

CALENDAR

Children & Adult Bible Study Classes 9:30 a.m.
Committee Meetings
Board of Trustees 3rd Saturday
Membership Committee 4th Sunday
Music Committee 3rd Sunday
Standing Committee 2nd Sunday
Communion 1st Sunday
Food Pantry 4th Saturday

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Contact Information

Weekday Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Fridays 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Reverend Forde office hours are on Wednesdays from 10 am to 4 pm.

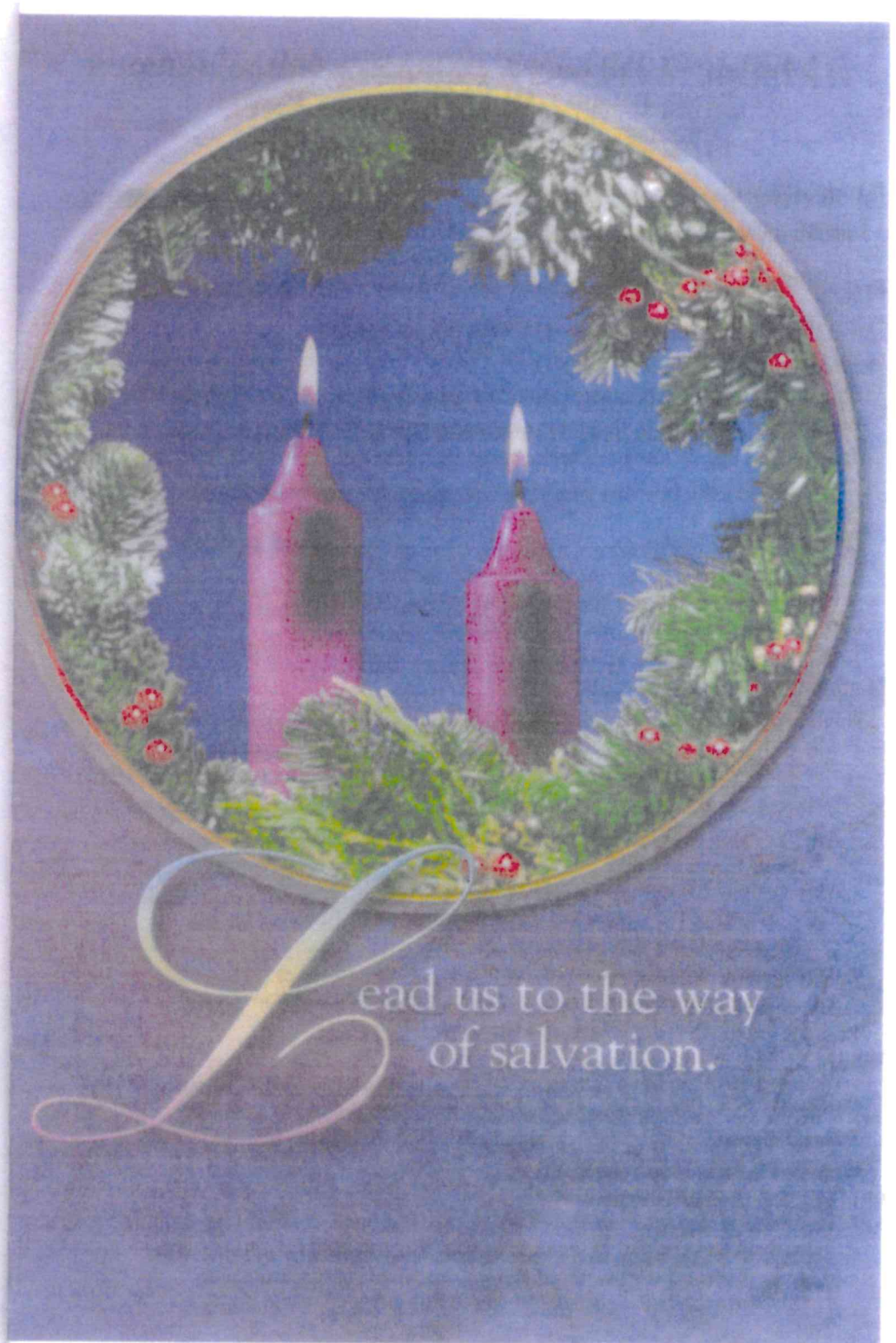
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Lead us to the way
of salvation.

