

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## SERMON NOTES

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT/ HOLY COMMUNION

December 2, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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**PRELUDE:** Klaus Mueller

**INTROIT:** Choir/Musician & Congregation

“Come! Come! Everybody...” # 2271

**CANDLE LIGHTER** Davion Bonar

**Theme:**

**Growth, Increase, Success, Vitality & Prosperity!**

**ALL:** *In the Name of Christ Jesus we declare and proclaim—Salvation for lost souls, restoration for the straying, vitality and strength for the weary, wholeness, peace Abundant Life, Eternal Life, manifestation of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit in the Body of Christ here & now in this Ministry & Universally. By faith and with Thanksgiving we consider it done through Christ Jesus. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Pastor Brenda Berry

### INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

**ALL:** *Sing with Soft music: # 322*  
“Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.” (rept.)

**LEADER #1:** Our feet are standing within Thy gates, O Jerusalem! We come with hope and in faith asking that the spirit of Christmas will enfold us and be made manifest in our lives always. ~ (cymbals only) ~

**ALL:** *Sing with Soft music: # 322*  
“Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.” (rept.)

**LEADER #2:** Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with joyful worship, we pray. ~ (cymbals and drums) ~

**UNISON:** *Sing with Soft music:*  
*Melt us, mold us, fill us and use us.*  
*Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us.*

**Spoken:** *In the unity of the Trinity, we welcome the Advent Season and wait for the glorious appearing of Christ the King of kings. Therefore, we exalt God’s Holy Name with the highest praise as we shout: HALLELUJAH!... (Drums, cymbals, organ rumble & Hand claps)*

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Lift Up Your Heads” # 8

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Brenda Berry

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful and gracious God, our Creator, You do not hold Your

**Topic:**

**Message:**

**Questions:**

**What it means to me:**

**What changes I will make:**



## Special Prayers for:



Comfort Addoh & family, Joseph Adih, & family, Emmanuel Annoh

& family, Emmanuel Ashiagbor & family, Adizatu Asante & family, Effa Ankomah, Eugenia Augustt-Adotey, Kenneth Aboagye & family, Andrews Amoyaw & family, Olivia An-sah, Renea Bush & family, Kwaku Boateng & family, Di-onne Brown & Family, Hyacinth Blake, Rose Blake & Family, Lester Czukor, Bernice Dornick & family, James Camp-bell, Christian Djanie & family, Christiana Dartey, Paulette DePass, & family, Harriet Dompreeh & family, Dorothy Ed-wards & family, Christa Fleischer & family, Ivorine Grant & family, Josephine Gogo-Adjetey & family, Ena Harrysingh & family, Olivia Iyah & family, Norma Harper- McKenzie & family, the Jeremiah family, Cora Jones, Latrina Keith, Norma McKayle & family, Lord Laryea & family, Lilla Law-rence, Esther McKay & family, Florence & Hoshalah Misodi & family, Molly Misodi & family, Victoria Mensah, Rebecca Nyamah & family, Kwabena Odame-Adjei & family, Pa-tience Owuo & family, Beverly Poku & family, Freeda Peart & family, Dr. David Posner & family Temple Emmanu-El, David Roberts, Dennis Rickenback, Doris Simms, Linda Simms-Chin, Henry Siame & family, Millicent Stewart & family, Gwendolyn Sanders, Evelyn Taylor & family, Earl & Johari Taylor, Noel A. Taylor & Family, Donald & Rosamond Tingle & family, Salome Thompson & family, Ruth Laryea-Walker, Lola Taylor & family, Gladys Angwii Toche & fami-ly, Eunice Wellington and family, Sherri-Ann Williams & family, Kokoe Yakpo & family, our youth, UHPC-Y.A.N., Ab-igail Appiah, Denzil & Anthony McFarlane, the elderly, the entire congregation, the Presbytery of NYC & all its enti-ties, victims of domestic violence, children in abusive homes, our local communities, the Day Care Center staff/ children, public officials, The United States of America, our Soldiers engaged in war, refugees, orphans, and widows, the hungry, homeless, the sick, prisoners, and shut- in & the victims of natural Disaster.

**BIBLE READER: Sunday December 9, 2018**

~ Elder Ena Harrysingh

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*Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;  
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6*



### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (cont.'d)

anger forever. You know how we are made and you know our inclination to stray as lost sheep from time to time. When like Your disciples of long ago, we argue about who is the greatest. Remind us that this is the way of the world and not of the heavenly kingdom. We repent of all our haughtiness and false pride and ask You to forgive us. Give us a contrite and humble spirit we pray. Show us the way of Your Kingdom authority where the Least is the Greatest and the Servant becomes the Leader. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness we pray, and deliver us from all evil we ask. Help us to forgive our debtors as You forgive us we beseech You in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

### **SILENT PRAYER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ saying:

*“The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*

*The people return to their seats singing:*

*“Peace Like A River...” # 368*

#### **RESPONSIVE READING:** (Omit for today)

#### **LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE # 1**

*By the UHPC Session*

**Congregation reads: Light the Advent Candle one; now the waiting has begun; we have started on our way. Time to think of Christmas Day. Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter’s night. Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

