



## The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas

**Mission Statement:** *To make disciples of all people, through the propagation of the Gospel, Evangelism Programmes, Promotion of Godliness and Moral Behaviour in our Country and to be a Source of Charity ((Love) and Support to all we meet.*

### The Providence Methodist Church

The Order of Service for the Renewal of Our Covenant to God

Methodist Prayer Book Pg. 117-126

And the Sacrament of Holy Communion – The Lord’s Supper

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**THEME:** Let Us Commit Totally to God’s Work



#### Ministering Servants

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Marcelle Brathwaite

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Congregational Stewards:

Multimedia. Team

**WE ARE ASKING CLASS LEADERS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR MEMBERS ARE SITTING IN CLASSES**

**WELCOME TO OUR COVENANT SERVICE BY THE STEWARD ON DUTY**

**Introit:**

Behold the tabernacle of the Lord is with us and he will dwell with us and we shall be his people.

**And God himself will be with us and be our God**

Our help is in the name of our God

**Who made heaven and earth**

Our Salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ

**Who died for our sins and rose for our justification**

Our confidence is in the Holy Spirit

**Who enables us to become God's children**

The Lord reigns

**Let the earth rejoice**

Our God reigns

**We shall be glad and wait for his word**

**Hymn 503: (VIP) Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise**

Sing to the great Jehovah's praise!

All praise to Him belongs:

Who kindly lengthens out our days

Demands our choicest songs.

His providence hath brought us through

Another various year:

We all with vows and anthems new

Before our God appear.

Father, Thy mercies past we own;

Thy still continued care;

To Thee presenting, through Thy Son,

Whate'er we have or are.

Our lips and lives shall gladly show

The wonders of Thy love,

While on in Jesu's steps we go

To see Thy face above.

Our residue of days or hours

Thine, wholly Thine, shall be;

And all our consecrated powers

A sacrifice to Thee:

**Let us All Pray**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Time of Praise and Thanksgiving, Testimonies and Gospel Shots (led by Worship Leaders)**

## **Introduction of the Covenant Page 118 MPB**

DEARLY BELOVED, the Christian life, to which we are called, is a life in Christ, redeemed from sin by him and consecrated to God through him. We have entered into this new life by admission into that new Covenant of which Christ is Mediator and which he sealed with his own blood. The Covenant has two sides: On the one side is the promise which God has made to fulfil in and through us all that he declared in Jesus Christ. It is a promise which has never failed. It is a promise which we have proved in our lives from day to day. It is a promise which still stands. It is a promise on which we can always rely. On the other side is our pledge to live not for ourselves, but for him who gave himself for us, and who has called us to serve him so that the purposes of his coming to earth might be fulfilled. We have the opportunity, from time to time, to re-dedicate our lives to Christ, and especially so when we share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but we meet in a special way today that we may once again deliberately, solemnly and joyfully renew the Covenant which unites us together and binds us to God. Let us then first engage in an act of adoration, acknowledging the greatness and goodness of God. and, having made confession of our sins, hear and receive his holy word and yield ourselves anew to him.

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**(Prayers Led by the Liturgist)**

**Prayers of Adoration (*Let us all Stand*)**

*We bow our heads in a moment of silence*

Let us adore God, our loving Father, who created us, Who continually preserves and sustains us, Who has loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

**We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; Who, though tempted in all points as we are, yet he was without sin: Who went about doing good and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom; Who became obedient to death, even the death of the Cross; Who overcame the power of death and opened the Kingdom of heaven to all believers; Who sits at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; Who will come again to be our judge.

**You are the King of Glory, O Christ.**

Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, By whom we are born into the family of God and are made members of the Body of Christ; Whose witness confirms us, Whose wisdom enlightens us, Whose power enables us, Who wills to do more for us than we can ask or think.

**All praise to you, O Holy Spirit.**

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**Prayers of Confession:**

Let us now examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and watching our hearts, lest by self-deceit we shut ourselves out from his presence. O GOD OUR FATHER, you have set forth the way of life in your beloved Son; we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our reluctance to follow him. You have spoken and called, but we have not given heed; your beauty has shone forth, but we have been blind; you have stretched out your hands to us through our fellows, but we have passed by; we have taken great benefits with little thanks; we have been unworthy of your steadfast love.

**Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Forgive us, we pray, the shallowness of our worship and the selfishness of our prayers, our lack of commitment and our lack of faith, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our unwillingness to witness for Christ, our false pretences and our wilful ignorance of your ways.

**Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Forgive us for wasting our time and for misusing our gifts. Forgive us for our greed in getting and our miserliness in giving. Forgive us for the way we make excuses for ourselves when we have done wrong. Forgive us for neglecting our duties and evading our responsibilities. Forgive us for refusing to take up our cross and for being unwilling to overcome evil with good.

**Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us. Forgive us that we have been so unsympathetic about the wrongs and sufferings which others endure. Forgive us for making mischief, sowing discord and harbouring enmity. Forgive us that others find it so hard to live or keep company with us. Forgive us for our hurtful criticisms, our hasty judgements, our readiness to condemn and our refusal to forgive and forget.

**Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

And if we have not truly tried to be kind and understanding, and if we have not yet stretched out the hand of friendship, and if we still turn our backs on efforts at reconciliation and our Christian profession has been a stumbling block to others and displeasing to you.

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord.**

Let each of us in silence confess our own sins to God. Silence will be kept for a space.

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HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD, according to your loving-kindness, according to the measure of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquities and cleanse me from my sins. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Hide your face from my sins and wipe away all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me out from your presence: or take away your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

This is the message which we have heard from him and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the Light as he is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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**The Gloria**

**Glory be to God on High, and on earth peace, goodwill to all. We praise you; we bless you; we worship you; we glorify you; we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You who take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You who take away the sin of the world receive our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; you only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Word of the Lord**

**Collect:** Almighty God our Father, who have appointed your Son Jesus Christ to be the mediator of a new and better covenant: give unto us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may draw near with a true heart, and in full assurance of faith, and be united with you in a perpetual covenant; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Lesson is taken from Jeremiah chapter 31, verses 31-33 Old Testament: Sis Kayla Marsh**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

### **Canticle #2 Te Deum Laudamus (VIP #556)**

1. We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
2. All the earth doth worship Thee: The Father everlasting.
3. To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.
4. To Thee cherubin, and seraphim: continually do cry.
5. Holy, holy, holy: Lord, God of Sabaoth; 6. Heaven and earth are full: of the majesty of Thy glory.
7. The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee:
8. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.
9. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee:
10. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee. 11. The Father: of an infinite majesty;
12. Thine honourable, true and only Son:
13. Also the Holy Ghost the comforter.
14. Thou art the King of Glory O Christ;
15. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
16. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
17. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
18. Thou sittest at the right hand of God; in the glory of the Father.
19. We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge;
20. We therefore pray Thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
21. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints: in glory everlasting. 22. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage;
23. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
24. Day by day we magnify Thee;
25. And we worship Thy name ever world without end.
26. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin:
27. O Lord, have mercy upon us have mercy upon us.
28. O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in Thee;
29. O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

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#### **The Epistle Lesson will be read from Revelation chapter 21, verses 1-7. Sis.Sonja King**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is

among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true. " Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, The beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

**The Gospel Lesson will be read from John chapter 15, verses 1-8, Bro.Edward Warner**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Hymn 394 (VIP) Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine**

Come, let us use the grace divine,  
and all with one accord,  
in a perpetual covenant  
join ourselves to Christ the Lord;

Give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power,  
his name to glorify;  
and promise, in this sacred hour,  
for God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make  
be ever kept in mind;  
we will no more our God forsake,  
or cast these words behind

We never will throw off the fear  
of God who hears our vow;  
and if you are well pleased to hear,  
come down and meet us now.

To each the covenant blood apply  
which takes our sins away,  
and register our names on high  
and keep us to that day!

**THE SERMON: THEME: Let Us Commit Totally to God's Work**

Text Jermiah 31:33: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Introduction: The Prophet Jeremiah's Story (The Weeping Prophet's). was sent by God to warn the southern kingdom of Judah of their impending demise, which they did not heed. Born into a priestly lineage, Jeremiah reluctantly accepted his call to prophethood and had a tumultuous, over five-decade-long ministry. He lived through the disintegration of the kingdom, witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, and spent his remaining years in Egypt. Amazingly his most important message was on of hope Jeremiah 29:11

Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV - 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

On that promise we make our Covenant.

