



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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MINISTER'S NOTE

30 NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Friends,

Today we step into a brand-new Church year, and we begin it not with fireworks or resolutions, but with something far more beautiful: **Advent**. Advent is the season of holy beginnings, where God invites us to slow down and open our hearts to the promise that Christ is coming, not just in Bethlehem long ago, but in our lives, our homes, our community, and our world today.

This morning feels especially joyful as our worship is woven together with carols and the Nativity Play. There is something wonderfully grounding about watching the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of our children. It reminds us that the story of Emmanuel is not meant to be complicated. It is simple, wonderful, and full of hope.

Advent is the journey from promise to presence. Long before angels sang, God spoke through the prophets - of light in darkness, peace in turmoil, joy for the weary, and a Saviour for all. Today, the whispered promise has become our reality - God is here with us.

As we gather this morning, I encourage you to enter Advent with openness and with joy. Whatever the past year has held - its challenges, losses, uncertainties, or joys, Advent offers us a fresh start. A new light kindling in the darkness.

How fitting that on this first Sunday we light the Candle of Hope, expressing our trust that God is present even when life feels heavy, that God is working even when we cannot yet see it, the quiet flame that refuses to be extinguished, and that God's love is already making a way.

As we sing our carols today, may the familiar words wrap around us like a warm blanket. Let the poetry of the music carry us into the mystery and wonder of God choosing to come near. And as our children bring the Nativity story to life, may we rediscover the joy of believing that God still comes into ordinary places, ordinary lives, and ordinary moments, transforming them with extraordinary grace.

May Christ meet you gently, surprise you with joy, strengthen you with hope, and lead you ever deeper into His peace.
Blessings, Vuyelwa.

READINGS:

Isaiah 9 - 1a, 6-7

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

30 November - Nativity and Carols Family Service
7 December - Sunday School and Teens Party

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Bill Martin

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

FLOWERS

In place of flowers today Mettie Insley have made a donation to Social Concerns, with prayerful gratitude for countless blessings. Praise and glory to God.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SOUP for MES - If you could deliver the soup by Thursday, we will arrange for it to be sent to MES.

CHRISTMAS, BIRTHDAY and OTHER GREETING CARDS

After each Communion Service FIA will be selling cards to try and raise funds. The cards are R5 each. Christmas cards R15.00 for a pack of 5. Please try and support them.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY - CHURCH FLOWER ROSTER 2026

- Is available at the help desk.

LEAVE DATES for STAFF 2025/2026

5 - 19 December 2025 - Vuyelwa Ntshinga.
19 December 2025 - 12 January 2026 - Caroline.
19 December 2025 - 8 January 2026 - Jeffrey
23 December 2025 - 8 January 2026 - Sandra.
30 December 2025 - 13 January 2026 - Yvonne

BIRTHDAYS

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

Anthony Esterhuizen	30 November
Neil Rix	30 November
Jacques Roelf	1 December
Elise Timm	1 December
Tracey Botha	2 December
Fabian Lakay	3 December
Liezl Botha	5 December
Barry Masters	5 December
Harvey Dixon	6 December

SUNDAY SERVICE - 30 NOVEMBER 2025 PREACHER REV VUYELWA NTSHINGA

SUNDAY SERVICES RECORDING

If unsure, speak to Charles.

UPCOMING EVENTS at DMC

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.
Last service will be 3 December.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND FELLOWSHIP - Sunday 30 November at 09h00. Christmas Carols, Message, Sunday School involvement, Boerewors Rolls, Fellowship.

STAFF CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - The Church office will be close on Thursday 4 December from 09h00 - 12h00.

CAR GUARD - We would like to give Patrick a small bonus at the end of the year. If you would like to donate something please speak to Yvonne.

Sacrificial giving can be done via EFT: MCSA DURBANVILLE SOCIETY - Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code 051001, Account Number 07 199 869 1. Thank you for your generosity. Through your giving we are able to continue our various ministries.



Please see the new Snapscan QR code for you to use. If you are contributing via EFT, Cash or weekly Offerings, you can continue to do so - these payment methods will remain in place.

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