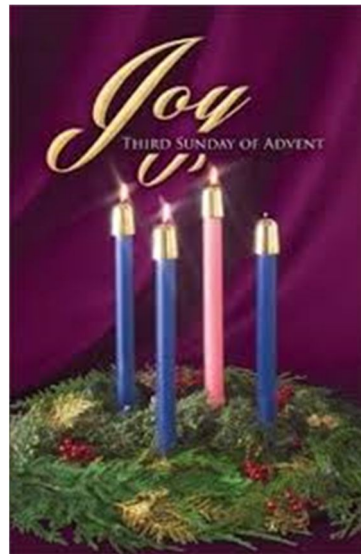


Welcome to  
*Johns Chapel*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015  
Enterprise, Alabama 36331  
December 17, 2023 - 10:45 a.m.

*The Morning Worship Celebration*



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*The Reverend Willie White, Jr., Pastor*  
*Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall, Presiding Elder*  
*Ozark-Troy District*

*The Reverend Sherita Moon Seawright, WMS Supervisor*  
*Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate*

*God Our Father*

*Christ Our Redeemer*

*The Holy Spirit Our Comforter*

*Humankind Our Family*

# **JOHNS CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH**

## **>Third Sunday of Advent — JOY**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **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.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

**Zayden Smith**

**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!**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**#120 "Joy to the World"**

1. **Joy** to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2. **Joy** to the world! the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding **joy**, repeat, repeat, the sounding **joy**.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

PRAYER

Kiara Lollar

Choral Response

SELECTION

The Youthful Praise Choir

Accompanied by Brother Brent Golden and DeVonte Mills

SCRIPTURE

Kayla Hargrove

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Kamill Walton

*The Advent Candle Service ---*

*The Third Sunday of Advent - Joy*

(Please see Responsive Reading insert.)

Led by Sister Nikki Mills, DeVonte Mills & DeShaan Mills

Hymn #115 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" **Joyful**, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Refrain:** Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Youthful Praise Choir

Accompanied by Brother Brent Golden and DeVonte Mills

*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!**

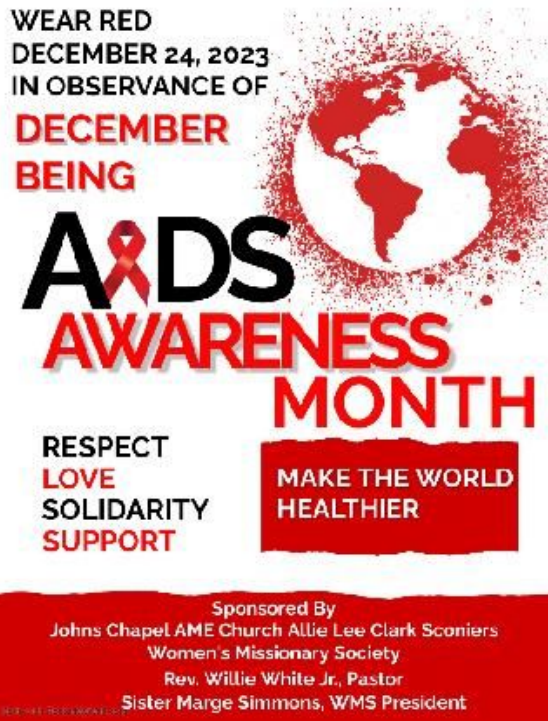
### DOXOLOGY\*\*

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### BENEDICTION

**Amen!!**





Please wear red next Sunday. Observance led by 2nd VP LauReen McDaniel. Photo op IMMEDIATELY after service down front. Remember: A lot of worship and fellowship activities on next Sunday. Parents, please watch for Christmas program info.



