

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

Sesquicentennial Anniversary 1866 - 2016

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Sunday, December 11, 2016



8:00 A.M. PREACHER
Reverend Betty O. Atchinson, Pastor
The Life Changing Healing Church



10:55 A.M. PREACHER
Reverend Dr. Earl Leslie Bledsoe
Interim Pastor

The Celebration of Morning Worship.....8:00 A.M.
The PreludeMs. Angela M. Mosley
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”
Advent - Cooperation **No. 83**

Lighting of the Advent wreath.

READER 1

1 Corinthians 9:21

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.

REFLECT (LEADER)

Cooperation is working together to achieve something or to find a solution. It is working in harmony even though everyone's idea may not be exactly the same. During Advent, we are reminded that we are free to believe and to cooperate with others who have beliefs that are different from our own.

READER 2

Matthew 11: 2-6

When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

READER 3

James 5:7-9

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

LIGHT CANDLE 3

LEADER

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RESPOND (Congregation)

Be intentional this week! Find joy in joining in cooperation with other churches and ministries across Virginia to take up a special offering for the support of the mission and ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia.

The Responsive Reading.....Minister/Congregation
“THE BIRTH OF JESUS” **No. 567**

The Hymn of Praise and Adoration **No. 94**
“JOY TO THE WORLD”

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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.....Henrico Doctors Hospital, Forest Ave., Room 310
 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
 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 DECEMBER

Deacon Jack Stuart (804) 270-3816 and Deacon William Hudgins
 (804) 270-1386. Please inform them of any persons that are sick.

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

Announcements

December 12 at 6:00 P.M.	Trustee meeting
December 14 at 11:00 A.M.	Aging with Grace Senior Citizens meeting
December 14 at 6:45 P.M.	Bible Study – Reverend Dr. Earl Bledsoe
December 14 at 7:30 P.M.	Prayer and Praise
December 15 at 6:30 P.M.	Male Chorus rehearsal
December 15 at 7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
December 16 at 6:15 P.M.	Christmas Play rehearsal in church sanctuary
December 17 at 8:30 A.M.	Deacon's meeting – New Fellowship Hall
December 17 at 10:00 A.M.	Deaconess meeting
December 17 at 11:00 A.M.	Media committee meeting
December 18 after 11:00 A.M. service	Youth Decorating the Chrismon Tree – Come join the youth as they decorate the Chrismon Tree in the New Fellowship Hall . We ask each of you to bring a Chrismon ornament which is a white or gold Christian symbol. (See the list of symbols located on the piano.) Items can be purchased or made, but it must be a Christian symbol in gold or white.
December 19 at 6:30 P.M.	Deacons Conference of Richmond and Vicinity meeting, First African Baptist Church, 2700 Hanes Avenue, Richmond, VA
December 19 at 7:00 P.M.	Women in Mission Ministry meeting
December 21 at 7:00 P.M.	Christmas Play “A Christmas to Believe In” – New Fellowship Hall
December 24 at 11:00 A.M.	Holiday - No Choral Ensemble rehearsal
December 25 at 8:00 A.M.	Christmas Worship Service – no Sunday School
December 28 at 6:45 P.M.	Bible Study – Reverend Dr. Earl Bledsoe
December 28 at 7:30 P.M.	Prayer and Praise
December 31 at 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Aging with Grace “New Year’s Eve Brunch” featuring “Debo.” Donation \$25 – see any Aging with Grace member for a ticket.
December 31	Joint Watch Night Worship Service hosted by Saint James Baptist Church, 401 Blair Road, Richmond, VA 23238 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Dinner; 7:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise; 8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. – Watch Night Worship Service
January 1 at 8:30 A.M.	Sunday School
January 1 at 10:00 A.M.	Morning Worship Service

Due to a change in our Food Pantry operation, we are requesting members to donate a can good or package dry good each week for the month of December.

All scripture for Advent is taken from the New International Version (NIV)
Credit for Advent reflections:

A special thanks to The Reverend Dr. Patricia E. Coker-Bell for contributing the 2010 Advent reflections. Dr. Coker-Bell served as a member of the BGC Christian Education Leadership Team for several years. She was awarded both the M.Div. and D. Min. degrees from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. Currently she is a member of the BGC Writing Team. Dr. Coker-Bell serves as the Assistant Director of Christian Education for Training and Development at the Grove Baptist Church in Portsmouth where The Reverend Dr. Melvin O. Marriner is the Senior Pastor.

<i>The Scripture</i>	Minister
	“1 SAMUEL 17:41-47”
<i>Special Music</i>	The Volunteer Choir
	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” No. 84
<i>The Prayer</i>	Minister
<i>The Prayer Response</i>	Volunteer Choir/Congregation
	“Away in a Manger” No.96
THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE	
<i>The Stewardship Challenge/Prayer</i>	Deacon George Willcox
	“1 Corinthians 16:1-2”
THE MUSICAL OFFERING/TITHES/OFFERINGS	
<i>(Benevolence)</i>	In Unison
	“Psalm 24” <i>KJV</i>
<i>(MORTGAGE)</i>	Ushers/Deacons/Congregation
	“Praise Him!”
<i>(Tithes/General)</i>	Ushers/Deacons/Congregation
	“We’ve Come This Far by Faith” No. 529
<i>The Offertory Prayer</i>	Deacon Ann Stafford
<i>The Offertory Response</i>	No. 559
	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
<i>The Hymn of Preparation</i>	The Volunteer Choir
	“What Child is This?” No. 86
The Sermon	Reverend Betty O. Atchinson, Pastor The Life Changing Healing Church, Mechanicsville, Maryland
	“DEFEATING THE GIANT IN YOUR LIFE”
THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	
<i>The Invitational Hymn</i>	No. 101
	“Silent Night! Holy Night!”
<i>The Benediction/Grace</i>	Reverend Atchinson
<i>The Choral Response</i>	Volunteer Choir/Congregation
	“The Threefold Amen” No. 553
<i>The Postlude</i>	“Let the Church Say AMEN”

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

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

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

"He is Lord"

Processional Selection Choir/Congregation

"HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS"

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THE BAPTISMAL PERIOD

The Hymn of Aspiration **No. 136**

"Glory to His Name"

The Responsive Reading Minister/Congregation

"BAPTISM"

No. 597

The Baptismal Hymn Choir/Congregation

"Take Me To the Water"

The Prayer of Aspiration

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING Reverend Dr. Earl Bledsoe

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Hymn of Praise and Adoration **No. 94**

"JOY TO THE WORLD"

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The Scripture..... Minister

"John 16:13-33"

Special Music..... The Choral Ensemble

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The Prayer Response Choir/Congregation

"Away in a Manger"

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The Offertory Response **No. 559**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Presentation of the Bibles and Certificates Deacon Edith Lomax

The Right Hand of Fellowship Reverend Dr. Bledsoe

The Preparatory Selection The Choral Ensemble

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

Interim Pastor

"JESUS TURNED THE TABLE: BELIEVERS RECEIVE 11 SPIRITUAL ADVANTAGES"

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Invitational Hymn **No. 101**

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

The Silent Moment

The Benediction Reverend Dr. Bledsoe

The Choral Response Choir/Congregation

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The Postlude **"Let the Church Say AMEN"**