

The Season of Advent

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas, November 27, 2016. Advent is a holy season in the Christian calendar. It is the beginning of the liturgical calendar. The themes of Advent are publicly affirmed, as well as displayed, by the use of Advent candles lit on the Sundays of Advent. A final candle represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Day. It is a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness, as symbolized best by the Advent wreath. The word Advent means "the coming". It is a time that has many purposes. Advent is a time of expectations, anticipation and celebration as we center our thoughts and actions on three events: (1) the joyful event of Christ's birth, (2) the promise of his return, and (3) the continued presence of the Divine in our lives.

The Advent Wreath's Meaning:

The Advent wreath is made up of two basic parts: the wreath itself and the candles. The wreath is made of evergreen, either real or artificial. Its circular shape represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end. The evergreen was chosen as it symbolizes growth and everlasting life. There are four candles, three purple and one pink. They represent the four weeks of preparation. As another candle is lit each week, we are reminded of the growing light of Christ's presence.

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The Lighting of the Candles:

1st CANDLE- (purple) "CANDLE OF HOPE"

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises he made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE- (purple) "CANDLE OF PEACE"

Christ's coming calls us to Peace (Luke 1:68-79)

3rd CANDLE- (pink) "CANDLE OF JOY"

The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE- (purple) "CANDLE OF LOVE"

God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE - (white) "CHRIST CANDLE"

The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins!

His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29 and John 3:1-8)

. The meaning of the candles is as follows:

First Purple candle: represents hope.

Third, pink candle: represents joy.

Second Purple Candle: stands for love.

Fourth purple candle: is a symbol of peace.

Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is made of evergreens and may be any size. There are four candles, one for each week of Advent. The color of the candle is not an essential factor because the symbolism is primarily in the flame. It is traditional that three of the candles be violet or purple, the traditional color of Advent and one is rose. The rose candle is lit the third Sunday of Advent, for this color anticipates and symbolizes the Christmas joy announced in the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice" (Latin, Gaudete). For this reason the Third Sunday is also called Gaudete Sunday, and rose color vestments are permitted. The Advent Wreath represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the Light of the world. Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, His historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, His final coming at the end of time, and His special coming in every moment of grace. During Advent, family and friends can gather around the Advent Wreath lighting the appropriate candle(s), read from the daily Advent meditation and sing songs. The Church's official *Book of Blessings* also provides a blessing ceremony for the advent wreath which can be used in the absence of a priest. It is a very special time, as Christians wait and prepare for the coming of the Lord, Jesus whose birth we celebrate on Christmas. Jesus' birth on earth is the real cause for Christmas. Advent is more a time of preparation and expectation of the coming of the Lord.

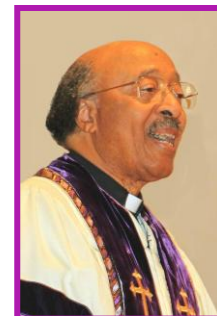


Quioccasin Baptist Church

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1st Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 27, 2016



Reverend Dr. Earl Leslie Bledsoe
Interim Pastor

The Celebration of Morning Worship.....8:00 A.M.
The PreludeMs. Angela M. Mosley
“My Tribute”
Connection
No. 329

Gather around the Advent wreath.

READER 1:

1 Corinthians 9:19

“Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.”

REFLECT (Leader)

What connections do you have? How are you connected with others? How are we connected with others who are seemingly not connected with anyone or anything? Advent reminds us to connect with and serve others as we strive to win persons to a relationship with Christ Jesus.

READER 2

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LEADER

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RESPOND (Congregation)

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The Hymn of Praise and Adoration **No. 93**

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Welcome/Announcements/Recognitions.....Deacon Edith Lomax, Church Clerk

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Scripture..... Minister

"John 15:18- 27"

Special Music..... The Volunteer Choir

“Love Lifted Me”

No. 385

“The Prayer”..... Minister

The Prayer Response..... Volunteer Choir/Congregation

“The Beautiful Garden of Prayer”

No. 334

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Mrs. Dorothy Clark 1261 Marywood Lane, Apt 311
 Mr. Moses Fenner 2903 Lawson Street, 23224
 Deaconess Florine Fleming 6201 Whistler Road
 Mrs. Helen Foster Beth Sholom Lifecare – 1600 John Rolfe Prkwy - Room 208/Unit 2
 Miss Helena Fountain..... 607 Fountain Lane
 Mrs. Denise Hardy 10640 Anna Marie Drive
 Mr. Herbert Jackson 709 Parham Road
 Ms. Joyce Johnson..... 8300 Ridge Road
 Ms. Everlena King..... 4403 Forest Hill Avenue
 Ms. Marjorie McIntyre 1261 Marywood Lane, Apt 209
 Mrs. Josephine Norrell 2514 Shadyside Avenue, Suitland, MD 20746
 Ms. Audrey Overton..... 4234 Sprenkle Lane
 Mrs. Emma J. Truman.....Morningside of the West End, 3000 Skipwith Road, Unit 241
 Mrs. Florence Tyler..... 4551 Sadler Road
 Reverend P. Frances Watson..... 121 Taylor Avenue West, Hampton, Virginia 23663
 Mr. James Woodson..... 3221 French Street

HOW MAY WE SERVE YOU?

