

*Welcome to  
Johns Chapel  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015  
Enterprise, Alabama 36331  
December 1, 2024 - 10:45 a.m.*

*The Morning Worship Celebration  
The First Sunday of Advent*



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

*Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, WMS Supervisor  
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate*

*God Our Father*

*Christ Our Redeemer*

*The Holy Spirit Our Comforter*

*Humankind Our Family*

# JOHNS CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

>*First Sunday of Advent — HOPE*

>*Service of Holy Communion*

## 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\*\*

**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

**#364 -“My Hope is Built”**

Choir and Congregation

1. My **hope** is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne!

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.**

**PRAYER**

**Choral Response**

**SELECTION**

**The Sanctuary United Voices of Praise  
Accompanied by Brother Brent Golden and DeVonte Mills**

**SCRIPTURE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS Sister Marge Simmons**

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

**(Please see Responsive Reading in insert.)**

**Hymn #112 "Jesus, the Light of the World"**

**Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; Glory to the new-born King, 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.**

**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. Or give via Givelify: Johns Chapel AME Church, Pay Pal: Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, or Cash app: \$jcamec605**

**SELECTION**

**The Sanctuary United Voices of Praise  
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*The Morning Worship Celebration Message \*\*.*

*Pastor Willie White, Jr.*

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

### #258 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

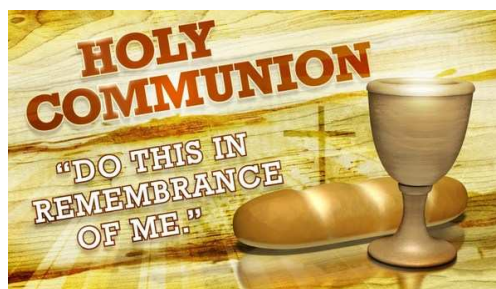
Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb Of God, I come, I come!

### #122 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (For Advent Service)

**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and every-where; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.
2. The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.
3. Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.



### 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!**

### BENEDICTION

**Amen!!**



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JOHNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH  
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**CHRISTMAS GALA**  
A BLACK TIE CHRISTMAS AFFAIR  
FORMAL TO SEMI FORMAL ATTIRE  
DECEMBER 7, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.  
TICKETS \$15.00  
FORMAL DINNER, GREAT MUSIC, AND DOOR PRIZES  
Johns Chapel AME Church  
605 Geneva Highway  
Enterprise, AL 36330  
Rev. Willie White Jr., Pastor  
For more details contact  
Nikki Mills 334-389-6427



## Prayer Concerns Week of Dec 1 - 7, 2024

—BEREAVEMENT—Passing of Sister Ruby Jewel Grayer on Nov 18, 2024— Our sincere condolences & prayers for the entire family.

—BEREAVEMENT — Passing of Brother Ruben Jackson on Nov 17, 2024— the son-in-law of Sister Geraldine Sanders and husband of Sister Sabrina Boykins Jackson, longtime member of Johns Chapel. Sincere condolences & prayers for the entire family.

- Sister Eleanor Bailey
- Sister Geraldine Booth
- Sister Lois Boykins
- Kam Elston
- Sister Barbara Fields
- Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
- Sister Ophelia Hazzard
- Sister Hattie Huggins
- Sister Vivian Johnson
- Sister Ann McGaughey
- Sister Nichole Nichols
- Dr. Rachel Wooten Nichols, wife of Ron Nichols, daughter-in-law of Dr. & Mrs. Russell Nichols
- Nigel Robinson, son of Brother Carlos & Sister Lynette Robinson
- Sister Betty Simmons
- Sister Bridgette Simmons, wife of Roderick Simmons, Daughter-in-law of Sister Betty Simmons
- Dajia Tyson & her son, Khalil Griffin

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
**Mr. Janorris & Mrs. Brittany**  
**Bradley**

## Opportunities To Worship and Serve This Week TODAY

8:00 a.m. Breakfast From Heaven

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Monday

6-7 pm JC Recovery Ministry

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon— GED class

5:30 p.m.—Steward Board

**6:30 p.m.—Enterprise Christmas Parade**

### Wednesday

**12 Noon—Seasoned Saints Bible Study**

**6:00 pm Bible Study IN PERSON—  
Brother James Crawford, Teacher  
— Adults in Sanctuary**

**Freestyle Youth Bible Study GED Room**

### Thursday

**4:00 pm Christmas Tree Lighting—  
Farmers' Market**

**Saturday 7 p.m. JC Christmas  
Gala, Fellowship Hall See Page 5**

## Happy Birthday

**Dec 1 Brenda Crawford**

**Dec 2 Benjamin A. Britt**

**Dec 2 Roxanne Logan**

**Dec 4 Allie Bell-Reddick**

**Dec 4 Cloris Grant**

**Dec 4, 2022 ZyVeon Hunter**

**Dec 6 Marion Griffin**



*No Wedding Anniversaries on record this week*

*The Pastor's Contact Info*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

—Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We will light the Candle of HOPE. See insert. The Advent Season begins on December 1. Please be ready to celebrate this glorious season. [The message of Advent is a time of hope and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It's a time to look forward to the arrival of Jesus and how He can bring hope, peace, joy, and love into our lives.] (AI overview — Google)

—Pastor White announces the second notice of the upcoming election of Trustees and the organizational meeting for Johns Chapel's Calendar Year. Meeting Date: Monday, December 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the Church.

—Thanks to members for your support and prayers on behalf of the family of Sister Ruby Jewel Grayer during her homegoing service on yesterday. Please continue to lift the family in prayer.

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

—Please see Sister Nikki Mills for tickets to the upcoming Christmas Gala on December 7.. Flyer on page 5 has more details.

**GED CLASSES HERE AT JC ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

**9:00 A.M.-12:00 PM IN THE COMPUTER LAB**

**FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT GED INSTRUCTOR—SISTER ODESSA HERLONG-JONES 334-618-4069 OR PASTOR WHITE 334-701-5853**



*Sermon Notes*

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**SCRIPTURE:**

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**POINT #2**

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**POINT #3**

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## HOPE: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**LEADER:** “The days are surely coming,” says the LORD, “when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.”

**RESPONSE:** We wait in anticipation for what God will do among us.

**LEADER:** “In those days and at that time,” says the LORD, “I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David.”

**RESPONSE:** We wait in anticipation for what God will do among us.

**LEADER:** “In those days,” says the LORD, “he will execute justice and righteousness in the land. The people will be saved.”

*Light one purple candle.*

**ALL:** We light a candle of hope today, as we wait in anticipation for what God will do among us. We trust that God is making all things new, and we have hope in the promise of a Savior. We hope, we wait, and our hope is renewed. Amen.