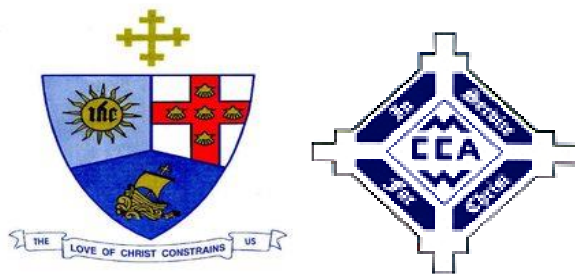


THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAS



**Connexional Theme:
Returning to Our Roots
(A Methodist Church for the Caribbean and the
Americas – Loving - Serving - Transforming)**

**Service for the Observance of
MCCA WOMEN LORD'S DAY**

Motto: In Service for Christ

**Theme: “Women Bearing Fruit:
Embracing God’s Love and Grace”**

**Sunday, June 22nd, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.**

Connexional President:

**Bishop the Rev'd Juan M. Simpson
District President: Bishop, Rev. Derick Richards
Superintendent Minister: Rev. Adrian Odle
Minister: Rev. Dr. Marcelle Brathwaite
Preacher: Sis. Nkwa Daniel
Congregational Steward: Sis. Angela Brewster
Liturgist: Sis. Thelma Blackman
Musicians: Bros. Kumar Whitehead & Anthony Mayers**

Order Of Worship
THE PREPARATION

Musical Prelude

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Give Me Joy in My Heart" VIP #239

Call to Worship

We are here to worship a remarkable God.

**The love of God welcomes us,
The grace of Christ awaits us,
The joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**

Come as the joyful, come as the eager,
come as the thankful,
come as the recipients of amazing grace.
**The love of God overflows our hearts,
The grace of Christ liberates our
spirits,
The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.**

Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of every blessing..." VIP #236

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God the source of all our belonging to each other, we your children who have been redeemed by the precious blood of your beloved Son, bow before you in reverence to praise and magnify your Holy name. You are God and beside You there is no other. We join in praise with all the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven to express our praise and adoration to you. May the Holy Spirit transform us into a new humanity, free and united in your love, through the Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit world without end. **AMEN.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

Silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin, and granting pardon.

AMEN. THANKS BE TO GOD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

L: God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: for the gift of life, for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends.

C: God of all blessings we thank you.

L: For the mystery of creation: for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder.

C: God of all blessings we thank you.

L: For setting us in communities: for families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for neighbors, for strangers who welcome us into their midst, for people from other lands.

C: God of all blessings we thank you.

L: For life, for opportunity, one more day to work for justice and peace, for your grace and the experience of your presence, for your promise to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

C: For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Chorus: HEAR OUR PRAYER

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy peace. **Amen.**

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Children and Youth Focus:

Hymn: "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam..." VIP #480(a)

Time of Praise

Message: MCCA Women President

Hymn: MCCA Women Acceptance Song

Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and Bring us to believe:
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

Let your acceptance change us
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all - not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.

Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!
(Fred Kaan)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 2:1-10 – Sis. Surleen Clarke

THE ANTIPHONAL: Psalm 112 (VIP # 631) - Sis. Megan Goodridge

¹ Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

⁸ **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever;

their horn is exalted in honour.

¹⁰ **The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

GLORIA ...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen

THE EPISTLE: Acts 18:1-4; 18-28 – Sis. Ingrid Stapleton

HYMN: “My Faith Looks up to Thee...” VIP #218

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28 – Sis. Althea Carter

The Message:

THE RESPONSE

Hymn of Response: “I’d Rather Have Jesus ...” VIP #198

RENEWAL OF FELLOWSHIP: (Choir anthem, greetings, courtesies, congratulations, condolences, announcements and receiving of offerings)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

L: God of mercy, we pray for people who thirst for righteousness, suffer physical, emotional, and financial unhappiness, the sick and needy. Bring HOPE in time of need and suffering.

C: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

L: For the Church Universal to raise up leaders to lead the Christian Church in a spiritual awakening of commitment to care for people and spread your gospel directed by your Holy Spirit.

C: Lord, in your mercy; hear our prayer

L: Remember O Lord MCCA Connexional Officers, District Presidents, Presbyters and Deacons as they continue to support and recognize the work of MCCA Women in witness and service.

C: Lord, in your mercy; hear our prayer

L: Grant us wisdom and vision as a church to nurture our children and youths by developing innovative ways based on Christian principles to keep them actively engaged bringing others to Christ.