Sickness in the Home Seeking Church Membership
 Desires Offering Envelopes Desires A Pastoral Call
 Moved to the Address Below Children for Church School
 A Newcomer in the Community In Need of Prayer

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ DATE _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Information supplied by: _____

Please check desired one(s), tear off, and place in the offering plate or give to the Minister.

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Deacon George Willcox (804) 747-7775 and Deacon Norma Hudgins
 (804) 270-1386. Please inform them of any persons that are sick.

Website: www.quioccasin.org - Email: qbc@quioccasin.org

Announcements

<p>December 1 at 6:00 P.M. December 1 at 7:00 P.M. December 2 at 6:15 P.M.</p> <p>December 5 at 7:00 P.M. December 7 at 11:00 A.M. December 7 at 6:45 P.M. December 7 at 7:30 P.M. December 10 at 11:00 A.M. December 12 at 6:00 P.M. December 14 at 11:00 A.M. December 14 at 6:45 P.M. December 14 at 7:30 P.M. December 15 at 7:00 P.M. December 17 at 8:30 A.M. December 17 at 10:00 A.M. December 17 at 11:00 A.M. December 21 at 7:00 P.M. December 24 at 11:00 A.M. December 25 at 10:00 A.M. December 26 at 6:30 P.M.</p> <p>December 28 at 6:45 P.M. December 28 at 7:30 P.M. December 31 at 11:00 A.M. December 31 at 10:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Usher meeting cancelled Sanctuary Choir rehearsal Children/Youth Choir rehearsal and Christmas Play rehearsal</p> <p>Church meeting Aging with Grace Senior Citizens meeting Bible Study – Reverend Dr. Earl Bledsoe Prayer and Praise</p> <p>Choral Ensemble rehearsal Trustee meeting</p> <p>Aging with Grace Senior Citizens meeting Bible Study – Reverend Dr. Earl Bledsoe</p> <p>Prayer and Praise Sanctuary Choir rehearsal Deacon’s meeting Deaconess meeting</p> <p>Media committee meeting Christmas Play “A Christmas to Believe In”</p> <p>Holiday - No Choral Ensemble rehearsal Christmas Worship Service – no Sunday School Deacons Conference of Richmond and Vicinity meeting, First African Baptist Church, 2700 Hanes Avenue, Richmond, VA Bible Study – Reverend Dr. Earl Bledsoe Prayer and Praise Aging with Grace “New Year’s Eve Brunch” Joint Watch Night Worship Service hosted by Saint James Baptist Church, 401 Blair Road, Richmond, VA 23238</p>
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THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Stewardship Challenge/Prayer.....Deacon Edith Lomax
“1 Corinthians 16:1-2”

THE MUSICAL OFFERING/TITHES/OFFERINGS

(*Benevolence*).....In Unison
“Psalm 24” ^{KJV}

(*MORTGAGE*) Ushers/Deacons/Congregation
“Praise Him!”

(*Tithes/General*)..... Ushers/Deacons/Congregation
“We’ve Come This Far by Faith” No. 529

The Offertory Prayer Deacon Tim Floyd

The Offertory Response.....No. 559
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Hymn of Preparation The Volunteer Choir
“Count Your Blessings” No. 325

The Sermon **Reverend Dr. Earl Leslie Bledsoe**
Interim Pastor

"SECTION 6: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS"

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Invitational HymnNo. 198
“I Surrender All”

The Benediction/Grace Reverend Dr. Bledsoe

The Choral Response Volunteer Choir/Congregation
“The Threefold Amen” No. 553

The Postlude “Let the Church Say AMEN”

The Church School..... **9:30 A.M.**
Deacon Arthur W. Byrd, Jr. – Superintendent

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2017: CONTACT CHALDEA MONTAGUE ONLY IF YOU WANT 2017 ENVELOPES TO INCLUDE YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER AND DATE

The Period of Prayer and Praise10:40 A.M.
The Celebration of Morning Worship..... 10:55 A.M.

WORSHIP LEADER – KAYLA OWENS

The Prelude Ms. Angela M. Mosley
The Introit **No. 29**

“He Is Lord”

Processional Selection..... Choir/Congregation
“EVERY DAY IS THANKSGIVING” **No. 328**

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The Hanging of the Greens

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Praise Dance..... The Quioccasin Praise Team

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