



Fourth Week of Advent Year A, **PEACE**

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Journal Entry: "Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven... Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." **Isaiah 7:10-9 and 12**

I often ask God to give me a sign for guidance, without hesitation. This was not always the case because I had a mental restraint stamped in my mind that to ask God for a sign or even to question God was a 'sign' of my lack of faith and trust in God.

The Holy Spirit frees our minds by reminding us that Jesus, on Calvary's cross, questioned God. "My God, my God **WHY...!**" **Matthew 27:46**. In our text, Jehovah encourages Ahaz to seek a sign. God overrides Ahaz's fear and says, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." Verse 14.

As we end a decade and stand at the entrance of a new decade, Immanuel still waits at the doors of our hearts eager to hear our every question and ready to provide the needed sign of God's intimate presence, with us!

MERRY CHRISTMAS. Rev. "J"

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O HOLY NIGHT

Sunday, December 22, 2019
10:00AM Worship Service



MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH
58TH & RACE STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19139
REV. DR. DONALD D. MOORE, PASTOR
REV. DR. ALBERT F. CAMPBELL, PASTOR EMERITUS

Sunday, December 22, 2019
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
Music by the Church Choir
Ann Foster, Organist/Director

Sermon Notes

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	
Introit	"O Holy Night"
Hymn In Procession <i>(Entrance for late worshippers)</i>	#199 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Call To Worship	Choral Response
Invocation <i>(Entrance for late worshippers)</i>	"The Lord's Prayer"
Hymn Of Praise	#214 "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"
Responsive Reading	#102 "Christmas"
Gloria Patri	#654
Scripture Reading <i>(Entrance for late worshippers)</i>	Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)
Anthem	"Messiah, And The Glory Of The Lord"
Pastoral Prayer	
Greetings And News Of The Lord's Work	
Tithes And Offerings	
Hymn Of Meditation	Selected
Sermon	"The Place Of Peace"
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	
Hymn In Recession	#197 "Joy To The World"
Benediction/Closing Response	"Amen"

Date: _____

Minister: _____

Text: _____

Title: _____

Main Points Of The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members Who Are Ill

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Remember our sick in your prayers with cards and visits.

The African Heritage Ministry will present the annual **Kwanzaa Celebration** on **Friday, December 27, 2019, from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM**, please join us. Celebrate with cuisine, African music, storytelling, a look into the 7 principles of Kwanzaa and more. Guests are encouraged to bring a nominal gift to exchange with other guests, thank you.



“The Mount Carmel Baptist Church “**Dial-A-Prayer**” line has been updated and is **LIVE!** Call in for a new moment of prayer each week at 215-474-5959!!!



2019 Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

All envelopes/cash/checks for gifts, tithes and offerings received after the Watchnight Service on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 will be applied to gift, tithes and offerings in 2020. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!



REMINDERS

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019—Church Closes at 1:00pm

Church Closed—Christmas Holiday

Wednesday-Thursday, December 25-26, 2019

Watch Night, December 31, 2019

Baptism, 6:30pm Service, 7:00pm

Church Closed—New Year’s Day Holiday

Wednesday-Thursday, January 1-2, 2019



The Audio/Visual Ministry have *REVIVAL* CDs and DVDs on *Sale*. If you purchase the entire set, it is \$40.00 for 5 DVDs and \$20.00 for 5 CDs. Individual CDs are \$5.00; DVDs are \$10.00. Please make your purchases in front of the Tape Room before and after Sunday morning services. If you just want the sermon, you can download it from our website for \$3.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre

There is still time to purchase tickets to see Queen Esther on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Depart 8:00am, Return 7:00pm. Deposit of \$35.00 per person (No Refunds). Tickets will be available in the Tape Room until Jan. 19th 2020 or until Sold Out. FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY January 19, 2020. Cost: \$135.00 per person.



Youth Commission 2020 Standardized Test Prep Program

Test prep classes for students in grades 4th - 12th.

SAT, ACT and PSSA classes available. Limited Seating.

2nd & 4th Saturdays beginning January 11, 2020 - March 28, 2020

Eventbrite Registration: <https://mcbc2020testprep.eventbrite.com>

Please email: mbcyouthcomission@gmail.com with questions.

Youth Commission, Deaconess Stephanie Johnson, Chair



The Women's Ministry is pleased to announce our **2020 Women's Retreat** will be **May 15th through May 17th** at Eden Resort and Suites. **Registration has begun.** All women of Mount Carmel and other churches are welcome to attend our Retreat. If you have never attended, you are in for a spiritual fun filled time. Registration non-refundable fee \$50.00. Come join us.



****Attention Couples****

Mount Carmel Baptist Church Marriage Retreat

Sponsored by the Counseling Ministry

August 21st – 23rd, 2020

Our retreat will be held at the newly renovated Desmond Malvern Hotel by Hilton. The cost for the weekend is only \$500 per couple. We will be collecting a **\$50 deposit** following service. Please make checks payable to Mount Carmel, memo line, Marriage Retreat. Please see either Joyce Woodson or Pam Lovell.



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<http://www.mtcarmel-bc.org/giving/>”

Happening here at Mount Carmel this week:

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25TH	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	CHURCH	CLOSED
THURSDAY DECEMBER 26TH	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	CHURCH	CLOSED
FRIDAY DECEMBER 27TH	KWANZAA CELEBRATION	6:30PM	FELLOWSHIP HALL
SATURDAY DECEMBER 28TH	MALE CHORUS	9:00PM	SANCTUARY