

## tithes & offering

We stand and declare that we are all cheerful givers. We commit these tithes and our offerings to God as our first fruits, our expressions of gratitude for God's goodness. We give because God so loved us that He first gave by sending His only Son to die for our sins. We gladly proclaim that "It is more blessed to give than to receive"; we are blessed as individuals and as a church family. We will continue to give cheerfully to the building up of the Kingdom of God and the work of His church because we know that this is what God desires of His faithful followers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS—JANUARY

- \* Believers' Enrichment Service—Sun, January 5, at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, January 6, to Wednesday January 8, at 7:00 p.m. nightly in the Chapel.
- \* Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
- \* 1st Quarter Members' Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19, at 11:30 a.m.
- \* The Keswick Convention 2025 will take place at Boulevard Baptist Church from Jan. 19 to Jan. 26, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night.

### BARBICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Musicians:** Francois Brown (on duty)  
Brett Blackellar

**Sunday School Supt.:** Sis. Sharon Earle Edwards  
**Sunday School:** 8:00 a.m.

Join us at: <https://tinyurl.com/BBCSundaySchool>  
**Meeting ID:** 859 2802 5543 **Passcode:** 113204

**New Members' Class:** 8:00 a.m.

Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115398995?pwd=VVJWeVdoNmIzVTIEUkpaZ3MvQXRsUT09>  
**Meeting ID:** 881 1539 8995 **Passcode:** 269869

**Golden Spring Church:** 11:00—12:30 p.m.



Pause on a Tuesday for **Midday Meditation** from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.



Participate in **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please find the Zoom link below.

### MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Sis. Ruby Beckford  
Sis. Enid Shand  
Sis. Enid Coke  
Sis. Claire Anderson  
Sis. Hazel Davis  
Sis. Violet McLeary  
Sis. Samantha Taylor Brown  
Sis. June Dunkley  
Bro. Donald Miller  
Bro. David Levermore  
Bro. Frankie Dinnald  
Rev. and Mrs. Earl & Patricia Morgan

*If you can call, visit or say a prayer for these brethren, it would be appreciated tremendously.*



### NOTES

**Midday Meditation:** Tuesday @ 11:45—12:45 p.m.  
Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81889246904?wd=VU1nMDRaRWhOby9Xa1RzdjZKVDd1dz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 818 8924 6904 **Password:** 044267

**Women's Federation:** 2nd Sundays after worship  
**Finance Committee Meeting:** Third Tuesdays

**Prayer Meeting and Bible Study:** Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88257758645?pwd=RjhuVlIYSGNzUINWeEpUMDAvaFISZz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 882 5775 8645 **Password:** 211236

**Youth Fellowship:** Fridays @ 7:00 p.m.  
**Praise Team Practice:** Saturdays @ 5:00 p.m.  
**Church Council Meeting:** Thursday before 1st Sunday

# Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

## Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

January 5, 2025

9:15 A.M.

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

**Theme for the Month:** Transforming Discipleship



**Leader:**

Sister Petula Senior

**Speaker:**

Reverend Trevor Edwards

**Deacon on Duty:**

Deacon Michelle Blackellar

**Pastor:**

Reverend Trevor Edwards  
*Barbican/Golden Spring  
Circuit of Baptist Churches*

## APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

**People:** let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,

**People:** and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

**All:** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

### Choruses of Praise

- Sing Praises Unto God (Medley)
- My God is Awesome

### Gathering Hymn

# 318  
BP&W  
*Sing to the King*

**S**ing we the King who is coming to reign,  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,  
Life and salvation his empire shall bring  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

*Refrain:*  
*Come let us sing: Praise to our King,*  
*Jesus our King, Jesus our King;*  
*This is our song, who to Jesus belong:*  
*Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.*

All men shall dwell in his marvellous light,  
Races long severed his love shall unite,  
Justice and truth from his sceptre shall spring,  
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King.

All shall be well in his Kingdom of peace,  
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,  
Foe shall be friend when his triumph we sing,  
Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King.