The Hindrances: Some of us are making demands that necessitate that we check our personal relationship with Christ – It's a New Year we need to be hopeful and give hope to others to be true to our Covenant:

- Spend quality time with God tell him our concerns and listen for the answers guided by the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah listened to God's voice) Keep attached to the vine it helps with being totally committed.
- Have a heart to pray for others and the situations that bother you trusting that God is working on it.
- Communicate not judge builds unity, increases love and togetherness.
- God's power in our lives alleviates our doubts, fears and especially expectations (Beware that our expectations are not merely our opinions.)
- Look to the future and to the promise of eternity (Revelation 21:1-7)

Conclusion: God needs persons to totally commit to his work, sometimes we wane especially when we try people into our own moulds. Like Jeremiah it calls for giving our whole hearts. It must be total surrender.

A Scripture to keep us totally committed: Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV - ***11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.***

### **Introduction to the Covenant:**

AND NOW BELOVED, let us bind ourselves with willing bonds to our Covenant God and take upon ourselves the yoke of our Master Christ. What this means is that we are now ready to do whatever he wills us to do, and to go wherever he wills to send us. others are difficult. Some bring honour, others bring reproach. Some are suitable to our tastes and compatible with our ambitions, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and ourselves at the same time. In others we cannot please Christ except we deny ourselves. Yet Christ will surely give us the strength and the grace to do all that he requires of us as we consecrate ourselves to him. Let us then renew our Covenant. Let us engage our hearts to the Lord and resolve in his strength never to go back on our vows. Let us in sincere dependence on his grace, and trusting in his promises, yield ourselves again to him meekly kneeling on our knees.

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### **The Covenant**

LORD GOD, HOLY FATHER, who have called us through Christ to be partakers in this gracious Covenant: We take upon ourselves again the yoke of obedience and engage ourselves in joyful dedication to seek and do your perfect will. We are no longer our own. We belong to you

I am no longer my own. I belong to you. Make me know what you would have me to do. Associate me with whomsoever you please. Let me be of service to others. Let others be of service to me. Let me be employed for you or stand aside for you. Fill me or empty me. Enrich me or impoverish me. Exalt me or humble me. I lay my whole life on the altar and yield all I have to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O gracious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I am yours and you are mine. So be it. And may this covenant I have now made in this place be ratified forever in heaven.' Amen.

### ***Honouring the Prayers of Our People***

Dear God, Creator of the Universe, King of our lives and Sustainer of our days, we bless You for bringing us to the end of another year. As we come before your throne of grace, we acknowledge our need to trust you more and to recognize the work of your Holy Spirit in our lives and in your church.

We thank you for the opportunity to join with the members of our congregation to worship you. You have done great things for us. We thank you for the various gifts and talents you have given us; may we seek to use them to build up your church. Thank You for your continued guidance of the Holy Spirit. Help us to follow his leadership and submit to you in all we do and speak.

Hear the desires of your people for a deeper relationship with You, so that we will be more committed to doing your work. Show us what is expected of us. Grant us the will to seek to demonstrate unity as we encourage each other. Unite us because unity is strength, grant us togetherness in your love. Bless us with the understanding of godly peace and to abandon the spirit of contention.

Keep us focused Father on You. Where we have turned away return us to believing and following your Word, making our Christianity a lifestyle. Draw more members into our Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings so that our spirituality may be strengthened. Help our church to grow from strength to strength. May our members put their hands to the plough and move us forward.

Help us to continue to nourish our youth and encourage their participation. Continue to provide strong youth leadership to continue to organize dance, singing and other necessary groups. May we see more love and care for our older members, help us never to forget them but to remember to call and visit.

We pray for continued health and strength for our church members and our immediate families, grands and great grands and especially for those who need your salvation. Keep us all safe. Bestow your healing and sustaining grace on those who are battling illnesses of every kind. Those suffering with eye issues and the continued prevalent NCDs.

We lift before you those who are going through other trials and difficulties, hear and answer their prayers according to your will. Grant lucrative and rewarding employment to those in need. Give all these your people the courage to wait on you and be confident that they are overcomers in Jesus precious name.