C: Lord, in your mercy; hear our prayer

L: Remember O Lord the World Officers, the Area Officers and the Regional Officers of Methodist Women. Heavenly Father as the MCCA Women prepare for the 8th Quinquennium in Panama City, Panama on July 23-26, 2025, give wisdom to the Panama planning committee, the MCCA Officers and executive members and electoral committee amongst the challenges of this life. RAISE up young women with vision and inspiration to serve your church.

C: Lord, in your mercy; hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Kum BaYah Tune)

1 Father God in heaven, Lord most high: hear your children's prayer, Lord most high: hallowed be your name, Lord most high O Lord, hear our prayer.	so on earth O Lord, hear our prayer. 3 Give us daily bread day by day, and forgive our sins day by day, as we too forgive day by day O Lord, hear our prayer.	save us from all sin, keep us strong O Lord, hear our prayer. 5 All things come from you, all are yours kingdom, glory, power, all are yours; take our lives and gifts, all are yours O Lord, hear our prayer <i>James Edward Seddon</i>
2 May your kingdom come here on earth; may your will be done here on earth, as it is in heaven	4 Lead us in your way, make us strong; when temptations come make us strong;	

Closing Hymn: "Count Your Blessings ..." VIP #212

(Walk up Offering towards MCCA Women Caribbean Seminar)

Commission and Benediction:

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, Sis. Nkwa Daniel.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

June 23, 2025 - Sis. Avonda Scott

June 25, 2025 - Sis. Icilma Forde & Rebecca Bailey

June 26, 2025 - Sis Cheryl Bradshaw

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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 and witness in our church and community.

NOTICES

Members who are submitting notices are asked to kindly submit communiques to the Circuit Media Team by the Thursday evening preceding Worship on the Sunday. The reason is to enable the Congregational Stewards to collate notices in a timely manner in preparation for Worship on the respective Sunday.

Tuesday, June 24, 2025- Bethel Circuit Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. **via the ZOOM Platform.**

Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Providence Church at 10:00a.m. – Sunlight Bible Study facilitated by Rev. Pearson Blackman. The study this week is on Revelation 13 which focuses on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Thursday June 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the church – Choir rehearsals. All choir members as well as persons interested in joining the Providence choir are encouraged to attend. ***Please take note of the new time for rehearsals.***

Thursday, June 26, 2025 – Bethel Circuit Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p.m. **via the ZOOM Platform.**

Saturday, June 28, 2025 - The Vauxhall Methodist Church will be hosting a Flea Market on the grounds of the Vauxhall Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend.

Sunday, June 29, 2025 – 3rd Lord's Day after Pentecost Join us for service at 9:00 a.m. when Bro. Michael Worrell will be the Preacher. The readings are: Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (VIP # 609), Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62. ***Kindly note an offering towards the building fund will be collected during this service.***

Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Beulah Methodist Church - The Barbados Association of Palliative Care will present a discussion on the topic ***"Palliative Care- What is That?"*** Members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Confirmed Members are invited to nominate persons for offices for the church year 2025 – 2026. Nomination forms can be collected from the Congregational Stewards and must be returned to the Superintendent Minister by July 14, 2025. You are reminded to seek permission from members whom you wish to nominate for these positions.

Confirmation Classes are scheduled to commence in the very near future at Providence. Confirmation in the Methodist Church is an important step in a person's spiritual journey. The study explores salvation, the Holy Spirit, doctrines, traditions, and the history of the Methodist Church. Persons of all ages interested in being confirmed members are asked to give their names to any Congregational Steward or Sis. Cheryl Mayers as soon as possible.

Members and/or organisations of this congregation desirous of having ***church related*** documents printed, are asked to kindly submit their documents via email to provmeth@caribsurf.com, by the Friday preceding the week for which the information is needed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The Methodist Church Bethel Circuit cordially invites you to participate in its annual Holiday Toy Service, a special community outreach initiative designed to spread joy and love throughout our community during the Christmas season. We are seeking your generous support through donations of new, wrapped toys for children (labelled by gender and age)..Collection begins June 2025. Your toy donations can be handed over to the Chairperson of the respective local Mission & Evangelism Committees or to Sis. Kathy-Ann Long and Sis. Natalie Phillips at 230-4794, 231-1791 respectively.

Additional information is posted on the notice board or available on our website at www.provmethchurchbb



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