Kingdom of Christ, for thy coming we pray,  
Hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day  
When this new song thy creation shall sing,  
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

*Charles Silvester Horne, 1865-1914*

### Prayer Chorus

*If It Had Not Been*

### PRAYER OF PRAISE, ADORATION & CONFESSION

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
Holy, holy, holy be Thy name  
Our Father who art in heaven, holy be Thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come on earth, Thy will be done on earth,  
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread (Repeat x 3)  
And forgive us our trespasses (Repeat)  
As we forgive those who trespass against us,  
Forgive us our trespasses.*

*Do not lead us into temptation (Repeat)  
But deliver us from all evil, (Repeat)*

*Amen, Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen, Amen!*

*(Fr. Richard Ho Lung)*

### Responsive Reading

**Psalm 150**  
(KJV)

Leader: Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary:

**Women: praise Him in the firmament of His power.**

**Men: praise Him for His mighty acts:**

Leader: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

**Youth: praise Him with the sound of the trumpet:**

**Children: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.**

Leader: praise Him with the timbrel and dance:

**Women: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.**

**Men: praise Him upon the loud cymbals:**

Leader: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

**ALL Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.**

Despite watching their roof being blown away, the Lee family sang while sheltering under a bed. This, for me, was a demonstration of what Paul means when he says, in everything give thanks and rejoice always, and again I say rejoice.

It is without doubt that we will always face disastrous events, but how do we deal with them? The Bible's teachings, practiced by the Lee family, have offered a model of how to manage when disaster strikes.

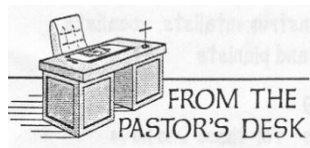
### Disturbances

This year is a general election year. A government must be chosen to run the country for another five years. As I write this, the US is preparing to install a president with a not-so-enviable record of public morality and probity but elected to serve a second term. We are not sure what it will be like in Jamaica, but each of us must make the right decision and choose the better leaders.

### How will we then proceed in the new year?

I return to my early comments and prayer, that each of us must decide that we will love God from the heart. That we will not just be engaged in doing good things, but we will practice being good people. Being good comes from the heart, not from the head. When we love God from the heart, we will end up doing the right things which please God. Leaders, what in your heart are you hearing from God concerning how He wants you to be? Congregants, what are you hearing from God in your heart about being the best person? Through God's grace, I encourage you to maintain your practice of biblical faith, not cultural Christianity.

### Your Pastor



## Happy New Year brothers and sisters,

My prayer for you as you begin this new year is that you will experience all the richness of the spiritual blessings that are in Christ Jesus. That you will grow more and more in favour with God, and love God from your heart. That you will love your neighbour from your heart as well. I pray that we all continue to be anchored to the word of God, which is unchanging, in a world that is forever changing. This is critical for the following reasons.

We have just completed a year which had many surprises and disappointments, disasters and disturbances.

### Disappointments

The wars continue between Russia and Ukraine, and Israel and Hamas. It has been disappointing as it has shown yet again that for human beings using weapons against each other, rather than talking with each other, is the preferred way to bring about peace and resolve conflict. This is disappointing as it reflects the immaturity in human relationships despite the technological strides we have made in other areas of our lives.

We are reminded in the Word that we are to 'study war no more'; that the day will come when we shall beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks (Isa. 2:4, Mic. 4:3) and that the wolf will lie down with the lamb (Isa. 11:6). That's why we must be anchored to the Word for when we are, we will realize that peace is not just a dream, but a possibility and a demand.

One of the other disappointments is that the hostility which sometimes exists among members of the household of God, may not lead to the use of the same physical weapons of war, but it is so thick, that it requires dynamite to break it.

My appeal to us is to let the disappointment in global warfare and interpersonal conflicts lead us to make the struggle for peace in our relationships become the desired option as we relate.

### Disasters

There were several natural disasters that affected the world, and closer home the impacts of hurricanes Helene on the United States and Beryl on Jamaica. The parish of St Elizabeth was almost devastated. The resulting effect was food shortage across the island for months. Not to mention the fact that residents in the parish were without electricity for many weeks. Some lost their whole roofs, some parts and many lost their livestock and crops. One bright element during the hurricane was a Christian family where the youngest child started singing with the rest of her family the 'Goodness of God.'