We pray for our loved ones here and throughout the world as they enter 2025 grant to them longevity. Grant us happiness and longevity. Let your light shine in each and every one, may it never die re-ignite even a single flame so that we can pass it on. We give thanks to You, for allowing us to see this New Year, thankful for the present leadership, looking forward to a Christ filled New Year. May we all keep love and gratitude in our hearts and minds as we work together. Help us never to forget that You alone hold the future in your hands. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

### **The Renewal of Fellowship**

🕯 Greetings and Notices, Tithes and Offering

🕯 **Children's Hymn 488 I Just Want to Follow Jesus**

Verse 1

You may be young and think the world is at your feet Perhaps you live from day to day  
But I confess that I have met the Lord Jesus Christ And know that He's the only way.

Chorus

I just want to follow Jesus, Follow each and every day  
And I want to serve and praise him As I walk the narrow way.

Where he leads me I will follow From the start until the end

I will stay with Him for ever He`s my nearest dearest friend. 1/5

Verse 2

I'm growing older, wiser, seeing things more clear And value this great friend I've made.  
That's why I try to show him off to all my friends And tell them of the price he's paid.

Chorus

Verse 3

Life has more meaning now That I've known Jesus Christ; I've got the strength to cope with all.  
His spirit is my guide, never am I afraid, And I will always heed his call.

Chorus



Verse 4

I consecrate my life to serving Jesus Christ; I've made this pledge to God indeed.  
I put my trust in him and seek to do his will He satisfies my every need.

Chorus

Verse 5

If you have not as yet, given your life to him, I beg of you, do not delay,  
I call on you to put Your faith in Jesus Christ And join with me these words to say:

Chorus

🕯 **Prayer for the Children and Youth**

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**The Peace**

**DURING THE SINGING OF THIS HYMN, WE ASK PERSONS WHO ARE NOT SITTING IN THEIR CLASSES TO JOIN THEIR CLASSES NOW**

**The Communion Hymn 429 VIP 437 Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord!**

Verse 1

Like the woman at the well I was seeking For things that could not satisfy;  
And then I heard my Saviour speaking, "Draw from my well that never shall run dry"

**Chorus**

***Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul  
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more Fill my cup, fill it up and make it whole!***

Verse 2

There are millions in this world who are craving The pleasures earthy things afford  
But none can match the wondrous treasure That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

Chorus

Verse 3

So, my brother, if the things this world gave you Leave hungers that won't pass away,  
My blessed Lord will come and save you, If you kneel to him and humbly pray.

Chorus

**The Action of the Lord's Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

If you are offering your gift upon the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has a grievance against you, leave your gift before the altar and go your way. first be reconciled with your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right and fitting so to do.**

It is a good and pleasant thing, joyful and salutary, always and everywhere, to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, Ever-living, Ever-Blessed, Almighty, All-loving. Through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord, You created all things and made us in your image. And when we had fallen into sin, You gave him to be our Saviour. He shared our human nature and lived a fully human life. He suffered rejection and condemnation and died on the cross. You raised him up from the dead, and you exalted him to the glory of your right hand, where he reigns forever as priest and king and makes intercession for us. In witness of his glory and honour, you poured

out the Holy Spirit, building up many people into one Body, making us living members of your holy Church,  
And enabling us to stand before you to sing your praises and celebrate your mighty acts.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we join in the hymn of everlasting praise:

**Holy, 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Who, on the night in which he was betrayed, Took bread into his holy hands and looking up to heaven, Gave 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, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is My Blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, Father, in obedience to his command, we do this in remembrance of him, praying that you will accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we who receive your gifts of bread and wine may share in the Body and Blood of Christ and become united with him. And, as we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, we pray that you will bring us with your whole creation to your heavenly kingdom. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. To whom with you, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory from all who dwell on earth and in heaven throughout the ages of ages. Amen.

The Bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

The Cup of Blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.

**Amen. Though we are many we are one Body because we share the one loaf and partake of the same drink.**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

LORD, we come to your table, trusting in your mercy and not in any goodness of our own. We are not worthy 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 Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may for ever live in him and he in us. Amen.

You who truly and sincerely repent of your sins, are in love and charity with your neighbours and have resolved to lead a new life following the commandments of God and by the power of the Spirit, walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you and his Blood which was shed for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**We thank you Lord, that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all mankind. Amen.**

The Closing Hymn VIP 186 All to Jesus I surrender

Verse 1

All to Jesus I surrender; All to Him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

**Chorus**

***I surrender all, I surrender all;***

***All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.***

Verse 2

All to Jesus I surrender; Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me, Jesus, take me now.