FLATBUSH-TOMPKINS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024
Reverend Doreen Forde, Interim Minister

Davida Davis

Liturgist

* please stand if able

Prelude

Rachel Kaufman

***Opening Hymn # 100**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***Call to Worship**

'Prepare the way,' the prophets call 'make ready the highways for our God.'

How we long to walk down the sidewalks in God's kingdom of peace.

Prepare your hearts, for God's realm opens up a new day.

We prepare for the time when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.

Prepare the way, God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down their arms.

We dream of a world transformed by God's love.

May the God of hope fill your hearts with hope and peace.

We rejoice for God's Spirit is in our midst! Amen.

***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Sunday School: We light this candle of peace.

All: Reflecting on the proclamation of John the Baptist more than 2,000 years ago and working to spread the good news today.

Sunday School: We light this candle of peace.

All: Working toward and crying out for a world where everyone's basic needs are met.

Sunday School: We light this candle of peace.

All: Smoothing the rough ways and makings paths in order to end discrimination and persecution.

Sunday School: We light this candle of peace.

All: Awaiting the arrival of Jesus Christ, light of the world. There is darkness everywhere. Be the light.

Sunday School: We light this candle in HOPE.

We bring this light of hope with us, together, on the journey. Hope comes from the Child and our hope is dedicated to the Child lying in a manger.

Seeking goodness only, for our neighbors and for ourselves, may we kindle God's light of hope within us.

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: Good and gracious God, God of darkness and light, God of hope and fear; help us take one step closer to you, toward the joy of unity with you. In this candle light, show us that the power of hope silences doubts and fears. Take this light, small but mighty, and magnify it

within us until our hope chases away all shadows around our church, our community, our nation and our world. Amen.

***Introit** **We Will Glorify**

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer** (*debt...debtors*)

***Psalter # 727** **Psalm 144**

***Gloria Patri**

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response **Come Here Jesus, If You Please**

Offering

Anthem **Lord of the Dance**
The Chancel Choir

S. B. Carter

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Gospel Lesson **John 1: 1-5 (Pew Bible 966)**

***Hymn of Preparation (insert)** **Jesus, the Light of the World**

Sermon **Jesus, the Light of the World**

Invitation of Christ

Hymns of Invitation # 168 **Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**
268 **I Need Thee Every Hour**
331 **Wonderful Merciful Savior**

***Closing Hymn # 97** **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

***Benediction**

***Response** **Rejoice, Rejoice**

Postlude

Rachel Kaufman

Music Ministry

Elisabeth Stevens., soprano Nicole Osmolovskaya, alto
Malcolm Payne, tenor Isaac Mann, bass
The Chancel Choir
Rachel Kaufman, pianist

The ushers are Barry Clarke and Sandra A. Plummer-Cambridge.

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome you to our service of worship this morning. We are so pleased that you have come here to fellowship with us today. We encourage you to greet each other and join us for fellowship after service.

Our **84th Annual Candlelight Vespers** will be held **today, at 4 p.m.** This festive event is an important station on our journey through Advent in this our 125th Anniversary of Ministry. You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors.