**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.**

#### WORSHIP THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Brief Welcome

Announcements

Recognition of Birthdays – **JANUARY**

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

*Offertory song: We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

#### Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

#### WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

**Scripture Readings**      **O.T.—Jeremiah 31:7-14**  
   **N.T.—John 1: 1-18**

**Special Selection:**

**Senior Choir**

#### PREPARATION CHORUS

*Bless Thy word unto our hearts  
 And glorify Thy name (rept.)  
 Glorify Thy name (rept.)  
 Bless Thy word unto our hearts  
 And glorify Thy name.*

#### Hymn

*I Just Want to Follow Jesus*

**Y**ou may be young and think the world is at your feet  
 Perhaps you live from day to day;  
 But I confess that I have met Lord Jesus Christ  
 And know that He's the only way.

*Chorus*

*I just want to follow Jesus,  
 Follow each and every day  
 And I want to praise and serve him  
 As I walk the narrow way  
 Where He leads me I will follow,  
 From the start until the end:  
 I will stay with Him forever,  
 He's my nearest, dearest friend.*

I'm growing older, wiser, seeing things more clear  
 And value this great friend I've made  
 That's why I try to show Him off to all my friends  
 And tell them of the price He's paid.

Life has more meaning now that I've known Jesus Christ,  
 I've got the strength to cope with all His Spirit is my guide, whenever I am afraid,  
 And I will always heed His call.

I consecrate my life to serving Jesus Christ,  
 I've made this pledge, to God indeed.  
 I put my trust in Him and seek to do His will  
 He satisfies my every need.

If you have not as yet given your life to Him,  
 I beg of you, do not delay;  
 I call on to put your faith in Jesus Christ  
 And join with me these words to say

*George Mulrain*



## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Hymn

### *Behold the Lamb*

**B**ehold the Lamb who bears our  
sins away,  
Slain for us – and we remember  
The promise made that all who come  
in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you – eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings  
us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you – drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, – and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

*Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty (2007)*

### Hymn

### *In Remembrance of Me*

**I**n remembrance of Me eat this bread  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me heal the sick  
In remembrance of me feed the poor  
In remembrance of me open the door  
And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted  
Drink and remember too  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth  
In remembrance of me always love  
In remembrance of me don't look above  
But in your heart, in your heart  
Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of Me  
Do this in remembrance of Me  
In remembrance of Me

*Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red, 1972*

### ☞ Holy Communion ☞



Communion (Invitation, Institution,  
Consecration, Distribution,  
Communal prayer, collection)

### Covenant Sharing

### ☞ Closing Prayer ☞

### ☞ BENEDICTION ☞

## CHURCH COVENANT

**H**aving been led, as we believe by the  
Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus  
Christ as our Saviour and, on the  
profession of our faith, having been  
baptized into the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we  
do now, in the presence of God, and this  
assembly, most solemnly and joyfully  
enter into covenant with one another as  
one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the  
Holy Spirit to work together in Christian  
love; to strive for the advancement of this  
church, in knowledge, holiness, and  
comfort; to promote its prosperity and  
spirituality; to sustain its worship,  
ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to  
contribute cheerfully and regularly to the  
support of the ministry, the expenses of  
the church, the relief of the poor, and the  
spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and  
secret devotions; to religiously educate  
our children, to seek the salvation of our  
kindred and acquaintances; to walk  
circumspectly in the world; to be just in  
our dealings, faithful in our engage-  
ments, and exemplary in our  
deportment; to avoid all tattling,  
backbiting, and excessive anger; to seek  
God's help in abstaining from all drugs,  
food, drink, and practices which bring  
unwarranted harm to the body or  
jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We further engage to watch over one  
another in brotherly and sisterly love; to  
remember one another in prayer; to aid  
one another in sickness and distress; to  
cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling  
and Christian courtesy in speech; to be  
slow to take offence, but always ready  
for reconciliation and mindful of the rules  
of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we  
remove from this place we will, as soon as  
possible, unite with some other church  
where we can carry out the spirit of this  
covenant and the principles of God's Word.



## JANUARY 2024

### Birthdays

- 03 – Sis. Judith Davis
- 06 – Bro. Kareem Robinson
- 07 – Dea. Norma Johnson
- 10 – Sis. Vivette Swaby
- 16 – Sis. Marjorie Cripps
- 17 – Sis. Andrea Hunter
- 17 – Bro. Byron Lothian
- 23 – Sis. Grace Robinson Miller
- 26 – Sis. Dianne Levermore Thorpe
- 26 – Sis. Jean Foote
- 31 – Sis. Teneshia Prendergast

### Anniversaries

- 5 – Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fray
- 7 – Mr & Mrs. Dwayne Levermore