

*Welcome to
Johns Chapel
African Methodist Episcopal Church
605 Geneva Highway/Post Office Box 311015
Enterprise, Alabama 36331
December 14, 2025 - 10:45 a.m.*

The Morning Worship Celebration

The Third Sunday of Advent: JOY!

The Season of Advent

Advent is a Christian season of preparation and anticipation for Christmas, focusing on Jesus' birth (First Coming) and His future return (Second Coming), marked by themes like hope, peace, joy, and love, using traditions like Advent wreaths, five candles, and calendars to count down to Christmas Day, symbolizing spiritual growth and readiness.

*The Reverend Willie White, Jr., Pastor
Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall, Presiding Elder
Ozark-Troy District*

*Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, WMS Supervisor
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate*

God Our Father

The Holy Spirit Our Comforter

Christ Our Redeemer

Humankind Our Family

JOHNS CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

The Advent Candle Service -The Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

Chairpersons: Sister LauReen McDaniel & Brother Ricky Britt

WORSHIP LEADER—Brother Ricky Britt

PRELUDE

DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LITANY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY

Sister Nichole Nichols

Leader: We gather, still waiting, but now joy rises among us.

People: Lord, even when things are hard, Your joy finds us.

Leader: When worries grow heavy, let joy break through and strengthen us.

People: Lift every burden, O God. Help gladness grow in our hearts.

Leader: You have brought joy out of sorrow before. Do it again in us.

People: Help us celebrate Your goodness today. Help us share true joy wherever we go.

Leader: Jesus, You are our joy.

People: Make us joyful—shining with Your joy for all to see. Amen.

Leader: Today we light the candle of Joy!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN OF PRAISE

#120 JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

PRAYER

Brother Ace Williams

Choral Response

SELECTION

**“Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child”
Sanctuary United Voices of Praise
Accompanied by Brother Brent Golden
DeVonte Mills and Kam Elston**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:35

Kasen Elston

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS **Sister Marge Simmons**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Opportunities to give tithes & offerings: During morning worship service. Or mail to Johns Chapel AME Church, Post Office Box 311015, Enterprise, AL 36331-1015. Or give via Givelify: Johns Chapel AME Church, Pay Pal: Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

PROGRAM

“The Christmas Story: Celebrating the Birth of Christ”

SELECTION

**The Sanctuary United Voices of Praise
#106 Oh, Come All Ye Faithful**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! Amen.

*Synopsis of Christ's Birth
Gabriel Reassures Mary*

*Sister LauReen McDaniel
Sister Shunia Williams*

(Summary of Luke 1: 30-35)

Scripture Readings (Luke 1:36-56)

*Luke 1: 36-38
Luke 1: 39-41
Luke 1: 42-44
Luke 1: 45-47
Luke 1: 48-50
Luke 1: 51-53
Luke 1: 54- 56*

*Brother James Crawford
Sister Brenda Crawford
Sister Marge Simmons
Sister Aletha Solomon
Sister Shun Wilson
Sister Alexis Elston
Brother Kam Elston*

Praise Dance

JC's Mini Worshippers

Niyema Knight and Kasen Elston

Under the Direction of Sister Corrina Moore

Song—"The Night That Christ was Born"

By Kirk Franklin

Scripture Reading --- Matthew 1: 19-24

Matthew 1: 19-21 Dr. Russell D. Nichols

Matthew 1: 22-24 Sisters—Niyema Knight and Faith Sanchez-Mathis

Selection Sanctuary United Voices of Praise

"Emmanuel"

Praise Dance John Chapel's God's Dancing Disciples

(Chynna Clark, Faith Sanchez-Mathis, Shunia Williams)

Under the direction of Sister Corrina Moore

Song—"The Christmas—Just Jesus" By Pastor Mike

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 1-7

Luke 2: 1-3

Brother Jeremiah Bradley

Luke 2: 4-7

Sister Chynna Clark

Sermonic Hymn

116 “Silent Night”

Sermon

Pastor Willie White, Jr.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Hymn

#122 “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and every-where; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.
2. The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.
3. Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Closing and Acknowledgements

DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

BENEDICTION

Amen!!

