### 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.

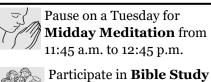
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Join us at: https://tinyurl.com/BBCSundaySchool Meeting ID: 859 2802 5543 Passcode: 113204

**New Members' Class:** 8:00 a.m. Join us at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115398995? pwd=VVJWeVdoNmlzVTIEUkpaZ3MvQXRsUT09 Meeting ID: 881 1539 8995 Passcode: 269869

Golden Spring Church: 11:00-12:30 p.m.



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.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS—NOVEMBER

\* The Funeral Service for the late Brother Donald Creary, former member of the Golden Spring Baptist Church, will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Barbican Baptist Church. Internment will be at the family plot in Mount James. Let us continue to keep his family and friends in our prayers.

Midday Meditation: Tuesday @ 11:45—12:45 p.m. Join us at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81889246 904?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=RjhuVIIYSGNzUINWeEp UMDAvaFISZz09

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

## Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

9:15 A.M.

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

Theme for the Month: The Integrity of Hope



Leader:	Sister Dr. Sharon Earle-Edwards
Speaker:	Reverend Trevor Edwards
Deacon on Duty:	Deacon Tracy McFarlane
Paștor:	Reverend Trevor Edwards Barbican/Golden Spring Circuit of Baptist Churches

#### APPROACH TO WORSHIP

#### 🦾 Call To Worship

Leader: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

#### People: "Let there be light!"

Leader: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

#### People: "I am the Light of the world."

Leader: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

### People: The ones in whom God's light shines.

Leader: So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

#### People: And let us worship God.

Leader: We gather this morning to remember our call:

#### People: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Leader: We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

#### People: Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

Leader: We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

#### People: With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,

All: let us worship God. (Beth Merrill Neel)

#### **Choruses of Praise**

- Alle, Alle, Alle, Luia
- Here I Am Lord (I the Lord of Sea and Sky)

### Gathering

Hymn

#### Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down; Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, Into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy second rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy grace receive; Suddenly return and never, Never more Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1747

nd Chorus

He Alone Is Worthy

#### 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)

You promised, 'No matter what, I'll always be there for you!' You did it, Dad!" "There are 14 of us left out of 33, Dad. We're scared, hungry, thirsty, and thankful you're here. When the building collapsed, it made a wedge, like a triangle, and it saved us."

"Come on out, boy!"

"No, Dad! Let the other kids come out first because I know you'll get me. No matter what, I know you'll be there for me."

#### What is the message of this story?

This story has an important message about hope. Don't get lost in a debate about whether it is true or just inspiring, that's beside the point. It does reflect a greater truth of the promise God made to us that he would not leave us, he would be with us always as we seek to fulfill the great commission. As believers, we have this hope and assurance that we can face any crisis, challenge, and situation as God is with us. And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts. (Rom. 5:5a)

How does this translate then in the hope that inspires our leadership within the church? That even when we do not get the responses we desire, that even when the cooperation is limited, that even when the tasks seem overwhelming, we will still press on and remain faithful as we are grounded in the hope that does not disappoint us. Will we see more people believing in the Lord? **Yes, we will**. Will we see more persons offering themselves for leadership positions in the church? **Yes, we will**. Will we see more Christians of all ages offering to disciple others? **Yes, we will** as our hope is not in the circumstances we encounter, but in Christ.

God is counting on all his followers to remain faithful. It is not about whether our neighbour is pulling his or her weight, investing his or her 'bag of gold' it is what we each do with ours. I appeal to you therefore not to be closed to what God wants to do in your life, do not be afraid either, but surrender to God, trust God and He will prepare and equip you for the ministry he has called you to fulfill.

Remember as well that others are counting on us, Barbican Baptist Church. Others are counting on you, to be the agent God will use to deliver them from the pit of hell or face eternal life with the Saviour. Can we afford to let them down or to let the Lord down? That should never be an option for us as believers.

"And let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess, for the one who made the promise is trustworthy. And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works not abandoning our own meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and even more so because you see the day drawing near" (Heb. 10:23-25, NET).

Are you ready to play your part in the Great Commission? Let us go!

Amen

**Your Pastor** 



#### Dear Members,

I would like us to have a heart-to-heart talk. To that end, allow me to share a story that I am sure some of you may have heard before but is worth repeating here. The story is a demonstration of true love, commitment, and the power of hope. It is the story of a boy and his father after an earthquake in Armenia.

December 7, 1988, started as every other day in the northern part of Armenia, until about 11:41 a.m., when things changed. An earthquake struck! It was called the Spitak earthquake. It was a major disaster as the region where the earthquake struck was flattened, killing over 30,000 people in less than four minutes and leaving others homeless.