Chorus

Verse 3

All to Jesus I surrender; Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine.  
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

Chorus

Verse 4

All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to Thee,  
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessings fall on me.

Chorus

## BENEDICTION

### A NEW YEAR BLESSING

**As we face the New Year, God grant us the faith to trust in your Amazing Grace.**

**As we experience the sunshine and rain of life may we be confident of your abiding presence.**

**May we know that your love is enough to comfort, support and keep us through every joy and pain.**

**Dear God, may we continue to build each other up as we grow in the faithfulness of your everlasting love and care. AMEN.**

Notes:

# Declaring the Seasons of Providence

## *Honouring the Requests of Our People*

**A special 'Thank You' to the many persons who wrote prayers and shared their hearts desires for their beloved church Providence. Let us work together to achieve all that has been laid on our hearts. These are the outcomes of the requests:**

Step 1: Commitment to Personal Relationship to God the Trinity

- ✠ Totally Believing in God and that he is in control
- ✠ Being Obedient to the Voice of God (its not audible, it comes from study, prayer, reflection and meeting for discussion)
- ✠ Total Surrender (Do the Work)

Step 2: Fellowship - A More Active Church Involving All Ages

- ✠ More Unity, Peace, and Love
- ✠ Praying and supporting the Health and Strength of our members, family and friends
- ✠ Ministry of Music (1) A Choir, Director and Organist, Youth Choir, Band
- ✠ Other ministries – women men, new
- ✠ Standing Committees – R&D, O&E, M&E
- ✠ Communicate More Judge Less
- ✠ Encouragement of the Youth
- ✠ Completion of the Auditorium
- ✠ Return to Physical Class taking Communion in Classes starting Covenant Sunday
- ✠ More face-to-face interaction for sharing and learning

Step 3: Spiritual Growth and Development

- ✠ Deep understanding of God's Word
- ✠ Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit
- ✠ Keep the Light of Christ Burning inside and out
- ✠ Recognizing Life in the Holy Spirit

Step 4: Outreach

- ✠ More Work in our Community
- ✠ Working with Other Churches

## **WELCOME**

We welcome you to the Providence Methodist Church and hope you will find our worship inspiring, as we sing, pray and worship God. We welcome the Preacher for today, Rev. Dr. Marcelle Brathwaite.

## **✚ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**January 02, 2025 - Sis. Janice Mayers**

**January 03, 2025 - Sis Valgay Lovell, Sis Rosalind Connell**

**January 04, 2025 - Bro. Mervin Bourne**

## **✚ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**January 05, 2025 - Sis. Martina Wilkinson & husband, Anthony**

## **PRAYERS**

Prayers are requested for our nation and people, those mourning the loss of loved ones as well as the sick and homebound:

Sisters: Sylvia Daniel, Verona Trotman, Cynthia Layne and Patricia Felix. Brother Wilbert Small.

We give God thanks and praise for their lives, work and witness in our church and community.

## NOTICES

**Today, Sunday, January 05, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Vauxhall Methodist Church** - The Vauxhall Methodist Church Augmented Choir, Church School and Friends present "A Saviour is Born- A PotPourri of Music, Drama and Dance", Kindly note that a walk-up collection will be received. you are encouraged to attend this event.

**Monday, January 06, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. via the Zoom Platform** – The Bethel Circuit Resources and Development Committee Meeting.

**Thursday, January 09, 2025 via the Zoom Platform at 6:00 p.m.** - The Bethel Circuit Council Meeting.

**Sunday, January 12, 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord's Day After Epiphany** - Join us for at 9:00 a.m. When Sis. Natalie Phillips will be the preacher. The readings are: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29 (VIP # 584), Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Saturday February 01, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.** The Providence Methodist Church will be hosting a Steel Band Concert on the grounds of the Church. The famed Christ Church Foundation School Steel Orchestra, Dwight Callender and other artistes will be performing. Tickets are at a cost of \$40.00 for adults. You can reserve your tickets by contacting any Congregational Steward

**The Bethel Circuit Fundraising Committee** expresses sincere thanks to members and friends of the Bethel Circuit who attended and supported the Gift of Music Concert which was held last week Sunday..

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