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*November 27, 2022 – 10:45 a.m.*

*The First 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  
#525 - "What a Fellowship"*

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms; O, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain: Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), leaning (leaning on Jesus), Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), Leaning (Leaning on Jesus), Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Prayer*

**Choral Response**

*Selection*

*Choir*

*Scripture*

*Announcements*

*Sister Marge Simmons*

*The Lay Moment - Brother Franklin Simmons*

*"What is Advent?"*

*The Advent Candle Service --- The First Sunday of Advent - Hope*

*Led by Brother Ed & Sister Debra Fay Brown*

#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 adore, 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.**

# *The Offering*

*Sermonic Selection*

*Choir*

*The Morning Worship Celebration Message*

*Pastor Willie White, Jr.*

## *Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

Invitational Hymn #246 "Come to Jesus"

Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now; just now come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now.

He will save you, he will save you, he will save you just now; just now come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now.

He is able, he is able, he is able just now; just now come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him just now; just now come to Jesus, come to Jesus just now.

## *Doxology*

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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, 9<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District*



# Sermon *Notes*

**Sermon Title:**

**Scripture**

**Point # 1**

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**Point #2**

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**Point #3**

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

*Welcome  
Thank you for joining with us in worship*

**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 First Sunday of Advent – November 27 – We will light the HOPE Candle
- Monday – Sons of Allen Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm **IN PERSON**
- Tuesday – Enterprise Christmas Parade – Meet at the church by 4:30 pm to ride the bus. Please contact Sister Nikki Mills for more info - 334-389-6427
- Wednesday – Bible Study – Zoom & Facebook Live – 6:00 pm
- Thursday – Enterprise Christmas Tree Lighting, City Hall 6:00 pm – Marge S. leading Christmas carols
- Saturday – 9<sup>th</sup> District WMS Annual Meeting
- Saturday – Praise and Paint Party – 12 Noon

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES**

- Pastor White has rescheduled Family & Friends Day to Sunday, December 11 at 10:45 a.m. Theme: “God is Working!” Habakkuk 1:5. Chairperson: Sister Felicia Varner, Co-Chairperson – Brother Antonio Perkins. 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.
- The Allie Lee Clark Sconiers WMS of JC thanks everyone who donated non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets for sick and shut-in members and those in need. May God bless each of you.
- REMINDER: The fourth Sunday in each month is COLLEGE DAY. Let us revive this vital ministry of the church by inviting college students to worship with us.
- “Breakfast From Heaven” Service each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to share in food for -- the body and soul.
- New member training – Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Johns Chapel AME Church  
R.A.Y.A.C.  
is having a

**MERRY**  
*Praise and  
Paint*  
**Christmas PARTY**

Celebrate with us  
03 December  
12 pm  
JCAME  
Fellowship Hall  
605 Geneva  
Highway  
Enterprise, AL  
36330



Reserve your spot by November 20, 2022  
Cashapp \$FernisaMills  
(subject: paint party)  
includes 16x20 canvas, paint, brushes, and  
refreshments.

**\$30.00 per person**  
Please Contact Nikki Mills at:  
334-389-6427

Door Prizes

**--ATTENTION!!! Shelia Jackson & Friends Christmas Concert on December 11, 2022 at Enterprise State Community College at 4:00 pm in cooperation with Dr. Ken Thomas. Tickets are available today. Please see Pastor White or Sister Marge Simmons tickets for more info.**

PRESENTED BY  **JOHN'S CHAPEL AME CHURCH**  
PASTOR WILLIE WHITE

**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**

 Willie B. Williams, Jr.	 Tonja Terry	 A.D. Knox	 Pastor Paul Horn	 Marge Simmons	 Quinton Cockrell
 L. Ron Thomas	 Kierra Merriweather	 David Doretti	 Sara Grey Baker	 Nina Gishka	 Tori Lee Annett
 Phill Barron	 Henry Terry	 Tommy Newman	 Enterprise State Community College		

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

**--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. Or give via Givelify: Johns Chapel AME Church**

**Pay Pal: Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Cash app: \$JohnsChapelAMEC.**

**BEREAVEMENT NOTICE: Pastor White announces the passing of Sister Jackie Scott, a longtime active and dedicated member of Johns Chapel. Please remember her daughter, Sister Jean Scott Dugan; her grandchildren, and other family members in your prayers. Homegoing service details are forthcoming.**

**PRAYER LIST Week of November 27-December 3, 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.**

Nov 25 Retired Presiding Elder Willis  
N. Huggins, Sr.  
Nov 27 Jamez Copes  
Nov 30 Sister Rosetta White (Pastor  
White's Mother)

Dec 1 Brenda Crawford  
Dec 2 Benjamin A. Britt



There are no anniversaries on record this week.



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