

LIFE & TIMES

Blythwood Road Baptist Church

Up to Restoration

AN ADVENT SONG OF ASCENTS WORSHIP SERIES



Many peoples shall come and say,
 “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.”

Isaiah 2:3

THE LORD’S DAY
NOVEMBER 27TH, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BLYTHWOOD CALENDAR

Sunday November 27th

- ◆ Join us for worship in-person at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Please join us in the Friendship Room following the service for Lunch. Please contact Nicole Thomas at dnthomas@rogers.com if you would like to help out.
- ◆ Online Worship Service on YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>

Friday December 2nd

- ◆ Blythwood’s evening of Christmas Carols at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Saturday December 3rd

- ◆ Ruth Nayler’s Memorial Service at 11 am with a reception to follow in the Friendship Room

CHRISTMAS CAROL CELEBRATION



Please join us on Friday December 2nd at 7:30 pm for Blythwood’s evening of Christmas Carols with special guest singers Beatrice Carpino, Jeffrey Carl and Blythwood’s Music Team, Adolfo De Santis, Nora Webster and Pastor David.

SAVE THE DATES

- ◆ Sunday December 18th please join us for a Christmas Lunch following the service.
- ◆ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Saturday December 24th at 7:30 pm.

BLYTHWOOD OUT OF THE COLD

Blythwood Out of the Cold moves downtown! From December 2022 through April 2023 Blythwood OOTC is operating out of the Seeds of Hope building at 6 St. Joseph Street, near Yonge and Wellesley. Our volunteers will prepare and serve hot meals, and provide guests with clothing, personal items and food from the Seeds of Hope food bank.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and generous donors. To donate to the Blythwood OOTC outreach please go to:
https://www.blythwood.org/index.php/ootc_donation

BRBC CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 2022

* Blythwood Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Christmas Carol Concert 7:30 pm * Kylie Hurlburt * Elizabeth White	3 Ruth Nayler Memorial Service 11 am Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm
4 Second Sunday of Advent In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am The Lord’s Supper Benevolent Offering	5	6 Deacons’ Board Meeting * Bev Matthews	7	8 * Nora Webster	9 * Charis Brown-Tobias	10 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm
11 Third Sunday of Advent In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	12	13 The Connections 11:30 am	14	15	16	17 Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Bolivia Offering	19	20	21	22 * Daniel Ralph	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 pm Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm
25 Christmas Day In Person & Online Worship 10:30 am Rev. David Thomas	26 Boxing Day	27	28 * Bill McKechnie	29 * Byron Smith * Elizabeth Glover	30	31 New Years Eve Blythwood OOTC at Seeds of Hope 1-5 pm

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WELCOME

TO BLYTHWOOD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

A blessed Advent to all! Welcome to worship as we prepare for Jesus' birth and second coming. Welcome to Blythwood.

PRAY FOR BLYTHWOOD'S ELDERS

Please remember the members of our Blythwood Family who are living in care: Norma Bowers and Jim Kemp.

THE CHURCH YEAR

Advent

Christmas

Epiphany

Lent

Easter

Pentecost

Ordinary Time

In the Church Year this is the season of **Advent**. Hopeful waiting. Expectancy. Longing. Things are not right within us nor in the world around us, so we wait. We wait for the arrival of King Jesus. The word “**advent**” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” During **Advent** we remember the first coming of Jesus and we long for his second coming. Robert Webber explains **Advent** as, “a corporate spiritual journey that calls for expectant waiting and readiness for the coming of the Christ. When the Church travels this journey and treats it as a discipline of life and prayer, the joy of Christmas is immeasurably intensified.”

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

To follow the daily Advent Devotional from Lutheran Seminary, go to <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/>

If you would like a hard copy of the Advent Devotional, please contact the church office.