Amid all the chaos, a father left his wife securely at home and rushed to the school where his son was supposed to be, only to discover that the building had been flattened like a pancake.

After the traumatic initial shock, this man remembered the promise he had made to his son, "No matter what, I'll always be there for you!" Tears began to fill his eyes. As he looked at the pile of debris that once was the school, it looked hopeless, but he kept remembering his commitment to his son.

He began to concentrate on where he walked his son to school each morning. Remembering his son's classroom would be in the back right corner of the building, he rushed there and started digging through the rubble. As he was digging, other forlorn parents arrived, clutching their hearts, saying, "My son!" "My daughter!" Other well-meaning parents tried pulling him off what was left of the school, saying: "It's too late!"

"They're dead!"

"You can't help!"

"Go home!"

"Come on, face reality, there's nothing you can do!"

"You're just going to make things worse!"

To each parent, he responded with one line: "Are you going to help me now?" And then he proceeded to dig for his son, stone by stone. The fire chief showed up and tried to pull him off the school's debris, saying, "Fires are breaking out, explosions are happening everywhere. You're in danger. We'll take care of it. Please go home." To which this loving, caring Armenian father asked, "Are you going to help me now?" The police came and said, "You're angry, distraught, and it's over. You're endangering others. We'll take care of it. Go home."

No one helped.

Courageously, he proceeded alone because he needed to know for himself: "Is my boy alive, or is he dead?" He dug for eight hours...12 hours...24, and 36 hours. Then, in the 38th hour, he pulled back a boulder and heard his son's voice. The man screamed his son's name, "Armand!" He heard back, "Dad? It's me, Dad! I told the other kids not to worry. I told them that if you were alive, you'd save me, and when you saved me, they'd be saved.

Responsive	Psalm 146
Reading	(NRSV)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

# People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

# People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

#### People: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Leader: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

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 – **NOVEMBER** 

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

Offertory song: I Am Blessed

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

**Junior Church** 

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

#### WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture	O.TRuth 1:1-18
Readings	N.T.—Heb. 9:11-14

Special Selection: The 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 of Response

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him. That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

Martin Luther, 1529

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#### PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

BP&W Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

Sesues, the joy of loving hearts, The fount of life, the light of men; From the best bliss that earth imparts We turn unfilled to you again.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood; You save all those who on you call; To those still seeking, you are good, To those who find you, all in all!

We taste of you, the living bread, And long to feast upon you still; We drink of you, the fountain-head, Our thirsty souls from you to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for you, Whichever way our lives are cast; Glad when your gracious smile we view, Blest when our faith can hold you fast.

Jesus, forever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright, Chase the dark night of sin away, Shed on this world your holy light.

#### Bernard of Clairvaux, 1160

Hymn

# 438 BP&W Jesus Invites His Saints

Jesus invites His saints to meet around his board; here pardoned rebels sit and hold communion with their Lord. Here we survey that love which spoke in every breath, which crowned each action of his life, and triumphed in his death.

This holy bread and wine maintain our fainting breath, by union with our living Lord, and interest in his death.

Our heavenly Father calls Christ and his members one; we the young children of his love, and he the first-born Son.

We are but several parts Of the same broken bread; Our body has its several limbs, But Jesus is the head.

Let all our powers be joined His glorious name to raise; Pleasure and love fill every mind And every voice be praise.

#### Isaacs Watts, 1674-1748

#### ର୍ଚ୍ଚ Holy Communion ରହ



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

**Covenant Sharing** 

න Closing Prayer ශ

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#### **CHURCH COVENANT**

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 engagements, 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.



#### NOVEMBER 2024

#### <u>Birthdays</u>

- 04 Master Daniel Levermore
- 10 Deacon Clifton Anderson
- 10 Sis. Jacqui Johnson-Mullings
- 12 Master Keo Hall
- 13 Deacon Agnes Gilbourne
- 15 Bro. Andre Harris
- 16 Sis. Millicent Clunis
- 16 Bro. Michael Headlam
- 20 Sis. Collette Lothian
- 22 Deacon Michelle Blackellar
- 22 Deacon Tracy McFarlane
- 24 Deacon Margaret Curtis Walker
- 25 Bro. Samuel Arava
- 26 Bro. Paul Griffith Snr.
- 27 Sis. Colleen Sudine
- 28 Sis. Elecia Largie
- 29 Rev. Earl A. Morgan
- Anniversary
- 04 Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Distant