**\*\*\*Light the 1st Candle\*\*\***

**All Sing:** “O Come Emmanuel” (verse 1) # 9

#### **LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** (Unison)

**SING:** # 2086 “Open My Eyes” (1X)

**SPOKEN:** Ever-loving God of pure Light, consecrate and sanctify our hearts and minds anew we pray. Anoint the Word, apply, and appropriate it effectively in our inner-most being, we ask. Help us to become doers of Your Word and not hearers only. We receive these favors and blessings because we ask them by faith and with thanks-giving in the Name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

**FOR THE CHILDREN :** Omit for today

**FIRST LESSON**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Bible pg. 724)

**EPISTLE:**

1st Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Bible Pg. 1076)

**ANTHEM, HYMN, SONG:**

*"Thou Did'st Leave Thy Throne" # 2100*

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

Luke 21:25-30 (Bible Pg. 960)

**SERMON TOPIC:**

*"The Lesser Is The Greater"*

**HYMN, SONG OR PRAYER: (Omit for today)**

*LET US AFFIRM OUR FAITH WITH THE APOSTLES CREED*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH: (Unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic (universal) church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen!

**OFFERING: SOWING SEED/REAPING A HARVEST**

As we sing: *"Halle, Halle, Halle..." # 2026*

Of Tithes and Gift

Offertory

Doxology

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Prayer for the blessing of the elements

**HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" # 513**

(Congregation please remain seated while servers come forward)

Invitation and welcome to the Lord's Table, followed by the liturgy of Communion in bulletin ~ Insert

**HYMN: "Wounded For Me" Insert pg. 4**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

God answers prayer, God answers prayer  
God answers prayer He is so good to me.  
Glorify His name! Glorify His name  
Glorify His name He's so good to me.

Elder Joseph Adih

Elder Ena Harrysingh

Choir & Children

Rev. Brenda Berry

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**CLOSING HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank..."**

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**CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

**Lord Make Us More Holy # 536**

Lord make us more Holy, Lord make us more Holy,  
Lord make us more Holy, until we meet again  
Lord make us more Loving, Lord make us more Loving,  
Lord make us more Loving, until we meet again  
Lord make us more Patient, Lord make us more Patient,  
Lord make us more Patient, until we meet again  
Lord make us more Faithful, Lord make us more Faithful,  
Lord make us more Faithful, until we meet again

**POSTLUDE:**

Klaus Mueller

**Wounded for Me**

W. G. OVENS AND  
GLADYS W. ROBERTS

W. G. OVEN!

1. Wound-ed for me, wound-ed for me, There on the cross  
2. Dy - ing for me, dy - ing for me, There on the cross  
3. Ris - en for me, ris - en for me, Up from the grave  
4. Liv - ing for me, liv - ing for me, Up in the skies  
5. Com - ing for me, com - ing for me, One day to earth

He was wound - ed for me; Gone my trans - gres - sions, and  
He was dy - ing for me; Now in His death my re -  
He has ris - en for me; Now ev - er - more from death's  
He is liv - ing for me; Dai - ly He's plead - ing and  
He is com - ing for me; Then with what joy His dear

now I am free, All be - cause Je - sus was wound-ed for me.  
demp-tion I see, All be - cause Je - sus was dy - ing for me.  
sting I am free, All be - cause Je - sus has ris - en for me.  
pray - ing for me, All be - cause Je - sus is liv - ing for me.  
face I shall see, Oh, how I praise Him! He's com - ing for me.

## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts!

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: For it is holy and right to do so.**

**P:** Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created Heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us Life and being and preserved us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

**P:** Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again.**

**P:** Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many fields into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so come Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me." After the same manner also, he took the cup when they had supper, saying: "This cup is the new testament of my blood; as often as you drink, in remembrance of me."