BLYTHWOOD GIVINGS

- ◆ The church accepts donations by online e-transfer through your bank to Blythwood's email address treasurer@blythwood.org
- ◆ Donations can be made electronically through the Church's website www.blythwood.org
- ◆ If interested in setting up pre-authorized payment to Blythwood, please contact the church office to obtain the form office@blythwood.org
- ◆ You may also mail your envelope directly to Vilma Barredo, our Church Treasurer, at her home. If you require Vilma's address please refer to your church directory or contact our office manager, Jennifer Frank.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude @ 10:25

Adolfo De Santis

Emmanuel comes

GATHERING

Life @ Blythwood

Pastor David Thomas

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Nancy Webster and Nora Webster

Call to Worship (from Psalm 122)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

People: “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; HYFRYDOL)

Greeting

Take Heart

(Keiko Ying ©2020)

Down By the Riverside

(Traditional)

WORD

Scripture: Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14

Sermon: “Up To Restoration”

RESPONSE

Musical Reflection

Jesu

Jesus the Light of the World

(Elderkin/Wesley; WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT)

Prayers of God's People

SENDING

O How Shall I Receive Thee

(Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, Tr. by Arthur T. Russel, 1806-1874 and others; ST. THEODULPH)

Pastoral Blessing

The Postlude

Creator of the stars of night/Of the Father's Love begotten



SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf-hCNBIHMpJ1nLZqm401yA>



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www.blythwood.org/index.php/sermons

BLYTHWOOD PRAYERS

Canadian Baptist Ministries asks us to please join in prayer with Bruno and Kathleen Soucy, CBM Team Leaders, Latin America.

Greetings from Bruno and Kathleen in Guatemala, Central America where we support our Latin American partners in Bolivia, Cuba, the DR, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Like in most of the world today, many of our partner churches are struggling as their communities deal with hunger, lack of employment, inadequate health care, poor access to quality education, and corruption. This has been especially evident in Cuba where in addition to a financial crisis, people are living without access to food, and medicine, and with an antiquated and ineffective power grid which regularly leaves communities throughout the whole country without power. The difficult living situation in Cuba has led to mass migration – legally and illegally, often an indication that people see no future for themselves and their families. I have heard from women church leaders that there are few women of childbearing age left, as only the very brave would risk pregnancy in today's Cuba. During my recent time in September with our partner FIBAC, the lack of youth and young families was evident in the church where the few people I saw were mostly older women and some men. However, some of our church partners are flourishing during these times as people seek hope and community. Here in Guatemala, we recently visited three Q'eqchi Associations in northern Guatemala. This area of our partner, the CIBG, is the fastest-growing part of the Baptist church. We are privileged to accompany the leaders with training and encouragement, helping enthusiastic, mostly younger, church leaders to grow in their understanding of the Gospel and effective community engagement. We are thankful that CBM has been invited to participate in the lives and mission of our church partners in LA. Our partner churches know their communities and their culture, and God has given them resources to be a part of his work to bring hope and healing. It is our privilege as CBM to join them in this work. We are also very thankful that God has called more people to join CBM's work, specifically to come and serve in our region. Most recently Kathryn Scott from NB and this past year Byron Valesquez from Guatemala City. We know that God uses those who step out in faith and show up each day to follow him. We are also grateful for you, our Canadian church supporters who give financially, pray regularly and are now planning to travel to our region, bringing young people and families to experience life and faith with their global partners. Thank you for joining us today as we pray.

PRAYER POINTS, PLEASE PRAY:

- Pray for Cuba dealing with life out of control, uncertainty around meeting basic needs, diminished population and exodus of much-needed professionals and youth. Pray for church leaders and CBM staff to be in regular communication and have the ability to use resources effectively. Pray for a leadership that's able to move Cuba towards health and respect.
- Pray for New CBM staff – For Kathryn as she learns Spanish, adapts to a new culture, and finds friends and community. Pray for Byron as he works with churches within a church culture that usually expects financial resources to undergird any partnership, as he works with churches to understand and work within CBM's model of partnership.
- Pray for the 12 SENT teams planning to come to the region in 2023. That their personal lives and the churches they come from would be impacted by these visits. That they would see new things that Jesus is doing and be willing to step into that.
- Pray for the receiving churches to be encouraged and strengthened knowing they are part of a global, praying community of believers.