

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## 4th Sunday of Advent/

### The Candle of Love

December 23, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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**PRELUDE:**

*Klaus Mueller*

**INTROIT:**

*Choir/Musician & Congregation*

*“Come! Come ! Everybody...” # 2271*

**CANDLE LIGHTER:**

*Jace Oxley*

**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:**

Come, Holy Spirit and bring us God’s spirit of hope, peace, joy, and love. Come and activate these gifts in our heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit we pray. **(cymbals only)**

**ALL:**

**Sing with Soft music:**

**“Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.” (rept.)**

**LEADER # 2:**

Come all you faithful of the LORD and rejoice for Salvation, restoration, and reconciliation are ours, because Christ came down at Christmas. **(cymbals & drum only)**

**UNISON:**

**Sing with Soft music:**

**Melt us, mold us, fill us and use us.**

**Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us.**

**Spoken All:**

**We come in unity to exalt Jehovah our God in Christ Jesus. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For we know that the steadfast love and faithfulness of the LORD endure forever. God is love! Therefore, we exalt God’s Holy Name with the highest praise shouting: “HALLELUJAH!!!”**

**~ (Drums, cymbals, organ rumble & Hand Claps) ~**

# SERMON NOTES

**Topic:**

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**Message:**

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**Questions:**

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**What changes I will make:**

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## 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 A. 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, Henry Johnson & family, Nor-ma Harper-McKenzie, the Jeremiah family, Cora Jones, La-trina Keith, Norma McKayle & family, Lord O. Laryea & family, Lilla Lawrence, Esther McKay & family, Florence & Hoshalah Misodi & family, Molly Misodi & family, Victoria Mensah, Rebecca Nyamah & family, Kwabena Odame-Adjei & Family, Patience Owuo & family, Katherine Owanga, Bev-erly Poku & family, Freeda Peart & family, Dr. David Posner & family Temple Emmanu-El, David Roberts, Dennis Rick-enback, Doris Simms, Linda Simms-Chin, Henry Siame & family, Millicent Stewart, Gwendolyn Sanders, Evelyn Tay-lor & family, Earl & Johari Taylor, Noel A. Taylor & Family, Donald & Rosamond Tingle & family, Salome Thompson & family, Ruth Laryea-Walker, Lola Taylor & family, Gladys Angwii Toche & family, Eunice Wellington and family, Sher-ri-Ann Williams & family, Kokoe Yakpo & family, our youth, UHPC-Y.A.N., Abigail Appiah, Denzil & Anthony McFarlane, the elderly, the entire congregation, the Presbytery of NYC & all its entities, victims of domestic violence, children in abusive homes, our local communities, the Day Care Cen-ter staff/children, public officials, The United States of America, our Soldiers engaged in war, refugees, orphans, and widows, the hungry, homeless, the sick, prisoners, & shut- in & the victims of natural Disaster.



**BIBLE READER: Sunday December 30, 2018**

*Elder Rosamond Tingle*

**BIBLE READINGS: Sunday December 30, 2018;**

1st Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;  
Colossians3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

**OPENING HYMN: “Angels From The Realms...” # 22**

**CALL TO CONFESSION: Rev. Brenda Berry**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Most gracious, loving, and merciful God, You gave to hu-manity Your most precious Gift of LOVE when You gave Your Only Son for the salvation of lost souls. Yet so many reject Your Love and sacrifice. We are of those who be-lieve, but help us to love You more. Forgive us when we question Your gift of Love or fail to pray for lost souls. Forgive our neglect, selfishness, and disobedience we ask. Grant us grace to forgive others as You forgive us we beseech You. We trust and believe You have heard our prayers and You are answering them better than we could ask, think or imagine, for it is in the name of Christ Jesus, our precious Savior that we lift our petitions to You AB-BA/FATHER. 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 #4**

*By the UHPC Sunday School/Youth*

**Congregation reads: Light the Advent Candle Four. Think of Joy forevermore; Christ child in a stable born, Gift of LOVE that Christmas morn. Candle, Candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, Candle burning bright fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

