



SERMON NOTES



**THE ORDER OF SERVICE
DECEMBER 10, 2017 – 10:45 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

THE GATHERING The Praise Team

THE INVOCATION/LORD’S PRAYER..... Pulpit Associate

THE WELCOME Pulpit Associate

THE PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

THE TITHING STATEMENT/THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE TITHE AND OFFERING The Ushers

THE SELECTION I Came to Lift Him Up
..... The Men’s Chorus

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCEAll Things Come of Thee (536)

THE LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE
ADVENT READING – Peace Deacon Brian B. Billingslea

THE CHANT I Love the Lord
..... The Men’s Chorus

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SONG OF CONSECRATION..... I Thank You Jesus
..... The Men’s Chorus

THE SERMON..... Rev. Dr. Betty L. Fludd

“THE GREATEST GIFT EVER RECEIVED”

JOHN 1:1-4

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN

DISCIPLESHIP

THE BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Betty L. Fludd

THREE-FOLD AMEN

JOHN 1:1-4
SCRIPTURE

REV. DR. BETTY L. FLUDD
PREACHER

“THE GREATEST GIFT EVER RECEIVED”

SERMON TOPIC

POINTS OF POWER

Horizontal lines for sermon notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME our visitors who are worshipping with us today. We pray that your visit will be a blessing and a rewarding experience. If you live in the area and do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family. Pastor Logan and some of our Deacons will be waiting to receive and accept you during the Invitational Hymn. We invite you to come to Jesus and to the love, friendship, and fellowship of our church family. *In times like these, we need a Savior*

OUR CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS NEXT SUNDAY AT 10:45 A.M. Invite family and friends to experience the Christmas Story in songs, dance, and the Word. **Come, Let us adore Him!**

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: Sacrificial giving is the act of strategically giving something that is precious and costly or something one barely can afford as an act of worship and devotion to God with an express purpose of getting an extraordinary breakthrough. It is a well-considered, but painful giving. Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS IN CHRIST MINISTRY 'Annual Christmas Outreach' to several area convalescence homes on yesterday was done in excellence! We convey our thanks to Chairperson, Sister Deborah R. Tisdale and the members of that ministry, as well as to all the ministries and individuals who helped to say to those residents, *"We care."* In addition to that distribution, 45 special gift bags are being delivered to our sick and shut-ins. Thank you for helping to spread love and joy to those who are sometimes forgotten.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH within our church family continues through with the offering of **'Food gift cards'** if needed. Request forms are on the table in the narthex. Please follow the instructions as printed on the forms. The Co-coordinators are Trustee Shirley Paramore and Sister LaVerne D. Jones.

MON. DEC. 11TH6:00 p.m. Women In Prayer Ministry
WED. DEC. 13TH12:00 Noon. Bible Study
WED. DEC. 13TH6:30 p. m.Prayer and Praise/Adult Bible Study.
The Diaconate Ministry will lead the Prayer Service.

WED. DEC. 13TH7:00 p.m.Children Bible Study
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES WILL RECESS after this Wednesday's sessions; and expected to resume on January 10, 2018.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Trustee Ashley Morris is in Griffin Hospital in Derby, CT and Brother Charles E. Ross is in the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven, CT

WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO Deacon Tyrone Thompson and Sister Theresa Thompson (and other family members) on the passing of their cousin, Mr. Samuel Jones, who will be funeralized here at Messiah on tomorrow.

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EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM Pastor Logan for your prayers and support while he ministered in Bronx, NY on yesterday; our Hostess/Host Ministry for supporting it bus trip and Brother John Wiggins for your prayers while he was in the hospital.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 9:30 A.M. in Rev. Reuben E. Williams Hall, our Sunday School will present its Christmas program. Classes will not be in session.

THE COUNCIL OF SERVANTS will meet Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

FREE PRESCHOOL: Openings for preschool are available to eligible Bridgeport four-year-olds. The openings are at P. L. Dunbar School and Wilbur Cross School. According to Principal Deborah Tisdale, they are in jeopardy of losing one of their classes. They are federally funded programs and if the seats aren't filled, the government cuts funding. Children must be 4 by December 31. **Please share.**

FREE CLOTHING: We will continue to make free clothing and items available. Remember: **EVERY WEDNESDAY, 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.** the merchandise will be available in our Memorial Hall. We ask that if you need or know someone who needs clothing come and take them.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING staff will take a break for the Holiday Season, after December 20th and resume on January 10, 2018.

FREE LUNCH: The service of free lunch on Wednesdays is recessed for the Holiday Season and will be announced again soon.



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THE ANGEL TREE

All gifts are due today.

If you did not get the opportunity to take a tag and purchase a gift, but would like to donate towards a gift for one of the tags, please see Sister Mary Ellen Tatten.