**Coming soon!**

**Join this much anticipated ministry today. Please see Pastor or Mrs. White for more details.**



**Prayer Concerns**  
**Week of Dec 17-23, 2023**

--Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland) – Hartford Nursing Home  
 --Sister Eleanor Bailey  
 --Sister Geraldine Booth  
 —BEREAVEMENT: The Family of Brother Mack Chambers  
 —Kam Elston  
 --Sister Annie Pearl Frazier  
 --Sister Ophelia Hazzard  
 --Sister Ruby Grayer  
 --Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Brent Golden  
 --Sister Ann McGaughey  
 —Sister Annie Jean Gibson—Family member of several JC members  
 --Dajia Tyson & her son, Khalil Griffin  
 --Sister Betty Simmons  
 —Sister Bridgette Simmons, wife of Brother Roderick Simmons, Daughter-in-law of Sister Betty Simmons

*No Wedding Anniversaries on record this week*

**Opportunities**  
**To Worship and Serve This Week**

**TODAY**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast From Heaven  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday**

12 Noon- 1:00 pm—JC Recovery Ministry  
 6:00 pm—JC Lay Orgn Meeting

**Tuesday**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon— GED class  
 6:00 p.m.— Official Board Meeting

**Wednesday**

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—JC Food Bank  
 6:00 p.m.— Bible Study IN PERSON

**Freestyle Youth Bible Study in fellowship hall.... Adults in Sanctuary**

**Saturday**

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Sons of Allen Free Meals

**Happy Birthday**

Dec 17 Jared D. Simmons  
 Dec 17 LaKesha Flowers-Leonard  
 Dec 18 Annie P. Frazier  
 Dec 19 Zacoi Warren  
 Dec 19, 2009 Bryson Simmons  
 Dec 21 Shawn Gibson  
 Dec 23 Bessie Thompson  
 Dec 23, 2017  
 Ari Marshall Rhodes-Vivour  
 Amina Elizabeth Rhodes-Vivour

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please check texts, e-mails, Facebook, and church website for updates.

—**BEREAVEMENT NOTICE:** Pastor White and the Johns Chapel Family extend our sincere condolences to the Family of Brother Mack Chambers. Homegoing service was held on Monday, December 11 at 12 noon at Coleman Funeral Home, 701 Daleville Avenue, Enterprise. Please keep the family in your prayers.

—**Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. We will light the Candle of JOY. See insert.**

—**Christmas Program/Worship Service on Sunday, December 24, at 10:45 a.m. Gifts from Pastor & Mrs. White for members. Packed program, will keep things flowing. Quick photo op right after service. More details forthcoming. Don't miss this!!**

—**Thank you to all who supported the Shelia Jackson & Friends Concert on last Sunday. God blessed the concert, and it was a joyous event. Please give any outstanding ticket payments or donations to Sister Marge Simmons. Thanks!**

—**Many thanks for the support of the "Grocery Grab" on December 16. We blessed families with \$25.00 worth of groceries at Piggly Wiggly. Special thanks to our partners: Panache Events and Episcopal Church of the Epiphany**

—**Donations are needed to purchase Poinsettias for the church. Please make checks payable to Johns Chapel AME Church, and see Sister Debra Fay Brown for more info.**

—**The Clothes Closet is only accepting children's clothing at this time.**

—**Please spread the word: Supervisor Seawright to bring message at the City-Wide MLK Celebration on January 14, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Enterprise Civic Center. Please see e-mail and texts for details. Thank you for your prayers.**

**Mass choir rehearsals will be held at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church under the direction of Brother Joe Merida and Sister Yolanda Milton Daniels:**

**6:00 p.m.—December 18; January 4; January 8 10:00 a.m. — January 13**

**From Marge Simmons, Program Chair.**



## ***Sermon Notes***

**SERMON TITLE: “WE WIN!!!”**

**SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 13: 11-13**

**POINT #1. VALUE (Treasured, Usefulness, Worth).** God values us, and He knows us intimately.

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**POINT # 2. VULNERABILITIES (Weakness, Failure, Limitations).**

Vulnerability should be given attention.

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**POINT #3 VICTORY (Accomplishment, Achievement, Success).**

Love benefits others.

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**“WE WIN!!!”**