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The Season of Advent

With the season of Advent, the Church begins another Liturgical Year. The Liturgical or Church Year is an annual cycle of seasons focusing on the fundamental tenets of our Christian faith through the usage of scriptural readings, colors and vestments.

The seasons of the Church year – in order – are:

- Advent - the time of preparation for the birth of Jesus
- Christmas - the celebration of the birth of Jesus
- Epiphany - the baptism of Jesus and also his manifestation to the world
- Lent – the time of preparation and fasting leading to Easter
- Easter – the commemoration of Jesus’ sacrifice and the celebration of his resurrection
- Pentecost – the celebration of the presence and work of Jesus through the Holy Spirit

December signals the coming of Christmas and so our preparations begin. There are gifts to buy, cards to send, menus to plan for, people to see. The four Sundays – and weeks - of Advent remind us of the importance of the spiritual aspect of this preparation, the readying of our hearts and minds, not only for the celebration of Jesus’ birth (1st coming) but also for His future return in glory (2nd coming) when He will set up His kingdom, judge His enemies, and reward the faithful, both living and dead.

Advent is full of symbolism and meaning, which is also reflected by the themes of the four Sundays/weeks.

- 1st Sunday - HOPE
- 2nd Sunday - PEACE
- 3rd Sunday - JOY
- 4th Sunday - LOVE



Advent 1 – The Sunday of HOPE

On the 1st Sunday in Advent we light the candle of Hope in our churches as a reminder that as followers of Jesus Christ we are the people of hope who can boldly approach God’s throne of grace with our needs (Heb. 4:16), who can overcome great obstacles (1 John 5:4) and who – because of God’s promises - can look into the future with complete confidence.

“May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ms. Lesley Hare, Communication and Information Technology Coordinator who worked at the Synod Office (Kingston, Jamaica) since December 2017. One of her signature production was the UCJCI update that was distributed in our RMC every week. We give God thanks for her life and witness and pray for God’s comforting presence on her immediate and extended family as well as on all those who worked closely with her in the past few years. May her soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon her.

THE ADVENT JOURNEY:

HOPE BECOMES PEACE
PEACE BECOMES JOY
JOY BECOMES LOVE

LOVE BECOMES CHRIST

R. Schuller



POST COVID YOUTH LINK UP

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 4, 2020

Youth Leaders' National Executive

At Elmslie Memorial
Church Hall

@
7:00pm



on Radio Cayman 89.9
every Sunday at 7:45 am

November 29, 2020
Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 28. (Saturday)

Child Care & Protection Policy Workshop 9:00-11:00am
via Zoom

November 29. (Sunday) 1st Sunday of Advent (HOPE)

also Cayman Thanksgiving Sunday

Women's Fellowship Thanksgiving Service – 6:00pm –
East End United Church

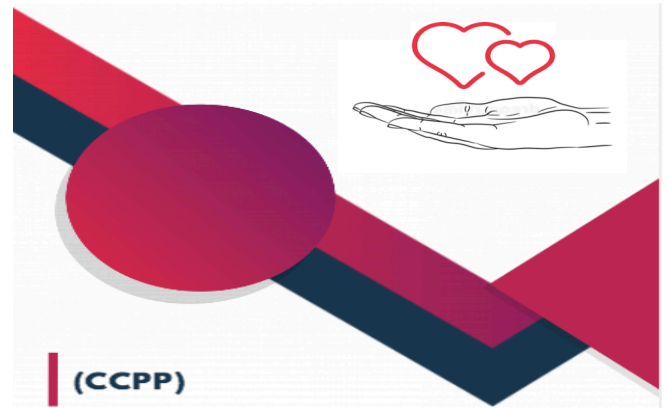
November 30. (Monday)

Council meeting – 6:30pm via Zoom

December 05. (Saturday)

Men's Fell. Breakfast – 7:30am – Elmslie church hall

December 06. (Sunday) 2nd Sunday of Advent (PEACE)



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Child Care & Protection Policy

WORKSHOP

For all those assisting in children and youth ministry who
have not been trained yet

November 28, 2020 9:00 – 11:00am

To register please contact your minister or the Council office
at 947-1963 or cirmc.info@gmail.com



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 29, 2020 6:00pm
East End United Church

Guest preacher Rev. Mary Graham
Theme: **In Everything Give Thanks!**

Please make every effort to attend this special service.
Please confirm/apologize so that we can organize
transportation. A special offering will be taken for the
Savannah United Women's Fellowship in support of The
Francis Boddin Girl's home.

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