pure and precious flood, behold them white and clean.

On earth they sought the Saviour's grace, on earth they loved His name:

So now they see His blessed face and stand before the Lamb.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

Response: Praise be to Christ, Our Lord

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (PBMC pgs. 95 – 97)

THE THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise

Father, all powerful, and ever living God, it is indeed right, it is our joy and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give You thanks and praise. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we join in the everlasting hymn of praise,

HOLY, HOLY, LORD God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE INSTITUTION PBMC Pg 96

The Lord Jesus, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this and eat it. This is My Body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper......Do this whenever you drink it. in remembrance of me

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

LAMB OF GOD, you take away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.**

LAMB OF GOD, you take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

LAMB OF GOD, you take away the sins of the world

Grant us your peace

Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and sup with them, and they with me.

Lord, we come to Your table, trusting in Your mercy and not in any goodness of our own. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under Your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy and on that we depend. So feed us with the Body and Blood of Christ, Your Son, that we may forever live in Him and He in us.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD & THE CUP

Closing Hymn 347 VIP verses 1, 2, 3, 8 "For all the saints who from their labours rest"

- 1 FOR all the saints who from their labours rest, Who thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest: Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou in the darkness still their one true light: Alleluia!
- 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Birthdays this week:

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES – 1st – Sis. Paula Singh, Sis. Kathi Sutherland, Sis. Rachel Matthew, Sis. Rosalie Taylor; 2nd – Sis. Beulah Bartholomew 3rd – Sis Sadie Little, Bro. Earl Spence, Sis. Evril Hogarth; 6th – Sis. Eileen Cyrus; 7th – Bro. Paul Singh

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 3RD –Gianna Christmas; 5th – Leanna Blake

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Nov 4 5:30 p.m. CIRCUIT RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING via Zoom Sat. Nov 7 10:30 a.m. CIRCUIT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING via Zoom 3:30 p.m. CIRCUIT COUNCIL MEETING via

ITEMS FOR SALE (Furniture, Kitchen Appliance) are at the Caretaker's Cottage. Interested persons can contact the Church Office or come in and view a copy of the items and prices that are presently by the Cottage.

THE ANNUAL HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE - 2020 Harvest Celebrations will be on Sunday, November 15, 2020. The COVID-19 restrictions will limit us to a small display in the Church. Nevertheless, let us generously make a monetary gift to enable our children to acquire devices for online school. You can also gift working devices you no longer use. Beneficiaries: 60 students from the JNCH, Providence, Standpipe and Sandy Park Communities. For further information please contact the Church Office.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are scheduled to commence during November. If desirous of becoming a member of the Church, please give to the Church Office your name and contact number.

PLEASE REMEMBER PRAYERFULLY- 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. 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), 702-2947; 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. 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; Bro. Carlton Brown, Sis. Bernice Saunders, 7 Maynard Dr, Patrick City.

Sis. Lena Anderson, 876-977-0201; 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. Janice Robinson, Sis. Inez Bernard, Bro. Eric King, Rev'd Dr. Rupert Young, Sis. Gerda Theobalds, Bro. Roy Thomas

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

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Sun. 1	Nov	Mathew 9:35-38	Compassion
Fatigue			
Mon. 2	Nov	Song 2:14-17	Catching
		•	Foxes
Tues. 3	Nov	Genesis 12:1-3	See Your City
Wed. 4	Nov	Psalm 74:4-8,12-23	Still the King
Thur 5	Nov	1 King 3:16-28	Wisdom's
Source			
Fri. 6	Nov	Matthew 26:36-39	Dad at the
Dentist			
Sat. 7	Nov	Colossians 3:12-17	I'm Sorry
Wed. 4 Thur 5 Source Fri. 6 Dentist	Nov Nov	Psalm 74:4-8,12-23 1 King 3:16-28 Matthew 26:36-39	See Your City Still the King Wisdom's Dad at the

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, the first of November, is being observed as the Festival of All Saints. It is the day when we remember members of our biological and Church families who are no longer with us in the land of the living. They are numbered among that group often referred to as "saints who from their labours rest."

The word "saint" conjures up in our minds holy figures of the past, persons who led exemplary lives, like Peter and James, contemporaries of Jesus, or Mary, his mother, or the apostle Paul, and other witnesses to His ministry, death and resurrection. It should be noted however that the concept of saint is not reserved exclusively for those enjoying the sleep of death. Saints are living believers in Christ. Mother Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu was actively involved in Christian witness and service which caused the Roman Catholic Church to canonize her as Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

You and I, without formal recognition from any religious body are saints if our belief in God causes us to witness in word and action to the saving power of Jesus Christ. Those who continue to support the work of the church in its mission and ministry are justifiably numbered among the saints. A former superintendent of the Providence Circuit, Rev. Dr Terence Rose, often asks me to convey his good wishes and those

of his wife Shirley to his former parishioners. He would say: "Please greet all the saints at Providence".

As saints, we are to help persons understand the credal statement "I believe in the Communion of Saints," namely that we are saints of the church militant on earth, while those who departed this life are saints of the church triumphant in heaven.

As we today remember the saints who are resting from their labours, let us, as living beings submit to the demands being laid upon us by God, to serve in word and deed. So, press along saints, press along! Every blessing to all,

Rev. Dr George Mulrain Superintendent Minister

