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December 4, 2022 – 10:45 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent



The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above, ye Heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

The Call to Worship

LEADER: I was glad when they said unto me, "let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

PEOPLE: **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

LEADER: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

PEOPLE: **They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.**

LEADER: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

PEOPLE: **But the Lord is in His Holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

LEADER: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE: **O, sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises**

*The Opening Hymn Led by The Male Chorus
Accompanied by Brother Brent Golden and DeVonte Mills
#112 "Jesus, the Light of the World"*

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; Glory to the newborn King, Jesus the light of the world.
2. Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Jesus the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies; Jesus the light of the world.
3. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Jesus the light of the world; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus the light of the world.
4. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus the light of the world; Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Jesus the light of the world.

Refrain: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright, shine all around us by day or by night, Jesus the light of the world. Amen.

Prayer

Choral Response

Selection

Choir

Scripture

Announcements

Sister Marge Simmons

The Advent Candle Service ---The Second Sunday of Advent~Peace

Led by Sister Nikki Mills, DeVonte & DeShaan Mills

The Offering

Sermonic Selection

Choir

The Morning Worship Celebration Message

Pastor Willie White, Jr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

**We offer Christ to you, oh my Brother!
We offer Christ to you, oh my Sister!
He will give you brand new life, new life abundantly!
Oh Come! Come On to Christ**

**You who are weary and heavy laden--
Oh Come! Come on to Christ!**

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Benediction



The Reverend Willie White, Jr., Pastor

The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor

Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall, Presiding Elder, Ozark Troy District

Bishop Harry Lee Seawright, Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District



Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: ARE WE THERE YET?

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6 = For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

Point #1 JUDGEMENT (Condemnation, Grace, Justice). History teaches us that God's judgement is inevitable.

Point #2 JUSTICE (Correction, Fairness, Truth). God's Justice and Mercy work together.

Point #3 JESUS (Lord, Messiah, Savior). Jesus is The Prince of Peace.



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*Dear Guests in Sanctuary, Parking Lot, Listening on radio, or
Virtual (Facebook, YouTube, Zoom)*



OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE THIS WEEK – Check e-mails and text messages.

This week at a glance. Zoom Joining instructions forwarded via e-mail and text

UPCOMING THIS WEEK

- TODAY** is the Second Sunday of Advent . We will light the PEACE Candle
- “Breakfast From Heaven”* Service each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to share in food for -- the body and soul.
- Monday – Enterprise Christmas Tree Lighting, City Hall 6:00 pm – Marge S. leading Christmas carols**
- Tuesday – Steward Board Monthly Meeting – 6:00 pm**
- Wednesday – Cornerstone Bible Study led by Retired Presiding Elder Huggins.– Zoom & Facebook Live – 6:00 pm**

UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

- Advent Service with Bishop Seawright via Zoom Today – 6 pm. See e-mail.**
- The YPD will paint Christmas ornaments on the next Sunday after worship service. Please see Nikki Mills for more info.**
- We are accepting donations for poinsettias. Sister Debra Fay Brown has already ordered the flowers for the church. Members can make donations to the church or see Sister Debra. Thanks in advance.**
- New member training – Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**
- Dec 10 - SE Conference Christmas Celebration at Johns Chapel – 9:00 a.m.**
- Dec 11 –Family & Friends Day, 10:45 a.m. (See Flyer on page 6)**
- Dec 11 – Shelia Jackson & Friends Concert -ESCC – 4:00 pm (See Flyer on page 6)**
- Dec 17 – JC and H.O.P.E. Ministries Giveaway & Sons of Allen Free Meals (See Flyer on page 6)**
- Dec 18 – Christmas Worship Service/Program at 10:45, followed by fellowship meal and program**
- Dec 25 – Christmas Day - Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.**
- Dec 31 – Watch Night Service – 10 p.m.**

**Shelia Jackson & Friends
Christmas Concert on
December 11, 2022 at Enterprise
State Community College at 4:00
pm in cooperation with Dr. Ken
Thomas. **Only a few tickets left.**
Please see Pastor White or
Sister Marge Simmons for more
info.**



FAMILY & Friends DAY
THEME: **"God is Working"**
Habakkuk 1:5 *Sunday*
December 11, 2022
10:45 a.m.
Chairperson - Sister Felicia Varner
Co-Chairperson Brother Antonio Perkins
Johns Chapel AME Church
605 Geneva Highway
Enterprise, AL 36330
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PRESENTED BY JOHN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH
SHELIA JACKSON AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 | 4:00 PM
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM | LBW STUDENT CENTER
600 PLAZA DRIVE | ENTERPRISE, AL 36330
TICKETS \$10 - FOR MORE INFO CALL 334-372-7191

Family & Friends Day Financial Goal: \$7,000.00. Members are asked to donate \$100.00 or as you are able. You may make your Special Day donations today or when convenient. Let us continue in prayer and support this celebration as "God is Working." Please invite Family and Friends now so we can pack the pews... This new date gives us more time to challenge the current Champion Pew Packer, Sister Helen Nichols.



H.O.P.E. Ministries and Johns Chapel AME Church
Christmas Give-Away
Toys, Hams,
New/Slightly used clothing and shoes
on Saturday, December 17th
from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Christmas Luncheon will be provided by
Johns Chapel AME Church
Sons of Allen
from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Johns Chapel AME Church
605 Geneva Highway
Enterprise, Alabama 36330
For more information contact
Allie Bell-Reddick 334-494-0479
or
Pastor Willie White Jr., 334-701-5853

PRAYER LIST Week of December 4-10, 2022



--Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland) –
Hartford Nursing Home
--Sister Eleanor Bailey
--Sister Geraldine Booth
--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
--Sister Ophelia Hazzard
--Sister Ruby Grayer
--Sister Burma Jackson
--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Brent Golden
--Sister Ann McGaughey

--Brother Earl McNair
--Sister Carol McNair
--Sister Ann Mills
--BEREAVEMENT - The Family of Sister Jackie Scott,
who passed away on November 18.
--Dajia Tyson & her son, Khalil Griffin
--Sister Betty Simmons
New entries in bold print.

Dec 6 Earl McNair
Dec 6 Marion Griffin)



Dec 8 Michelle L. Lowe

There are no wedding anniversaries on record this week.



--Opportunities to give tithes & offerings: during morning worship service. Or mail to Johns Chapel AME Church, Post Office Box 311015, Enterprise, AL 36331-1015. Please do not mail cash. Thank you.

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PEACE: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LEADER: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near,” says the one crying out in the wilderness. “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!”

RESPONSE: Let God arise, and God’s enemies be scattered. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.

LEADER: The Lord is coming soon, and is ushering in a season of peace. The wolf shall live with the lamb – in peace. The leopard shall lie down with the kid – in peace. The kid and the calf, the lion and the fatling, the lion and the ox – in peace.

RESPONSE: Let God arise, and God’s enemies be scattered. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.

LEADER: We join with God in becoming instruments of peace, in defending the cause of the poor of the people, in giving deliverance to the needy, and to crush the oppressive forces – within and without.

Light two purple candles.

ALL: We light a candle of peace, affirming that we, too, will not hurt or destroy on God’s holy mountain. The God of peace be with us, and work in us. Amen.