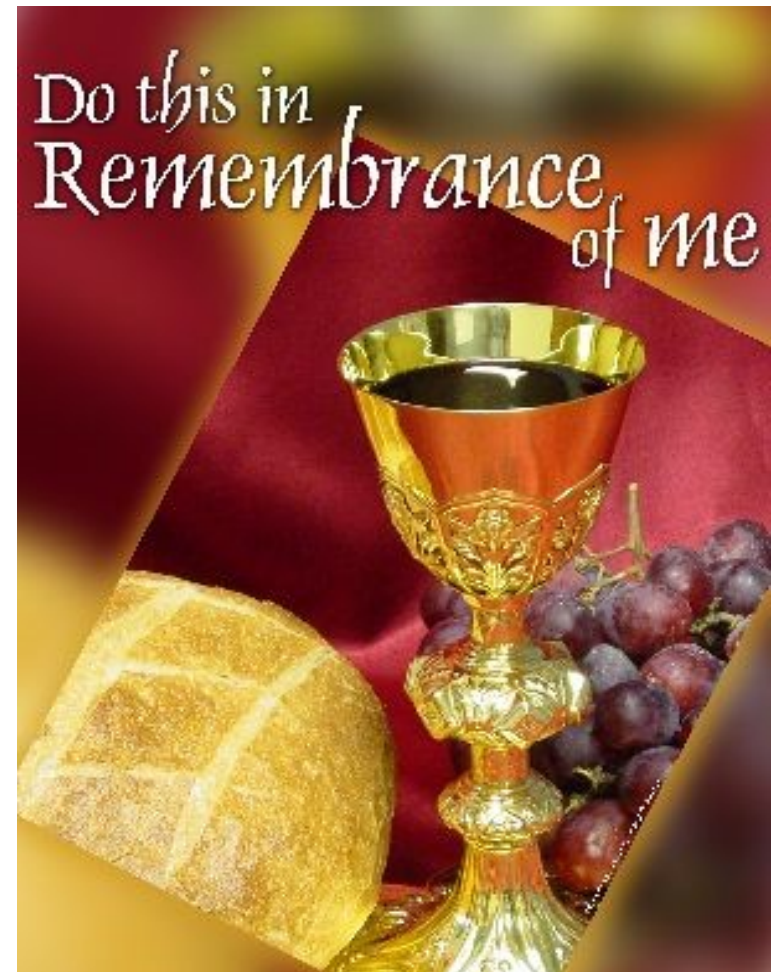
## **COMMUNION PRAYER – CONT. 'D**

**P:** .– The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.– The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ, Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

**P:** Bless the Lord O my soul;

**C: And all that is within me, bless His Holy name!**

**UNISON: Alleluia! For the Lord our God- The Almighty has come into His Kingdom! Let us rejoice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give Him the glory forever and ever.**  
Amen!



## Announcements and upcoming events

Welcome to all who are gathered in this place of worship today! If you are visiting for the very first time, please tell us your name and where you are from. If you are without a church home, please consider making this your home. At the end of the service we invite you to fellowship with us in the Parish Hall

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday: December 5th 1:00pm Bible Study group**

**Friday: December 7th 6:00pm. Evening Prayer  
In the Sanctuary**

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**Coffee Hour servers today December 2, 2018**

*Kwaku Boateng, Mercy Dompkeh, Bernice Dornick*

**Coffee Hour servers next Sunday December 9, 2018 are:**

*Renea Bush, Josephine Gogo-Adjetey, Eugina Augustt-Adotey*

**Today we light** the first Advent Candle. The Candle of Hope will be lit by Session members.

**Next Sunday** the Deacons will light the second Advent Candle, the Candle of Peace.

**VERY IMPORTANT!!** If you are assigned for coffee hour and you are unable to do it, please contact the church office so other plans can be made.

**Today we will meet** during Coffee hour for another "Let's Talk" forum

**Stewardship:** Pledge cards will be available from today and throughout the whole month of December. For your offering/pledge envelopes, please see Elder Ena Harrysingh.

**The Church secretary will be not** the office on December 7, 2018.

**Next Session meeting will be Saturday** December 15, 2018 @ 11am sharp. Please have your written reports ready by latest Wednesday December 12, 2018

**Elders on oversight** assignment & early arrival for **December** are: ***Dorothy Edwards and Renea Bush***

**Please remember your donations** to the "UHPC CARE BOX" for the Sammon Build Women's Shelter. God will be sure to bless you. Thanks to those who have contributed.

**Today we say "Happy Birthday"** to **Comfort Addo** 11/26. May God bless her and grant her many happy and healthy years.

**The Candle Light Service** will be held **Monday December 24, 2018, Christmas Eve.** Instead of Sunday December 16, 2018 when the church will be visiting the V.A. Please do your best to join in celebrating the birthday of Jesus.

**Christmas Prayer Service** at Dawn Christmas Day December 25, 2018 @ 7:00am. Please invite family & friends and begin the New Year in God's presence.

**All Night New Years Watch Service** will be held December 31, 2018 @ 10:00pm.

### UHPC PRAYER SYSTEM!

**Pray without ceasing "1 Thessalonians 5:17"**

*Wednesday fasting 6:00a.m.—12 noon or 6:00a.m.— 6:00pm depending. ~ 1:00pm Bible study and prayer in the Sanctuary. Scriptures for reflection are in the bulletin weekly, please pay attention and participate.*

#### PRAY FOR:

***Church growth, strength, health, unity, peace, personal well-being, family blessings, protection, and healing of every kind and every level. Pray for success for all planned events and ministries, for the nation and government. Salvation of Lost Souls for the Kingdom of God.***

Focus: **(Growth, Increase, Vitality & Prosperity)**

**Remember to pray the Lord's Prayer @ noon every day. Important!!** Please add or sing the Doxology **"Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."**

**The Scriptures for reflection for** Wednesday December 5, 2018 are: 1st John 1:6-7, Ecclesiastes 5:1-2; Psalm 63:3-7.

**If you have a special announcement** please call or send an e-mail to the church by mid-day Wednesday:

**E-mail address: [uhpchurch@msn.com](mailto:uhpchurch@msn.com)**

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