**\*\*\*Light the 4th Candle\*\*\***

**All Standing, sing: “O Come Emmanuel” # 9**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

*“Open My Eyes” (1X) # 2086*

**(SPOKEN) Jehovah God—Giver of all Good Gifts, we come to draw LIGHT, LIFE, AND LOVE from the fountain of Sal-vation... CHRIST JESUS, HIMSELF. We open our hearts and minds and ask for a fresh anointing upon us and upon the Word, so we will understand and apply it to our lives. In the name of Christ Jesus, we give thanks for these bless-ings. Amen.**

**FOR CHILDREN:**

**FIRST LESSON:**

Micah 5:2-5a (Bible Pg. 849-850)

*Kwaku Boateng*

**EPISTLE:**

Hebrews 10:5-10 (Bible pg. 1095)

*Elder Linda Simms-Chin*

**ANTHEM, HYMN, SONG: (Medley)**

*“All Hail King Jesus” #2069 & “He Is Exalted” # 2070*

**GOSPEL LESSON:**

Luke 1:46-55 (Bible Pg. 932)

*Rev. Brenda Berry*

**SERMON TOPIC:**

*Rev. Brenda Berry*

*“Jesus—Born To Save and Restore”*

**HYMN, SONG OR SPIRITUAL:**

*# 2071*

*“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

**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:**

As We sing: *“Halle, Halle, Halle ...” # 2026*

Of Tithes and Gift

Offertory

Doxology

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:**

**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.

**CLOSING HYMN:**

*“Hark! The Herald Angels..” # 31*

**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*

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***What Christmas Is All About***

*Christmas will always be for us  
A time to reflect on Christ,  
The gift God gave to all the world  
Was the gift of His life*

*We know Christmas is not about tinsel,  
Nor fancy Christmas wreaths,  
Nor is it about all the decorations  
That adorns our Christmas trees  
And it's not about Holly or Mistletoe  
Hanging from our doors,  
Nor is it about the gifts that are left  
By the jolly Santa Claus*

*Christmas is more than all of this  
And the only reason why  
We celebrate Christ's birth together  
And the wonder of His life*

*So remember as you celebrate,  
Just what it's all about  
And invite the Lord to join with you,  
Instead of leaving Him out*

*For He will always be the reason  
We celebrate this day,  
No substitute the world may offer  
Can take that meaning away.*

*By M.S.Lowndes*



## 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 26th 1:00pm Bible Study group**  
*Postponed for this week*

**Friday: December 28th 6:00pm. Evening Prayer**  
*In the Sanctuary*

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### Coffee Hour servers today December 23, 2018

*Rosamond Tingle, Carice Tingle-Craffey, Dionne Brown*

Coffee Hour servers next Sunday December 30, 2018 are:  
*Olivia Iyah, Henry Siame, Norma McKayle*

Today we light the fourth Advent Candle. The Candle of Love will be lit by the Sunday School and their Leaders

Thank You to Mr. Donald Tingle, Carice Tingle-Craffey, Beverly Poku, Dionne Brown and Norma McFarlane or their donation to the Sunday School.

The Church Office will be closed December 26, 2018 but open on December 27 & 28, 2018.

Stewardship: Pledge cards will be available throughout the month of December. For your offering/pledge envelopes, please see Elder Ena Harrysingh or Deacon Latrina Keith.

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.

The Candle Light Service will be held **Monday December 24, 2018, Christmas Eve.** ( See flyer). Please do your best to join in celebrating the festival of Lights.

Christmas Prayer Service at Dawn Christmas Day December 25, 2018 @ 7:00am. Please invite family & friends to share in this sacred birthday celebration. Come and receive your Christmas miracle.

All Night New Years Watch Service will be held December 31, 2018 @ 10:00pm. (See Flyer)

Scriptures on Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

On Christmas Day: Dawn: Isaiah 63:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20; Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

### 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 say or sing the Doxology "**Praise God from whom all blessings flow...**"

The Scriptures for reflection for Wednesday December 26/18 are: Ephesians 4:29-32; Psalm 91:11-12; Romans 8:14-17.

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)**

*You may visit the Website to see recent photos, to read some of the Sermons & keep up with events.*

*Also, visit Facebook: [fb.me/UHPCYAN](https://www.facebook.com/UHPCYAN)*

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**To all our members, friends and well-wishers**

