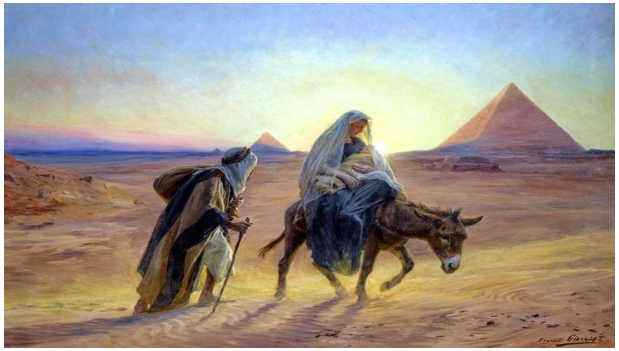
DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE **28 DECEMBER 2025**



Our story for this Sunday seems quite out of place in the joy and celebration of Christmas. As the excitement of the birth of Jesus dies down, Joseph is visited by an angel. He is told to pack up and leave in the dead of night, to get his family away from a murderous Herod, who, furious at being outwitted by the wise men, doubles his efforts to get rid of Jesus. They steal away to Egypt, while Herod murders all of the little boys in Bethlehem. What a story of the world bringing its power and cruelty to bear on the best news ever! So the little Lord Jesus spends his first years as a refugee, rejected by his own, not fitting in, not belonging.

As our Christmas season joy is tempered by the world, let's remember some very important things about our Lord. First, if we're feeling at odds with a cruel world, we remember that so was He - He knows our pain. Second, God has our back - sometimes his whispered prompts don't make sense, but we need to keep so close to Him, so that we listen to His life-saving warnings. And third, no matter how intent the cruelest powers of the world are on crushing us, God's journey for us will triumph - Herod passes away, and Jesus returns to His country. In the shadows, we discover that we serve a gracious, empathetic, persevering God. Praise His precious name!
Blessings, Andrew.

READING:
Matthew 2: 13-23

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.
Sunday School will be back in session on 18 January 2026.

DMC FAMILY NEWS
PRAYER
All the Members of our Congregation for their safety over the holidays.

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.

LEAVE DATES for STAFF 2025/2026
19 December 2025 - 8 January 2026 - Jeffrey.
23 December 2025 - 8 January 2026 - Sandra.
19 December 2025 - 12 January 2026 - Caroline.
30 December 2025 - 13 January 2026 - Yvonne.

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

David Newton	29 December
Lynette Reynders	29 December
Sherrie Esterhuizen	30 December
Jeanne Kuhn	31 December
Linda Weber	1 January
Mandy Kock	4 January
Nic Whittles	4 January
Marlene Damster	5 January
Gideon Laubscher	6 January
Alan Robertson	6 January
Odette Leygonie	9 January
Ansie Eastes	10 January
Litsa Moss	10 January
Pinki Luwaca	11 January
Sandra McCartney	11 January
Gert Versfeld	11 January
Eppie Smith	13 January
Ryan Langeveldt	14 January
Gloria Graham	15 January
Evan May	15 January

SUNDAY SERVICE - 28 DECEMBER 2025
PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

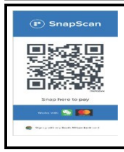
UPCOMING EVENTS at DMC
Sunday Service 28 December at 09h00.
Sunday Communion Service 4 January 2026 at 09h00.

COVENANT HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
18 January 2026.

THE CHURCH OFFICE - *will be closed from 24 December and will reopen on 8 January 2026*. Vuyelwa will be accessible to provide care and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any Pastoral concerns.

ONCE A MONTH SUNDAY EVENING REFLECTION SERVICE - Will be held on Sunday 18 January 2026.

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.



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