



*The Providence
Methodist Church
Barbados
Service for*

3rd Lord's Day in Advent
Sunday, December 14,
2025
9:00 a.m.



Preacher: Rev. Ann Yarde
Congregational Steward: Bro. Hussein Brewster
Musicians: Bro. Kumar Whitehead
Bro. Anthony Mayers

ORDER OF SERVICE

Introit by Choir

Call To Worship - MPB pg. 68

Hymn - O Come O Come Emmanuel #138

Prayer Book – pg. 68 to 70

Prayer of Confession

Great God of life and love, You bring before your people today the challenges of laying down the works of darkness and putting on the light of Christ, if being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst in the person of Christ Jesus.

As people of God in this place of worship, we' are aware that a crucial aspect of our relationship and witness is in revealing Christ to the world, through the way we care and love each other. We pray for your forgiveness.

Merciful and loving God, cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving our neighbors.

Assurance of Pardon

Redeeming God of full salvation, you have drawn us unto yourself, the darkness is gone and light has come. Our freedom is experienced as we put aside the works of darkness and welcome your protective light of the world... Jesus Christ our Lord.

Period of silence

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Hymn - Hail to the Lord's Anointed (verse 5). 245 – (MHB)

Leader: In advent, as children of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the power of God to work changes in us among us and through us.

Congregation: We, your children, praise you, o God of happy surprises, for confounding our low expectations.

Leader: Once, like the children of Israel, we saw the wilderness only as a refuge for ravenous beasts

Congregation: But as children of the Spirit, we have turned the wilderness into a heaven of blessings for the weak and the oppressed.

Leader: Once, like the children of Israel, we saw the desert only as a heap of burning sand.

Congregation: But as children of your spirit, we have transformed the desert into fountains of gushing water.

Leader: Let us join the pilgrimage of Zion that they together with the redeemed of all ages and places we may drink of the living water and never thirst again

Congregation: As the children of the spirit, let us rejoice in the spirit, shouting Hallelujah!

The person lighting the candle shall be a youth who will say: As we light this candle a symbol of light, hope and expectation in our lives, let us all remember that Jesus, the light of the world, was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, who came upon Mary his mother. {The candle shall now be lit}. (Ms. Hailey Marsh)

Extempore prayer by a member of the congregation

(Sis. Sonja King)

Hymn - Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending (# 135 VIP).

Hymn - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (#133 VIP)

Welcome, Announcement and Notices

(Bro. Hussein Brewster)

Receiving of Tithes and Offering

Ministry of the Word

Old Testament: Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalms 146: 5-10

Epistle - James 5: 7-10

Gospel - 11: 2-11

Hymn of Preparation - Sing We the King Who is Coming to Reign (#56 VIP)

The Message –Theme: "Are You the One"

Response

Silent Reflection

Prayers of Intercession (Rev. P. Blackman)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn - Bless Be the Tie That Binds (# 255 VIP)

(Receiving of Care Fund)

Closing Hymn - O Come All Ye Faithful (# 66 VIP)

Benediction

Doxology.

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. Ann Yarde

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

December 17, 2025 - Chance Carter-Stephens

December 18, 2025 - Cleston Bailey Shaquan Bailey

December 19, 2025 - Sis. Sophie Pilgrim

ANNIVERSARY

December 14, 2025 - Rev. Pearson and Sis. Thelma Blackman

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 Patricia Felix, Yvonne Weekes and Brother Leonard Weekes. We give God thanks and praise for their lives, work and witness in our church and community.

NOTICES

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER'S DESK

Please be advised that the Circuit Office will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 19, 2025 to facilitate a staff function. Additionally, the Office will close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 22nd December 2025 and will re-open for business on Monday, December 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The Office will also close at 12:00 noon on December 31, 2025.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all our members for the support, encouragement and prayers given to the Ministerial, Circuit Stewards, Office and Ancillary Staff during the year. Blessings for a peaceful and joyful Christmas. In His Service -
Signed Adrian S. Odle

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 25, 2026 - Bethel Circuit Convention & Family Sunday under the theme - "Catch a Fire for Christ, Rekindling Our Community - **EMBRACING NEW BEGINNINGS**" Join us for an inspiring day of powerful worship and praise. Mark your calendars and plan to be part of this special day!

Members are kindly reminded to participate in . the "Gift for a Child" project this Christmas. You are asked to purchase a gift or donate funds for a gift to bring joy to a child or youth. Place your gift in the barrel at the back of the church or monetary donations can be given to the Sunday School Superintendent or Sister Ruby Best.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the South District Methodist Church– Bible Study under the theme 'Prayer and Fast'. These sessions are hybrid and will also be via the ZOOM platform, using the **Meeting ID 815 4099 9616 and Password 239710**. Also note from January 07- 09 2026, there will be actual 'Prayer and Fasting' ending with a Praise and Worship session to close the fast on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at the Providence Church.

Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at the Providence Methodist Church– A meeting of the Parish Land Community to discuss the naming of roads within the community. All residents of Parish Land and its environs are especially invited to attend.

Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. - The Vauxhall Church Augmented Choir, Church School and Friends present their Concert at the Vauxhall Church, A walk-up collection will be taken.

Sunday, December 21, 2025 – 4th Lord's Day of Advent. Join us at 9:00 a.m. service, when Bro. Jason Clarke will be the Preacher. The readings are Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 [VIP 612] Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

On Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Vauxhall Methodist Church - A Christmas Gift of Music- "Caribbean Flava", featuring the Barbados Police Service Band. Tickets available at Adults \$50 and Children (under 12) \$20. To get your tickets, kindly contact the Bethel Circuit Office at 426-2223 or Sis. Ingrid Stapleton at 833-1033.

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



Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
Bethel Circuit
Providence Methodist Church
Providence, Christ Church, Barbados
P.O. Box 8006, Oistins, Christ Church
SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER: Rev. Adrian Odle
MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Marcelle Brathwalte
SEXTON: Bro. Kennel Rice
I.T. TEAM: Bros. Ryan Eastmond & Clarkson Prescott
WEBSITE: www.provmethchurchbb.com
EMAIL: provmeth@gmail.com
TELEPHONE: 246-418-0891