Prayer Requests

Behind all words and gestures, behind all thoughts and feelings, there is an inner center of prayer where we can meet and help one another in the presence of God. Let us remember in prayer –

Lion Alkebulan, requested by Davida Davis
J.W. Eady, uncle of Sylvia White
Maria Hodges, *healing prayers for recuperation
Janet Baugh, a friend of the Matthew Family
Thelma Borden,*
James Brannon, nephew of Janice Thomas
Linell
Collins Jacobs, father of Desiree Jacobs Munnelly
Audrey Mills, wife of Wilbert Mills
Demetrice Mills, brother of Wilbert Mills
Edris Sewell,* for healing
Joy Charles, sister of Janice Thomas
Eddie Stockton, requested by Emerald Haynes
Laura Harris* and family
Nancy Van Raalte, aunt of Rachel Kaufman
Glenda Taylor, sister-in-law of Wilbert Mills
Claudia Rollins-Carrington
Iotha Floyd*recovering from double pneumonia
Winston Haynes and Kenyon Haynes, in Barbados,
father and brother of Annette Strawder and Sonia Clarke
Justine Johnson, son of Rev. Julie Johnson Staples

Ella Brandon*
Mary and Floyd Mitchell*
Anthony Davis*
Lorraine Young*
Patsy Gordon,*for healing
Avenal Haynes*
Lillie Clacher*
Rev. Joe N. Brown
Cathleen Reid*
Florence Robinson*
Enid Williams*
Joan Regis*
Nora White
Roderick Applewhaite
Cynthia Hall*
Jean Jackson, sister of John Jackson
Adrienne Booker*
Lisa Lynch, in Barbados, friend of
Sonia Clarke
Kaylani Best Creese

Please contact the Church Secretary at chenze@flatbushtompkins.org with your prayer requests. Persons will be listed until the end of a month.

A very **Happy Birthday** to our **December** birthday celebrants: Alyssa Casimir (4th), Sylvia White (5th), Shelby White (7th), Rachel Kaufman (7th), Florence Robinson (9th), Oswald Brown (12th), Ingrid Brown (15th), Lloyd Maxwell (18th), Andre Harry (28th), Uzziiah Rood (28th), and Sam Rood (29th).

Acknowledgment of Visitors

Pastor’s Bible Study

Reverend Forde’s Bible Study will be every Thursday at 7 p.m. We meet via Zoom. The Meeting ID is 962 8600 6608 Pass code is 197420

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School will meet each Sunday from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in the large parlor on the main floor. Lessons are available as you enter. The zoom link is on the back of the bulletin. Come on in and join us.

Pennies for the Building Fund. You are invited to deposit your pennies into the large bottle on the table at the East 19th Street entrance.

The **Women’s Ministry** is planning a Day Out on Friday, February 21, 2025. An outing is planned to the Hunterdon Playhouse (in New Jersey) to enjoy *Dr. K’s Motown Revue*. For additional information speak with a member of the Women’s Ministry.

Community Meetings at Church

- NA Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:30 - noon
- AA Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Flatbush Tenants Association
- Community Emergency Response Team

SUNDAY 1-DEC-2024

In-Service Giving	Amount
Church Support	\$1,893.00
Benevolence	\$100.00
College Fund	\$20.00
Parish Relief	\$172.00
Building Fund	\$530.00
Fund Raiser: Denim Dance	\$50.00
Adult Sunday School	\$75.00
Christmas: Vespers Journal Ads	\$397.00
Christmas: Poinsettias & Angels	\$560.00
Women's Ministry	\$25.00
<i>Sub Total</i>	\$3,822.00

Online Giving	Amount
Church Support	\$210.00
Parish Relief	\$20.00
Christmas: Vespers Journal Ads	\$67.00
Christmas: Poinsettias & Angels	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
<i>Sub Total</i>	\$397.00
Total In-Service & Online	\$4,219.00

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I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.
John 12:46

1. Hark the her - ald an - gels sing.
2. Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise.
3. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored.
4. Hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace.

Je - sus, the light of the world.

Glo - ry to the new - born King,
Join the tri - umph of the skies.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
Hail, the Sun of right - eous - ness!

Je - sus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.

Come where the dew-drops of mer - cy shine right. Oh,

shine all a - round us by day and by night.

Je - sus, the light of the world.