

**People:** He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

**Leader:** He has come to the aid of His child Israel, in remembrance of His mercy,

**All:** according to the promise He made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to His descendants forever."

**Songs of Response** *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*  
(see insert)

*I'll Say Yes, Lord, Yes*  
(see insert)

**Gospel Reading:**  
**Luke 2:1-20** *The Birth of Jesus and the Shepherds' Visit*

**Song of Response:** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*  
(see insert)

**Galatians 4:4-7** "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman..."

**Song of Response:** *Sing De Chorus, Clap Yuh Han*  
(see insert)

**Selection:** *Mary Did You Know?*

**Sermon** *Rev. Trevor Edwards*  
*Theme: From Mary's Vantage Point*

#### Intercessory Prayers of the People

- 1) Thanksgiving for the gift of Christ.
- 2) Prayer for peace in Jamaica and the wider world.
- 3) Intercession for mothers, families, and communities rebuilding after disaster.
- 4) Responsive Prayer: Women of Faith, Bearers of Hope (see insert)

**Song of Response:** *Silent Night*

**S**ilent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Darkness flies, all is light;  
Shepherds hear the angels sing,  
"Alleluia! hail the King!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,  
Wondrous star, lend the light;  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.

*Joseph Mohr, 1818*

**Closing Song:** *All for Jesus*  
(see insert)


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**Leader:**

Go forth in joy, for Christ is born!  
Like Mary, may we carry God's promise into the world.

**People:**

**Amen! Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**



# Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH


BARBICAN CIRCUIT  
(Jamaica Baptist Union)

## Christmas Morning Worship Service

December 25, 2025  
9:15 A.M.

**Church Year Theme:** Keeping Faith With The Word In An Ever-Changing World: Pursuing Integrity

**Theme for the Month:** GOD WITH US - INCARNATION



**Leader:** Brother Howard Senior  
**Speaker:** Reverend Trevor Edwards  
**Pastor:** Reverend Trevor Edwards  
*Barbican/Golden Spring  
Circuit of Baptist Churches*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Theme: Mary, Bearer of  
God's Promise**



Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come! The glory of the Lord rises upon us this Christmas morning.

**People: We come rejoicing, for unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.**

**Readings—Lighting of the  
Christmas Candle**

**Gathering Hymn**      **Christians, Awake**

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn  
Whereon the Savior of the world was born;  
Rise to adore the mystery of love,  
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God incarnate and the virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
Who heard th' angelic herald's voice,  
"Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Savior's birth  
To you and all the nations of the earth;  
This day hath God fulfilled His promised  
Word;  
This day is born a Savior, Christ the Lord."

He spoke, and straightway the celestial  
choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;  
The praises of redeeming love they sang,  
And heav'n's whole orb with alleluias rang;  
God's highest glory was their anthem still,  
Peace on the earth, and unto men good will.

To Bethlehem the happy shepherds  
sought,  
To see the wonder God for us had  
wrought,  
And found, with Joseph and the blessed  
maid,  
Her Son, the Savior, in a manger laid;  
Amazed, the wondrous story they proclaim,  
The earliest heralds of the Savior's name.

Let us, like these good shepherds, then  
employ  
Our grateful voices to proclaim the joy;  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved  
our loss,  
From His poor manger to His bitter cross,  
Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,  
Till our first heav'nly state again takes  
place.

Then may we hope, th' angelic hosts  
among,  
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;  
He that was born upon this joyful day  
Around us all His glory shall display;  
Saved by His love, incessantly we sing  
Eternal praise to heav'n's almighty King.

*John Byrom, 1749*

### Prayer of Invocation

The day is here, when we remember  
Your coming, Oh God. Amidst the wrap-  
pings and boxes, the hurry and worry,  
we pause. We come before You seeking  
to remember the true meaning of the  
day. We come to celebrate with thanks  
and praise the wonderful works You  
have done. We come to pray for Christ's  
authority to grow continually, so there  
will be endless peace. Draw us near to  
you this day of days, our Wonderful  
Counsellor, Everlasting Father, and  
Prince of Peace.

### Prayer of Confession

**Responsive Reading 1**      **Psalms 97  
(NRSV)**

Leader: The LORD is king! Let the  
earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be  
glad!

**People: Clouds and thick dark-  
ness are all around Him; right-  
eousness and justice are the foun-  
dation of His throne.**

Leader: Fire goes before Him and con-  
sumes His adversaries on every side.

**People: His lightnings light up the  
world; the earth sees and trembles.**

Leader: The mountains melt like wax  
before the LORD, before the Lord of all  
the earth.

**People: The heavens proclaim  
His righteousness, and all the peo-  
ples behold His glory.**

Leader: All servants of images are  
put to shame, those who make their  
boast in worthless idols; all gods bow  
down before Him.

**People: Zion hears and is glad,  
and the towns of Judah rejoice be-  
cause of your judgments, O God.**

Leader: For you, O LORD, are most  
high over all the earth; you are exalted  
far above all gods.

**People: You who love the LORD,  
hate evil; He guards the lives of His  
faithful; He rescues them from the  
hand of the wicked.**

Leader: Light dawns for the right-  
eous and joy for the upright in heart.

**All: Rejoice in the LORD, O  
you righteous, and give thanks to  
His holy name!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to  
the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is  
now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:  
Isaiah 7:10-16**

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give  
you a sign: The virgin will conceive  
and give birth to a son, and will call  
him Immanuel."*

**Song of  
Response: O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel**

*(verses highlighting  
hope and promise)*

**O** come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Chorus  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the Law,  
In cloud, and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.

*tr. - J. M. Neale, 1851*

**New Testament Reading:  
Luke 1:26-38** – The Annunciation

- **Mary's "Yes" to God's call.**

*"Yes, Lord, Yes, to Your will and to Your  
way"*

**Responsive Reading 2**      **Luke 1:46b-55**

**Mary's Song:  
(The Magnificat)**

Leader: "My soul magnifies the Lord,

**People: and my spirit rejoices in  
God my Savior,**

Leader: for He has looked with favor  
on the lowly state of His servant. Surely,  
from now on all generations will call me  
blessed,

**People: for the Mighty One has  
done great things for me, and holy  
is His name;**

Leader: indeed, His mercy is for those  
who fear Him from generation to gener-  
ation.

**People He has shown strength  
with His arm; He has scattered the  
proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.**

Leader He has brought down the  
powerful from their thrones and lifted  
up the lowly;