

# MADISON AVENUE

# BAPTIST CHURCH

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FAITH, WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

## First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	John Carter, arr.
<b>Welcome and Passing of the Peace</b>		Rev. Susan Sparks
<b>Introit</b>	<i>When God Is a Child</i> Jenny Lindsey	Brian Wren, Joan C. Fogg
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Joanne Verberg
<b>Hymn</b>	<u><a href="#">“Come, O Long-expected Jesus”</a></u> Brian Long	No. 125
<b>Solo</b>	<i>If My People Will Pray</i> Karen Rich	Chris Owens
<b>Advent Wreath Ritual</b>		Richard & Joan Binder

**LEADER:** Hear afresh the words of John’s prologue, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. We are preparing ourselves for the coming days.

**PEOPLE:** *The days when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.*

**LEADER:** Jesus said: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

**PEOPLE:** *Jesus said: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

**LEADER:** The first candle of the Advent Wreath represents the Peace that can only be found in Christ.

## Morning Prayers

Heather Ketchum

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against  
us; And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the  
kingdom and the  
power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

<b>Hymn</b>	<a href="#">"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</a>	No. 86
	Doug Shapiro	
<b>Scripture</b>	<a href="#">Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31</a>	Wayne Ozment
<b>Sermon</b>	"The Signs of Our Times"	Rev. Susan Sparks
<b>Meditation</b>	<i>Come, Thou</i>	Rowland H. Prichard;
	<i>Long-expected Jesus</i>	Chuch Marohnic, arr.
<b>Offering</b>		Jacqueline Hand
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>The Size of Your Heart</i>	Charles Miller,
	MABC Chancel Choir	Eleanor Daley
<b>Hymn</b>	<a href="#">"Amazing Grace"</a>	No. 546
	Alexandra de Suze	
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Susan Sparks
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Same as Prelude</i>	

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to go to the Chalice Hymnal page.*

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### Madison Avenue Baptist Church Prayer List

Sunday, November 29th, 2020

*Please include the following in your prayers this week:*

- For Steve Asikin whose mother passed away last week.
- Prayers for Susan Crowson who had surgery this week.
- Healing prayers for Jacki Friedmann who was just diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Prayers for those battling the coronavirus and for those who have died. Prayers for the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff who are treating patients.
- Prayers for our own Helen Viel in Paris who is battling COVID-19.
- Pastor Mark's mother, Barb Mast, a friend of Frieda Lane who is in ICU with COVID-19.
- Prayers for Shakia Farrington and her family.
- Prayers for Melvin Bell who is having health issues.
- Prayers for Kate and Tanya Pestriakova's father, Oleg, who has bronchitis.
- For Rodney Dunlap-Keener's fifteen-year-old nephew Logan, who died recently. Prayers also for Rodney's family and for Rodney's husband, Matt.
- Healing prayers for Vickie Blevins, Brad Blevins' mother, who is undergoing multiple operations for a spinal surgery infection.
- Prayers for Adom Crew and his family.
- For the virus of racism to be eradicated from our hearts and our world.
- Prayers for a dear friend of George Lane who is fighting cancer.
- Healing prayers for Michele Grimes, a pastor ordained by MABC, who is struggling with stage 4 breast cancer.
- Martha Mae Ludden, a cousin of Susan Sparks, who is going through serious health issues.
- Prayers for Meliza Romillo, a lifelong friend of Joseph Pilla and his family, as she fights cancer. May her fierce spirit and determination guide her when she needs it most.
- Special prayers for all of our medical workers, including Agnes from our livestream family who works in a hospital unit in Queens, and Roslyn Gordon, our sexton Troy Gordon's wife who is a registered nurse in Brooklyn.
- Healing prayers for Doug Plummer, friend of Turner Roach and Kevin Fannin, recently diagnosed with a return of metastatic cancer.
- Healing prayers for Jane Claudio, recently diagnosed with a return of cancer.
- Healing prayers for Angel Ramirez, friend of Cheryl Sims, who had a transplant recently.
- Prayers of healing for Raquel Tresvant and her family.
- Monterio St. Auburn, a life-long friend of Troy Gordon who was diagnosed with cancer.
- Marti Law, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- For Jamie Rodriguez-Wise.
- Jerrold Owens, Richard Binder's work colleague, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- Prayers for Linda Mydland, suffering from Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Prayers also for her husband Dave and sister Carmella Grill.
- For Bob Sanders, friend of Turner Roach and Kevin Fannin, who is recovering from colon cancer.
- Prayers for Dwayne Land.