**Thank you to all program participants and to
all who are present here**

With us today. To God be the Glory!

Gift giving by Pastor and Sister White





Prayer Concerns
Week of Dec 14-20, 2025

- Sister Geraldine Booth
- Sister Eleanor Bailey**
- Sister Lois Boykins
- Kam Elston
- Sister Barbara Fields
- Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
- Sister Marion Griffin
- Sister Ophelia Hazzard
- Sister Hattie Huggins
- Sister Vivian Johnson
- Sister Corrina Moore
- Sister Ann McGaughey
- Brother Bobby Moment
- Sister Nichole Nichols
- Sister Geraldine Sanders
- Dr. Rachel Wooten Nichols, wife of Ron Nichols, daughter-in-law of Dr. & Mrs. Russell Nichols
- Sister Helen Nichols
- Nigel Robinson, son of Brother Carlos & Sister Lynette Robinson
- Sister Betty Simmons
- Sister Bridgette Simmons, wife of Roderick Simmons, Sister Betty Simmons' son

Happy Birthday

- Dec 14, Maliyah Kay Reynolds**
- Dec 17 Jared D. Simmons**
- Dec 17, LaKesha R. Flowers-**
Leonard
- Dec 18 Annie P. Frazier**
- Dec 18, Deriteous E. Jackson**
- Dec 19 Zacoi Warren**

Opportunities
To Worship and Serve This Week

TODAY

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast From Heaven
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 2:00 p.m. Angel Tree Service**

Monday

6:00 pm—Christmas with Bishop & Supervisor McAllister and Family at Hines Chapel AME Church, Dothan

6-7 pm JC Recovery Ministry

Tuesday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon— GED class— Last day until Jan 8.

Wednesday

12:00 — Noonday Bible Study

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study VIA ZOOM —LOG-IN DETAILS FORTHCOMING

Thursday

NO GED CLASSES AT JC UNTIL JAN 8

Friday

Saturday

9:30 am — Ozark Troy Planning Meeting — St Mark, Daleville

1:00 pm—Grocery Grab at Piggly Wiggly on Geneva Highway

NO WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ON RECORD THIS WEEK

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check texts, e-mails, Facebook, and church website for updates

—10:45 am, TODAY— JC Morning Worship Celebration— “The Christmas Story — Celebrating the Birth of Christ” Under direction of Sister Odessa Jones and Sister Patricia White. We pray you will be blessed by this glorious celebration.

—2:00 pm, TODAY — SE Conference Angel Tree Program here at JC. Prayers and support appreciated to host our guests. Thanks in advance from JCWMS.

—Members and friends of the Allie Lee Clark Sconiers Women's Missionary Society donated 102 new pairs of socks to those in need. Socks were presented to Ms. Conzy Fields Knowles, representing Houston County Department of Human Resources. Chairperson, her Mother, Sister Barbara Holmes Fields. THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

—”Christmas Around the District with Bishop McAllister and Family” in Southeast Conference at 6:00 pm on December 15, at Hines Chapel AME Church, 912 Dellwood Avenue, Dothan. Please plan to attend. Attire: Christmas Business Casual

—Dec 20—9:30 am — Ozark –Troy Planning meeting. St. Mark AME Church, Daleville.

—Dec 20—1:00 pm—Grocery Grab —- \$25.00 worth of food per family — Piggly Wiggly on Geneva Highway. Sponsored by Johns Chapel and members of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Please share the word.

—Dec 21 — 4:00 pm — Ozark Troy District Christmas Celebration, Friendship AME Church, County Road 30, Ozark, Reverend Lisa Cade, Pastor. Everyone is invited.

—GED CLASSES AT JC ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 PM IN THE COMPUTER LAB. FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT GED INSTRUCTOR—SISTER ODESSA HERLONG-JONES 334-618-4069 OR PASTOR WHITE 334-701-5853



Sermon Notes

SERMON TITLE: I FOUND MY JOY!

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:10-12

POINT #1 JESUS = Joy comes from Jesus.

POINT #2 JOURNEY = Joy is a journey.

POINT #3 . JUBILEE = Joy leads to Jubilee.
