



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

**Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All**

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MINISTER'S NOTE

3 DECEMBER 2023

Today marks the beginning of the season of Advent, a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christmas and Christ's return at the second coming. Whilst it is a season of much rejoicing and celebration, it comes at the end of a year that renders many of us weary, from the highs and lows of life.

We start our journey through this season by acknowledging the weariness, grief, rage, and hopelessness we carry. Sometimes weariness can harden us and prevent us from living fully. At the same time, we affirm that we are made for joy. What does it look like for you to rejoice when you are weary? Let us journey together over this season of Advent, as we answer the question: How does a weary world rejoice?

Our focus today is on how a weary world finds joy in community. Joy is fundamentally rooted in connection, and connection expands beyond just human relationships. Christ is the foundation of a community's joy. Community invites us to honour the ways our joy can expand when it is shared with others. As we share our joys, may we also be mindful of all those who may be experiencing loneliness and isolation throughout the holidays, or those who are deeply missing a lost loved one. The shared joy for each other provides the strength to continue onward. This is how we show up to Advent.



Blessings, Vuyelwa.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

Isaiah 40: 1-5, Luke 1: 26-45

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

Thank you for your support and attendance of our Christmas Celebration. It is a blessing seeing so many children and their families fellowship together.
10 Dec will be our last Sunday School session.

DMC FAMILY NEWS - PRAYER

David Talbot-Bowe, Alan Masterson

Kindly inform the office of members who have been admitted to hospital.
Please contact the office if you have any prayer request.
Tel. 021 976 0598

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church today are donated by Kaydee Barnes, Jade Coetzee, Joshua & Alicia Conradie, Anthony Esterhuizen, Alex Leygonie & Shannon Spangenberg in celebration of their confirmation journey and acceptance into full membership of DMC.

TOY DRIVE - A sincere **THANK YOU** to the congregation for their generosity in donating toys for the underprivileged children. We were truly blessed. From the FIA Ladies.

LEAVE DATES for STAFF 2022/2023

Yvonne Engelke	11 - 26 December
Jeffrey Valentine	18 December - 9 January
Sandra Fairbairn	27 December - 14 January
Caroline Erens	27 December - 14 January
Vuyelwa Ntshinga	31 December - 14 January

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from 27 - 29 December.

BIRTHDAYS

We wish you God's Richest blessings as you celebrate your special day

Fabian Lakay	3 December
Bronwyn Botha	4 December
Liezl Botha	5 December
Barry Masters	5 December
Harvey Dixon	6 December
Chanel Hendrickse	7 December
Catherine Botha	7 December
Pieter Brundyn	7 December
Caitlyn McCartney	8 December
Phemelo Mitchell	9 December
Grant Van Beulen	9 December
Caren Mason	9 December

SUNDAY SERVICE 3 DECEMBER 2023

PREACHER REV VUYELWA NTSHINGA
HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Last service will be 6 December. All most welcome.

UPCOMING SERVICES/EVENTS at DMC

Sunday 17 Dec - Carol & Fellowship Service at 9am.

Sunday 24 Dec - Service at 9am & Christmas Eve Service at 11pm.

Monday 25 Dec - Christmas Day Service at 8am.

Sunday 31 Dec - Online Service only, at 9am.

Sunday 7 Jan - Holy Communion Service at 9am.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERTORY

Will be in aid of The Methodist Homes for Children.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

PANTRY CUPBOARD - We are making an appeal for non-perishable food items for our pantry cupboard. If you can help please leave at the help desk or the office.

Sacrificial giving can be done via EFT:

MCSA DURBANVILLE SOCIETY - Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code 050410, Account Number 27 512 575 0. Thank you for your generosity. Through your giving we are able to continue our various ministries.

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