

THE FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Rethinking Church in a Changing World”

“I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.”

~ I Corinthians 9:22b

99TH SESSION
OF THE
DELAWARE
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

March 15-19, 2022

Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church
Dover, Delaware

The Right Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr., Presiding Prelate

Mother Joan Marla McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

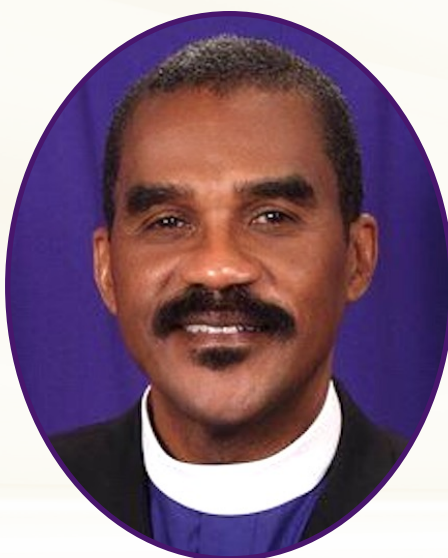
Reverend Ellis B. Loudon, Host Presiding Elder

Reverend Richard H. Worthy, Associate Presiding Elder

Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford, Host Pastor

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**OUR EPISCOPAL
Leaders**



THE RIGHT REVEREND JULIUS HARRISON McALLISTER, SR.



MOTHER JOAN MARLA McALLISTER

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2022 DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE BISHOP'S
Word

“Rethinking Church in a Changing World”

Shortly, after I was elected a bishop, a dear friend shared with me what he and his wife experienced one Sunday morning at a church that just happened not to be an A.M.E. Church. For several months, he insisted that I visit that church and perhaps I could discover what that congregation was doing to attract so many young people - children and young adults.

During the last several years of my 30 years of pastoral ministry, I attended a plethora of workshops and seminars dealing with youth and young adult recruitment and retention in the church. So, it did not take too much encouragement for me to visit that church as long as I could attend the church incognito.

So, one Sunday morning, after a returned trip from Central South Africa, Mother McAllister, our younger daughter Jocelyn, and I visited the church our friend insisted that I visit so perhaps I could discover what that congregation was doing to attract so many young people. We sat almost in the very back of the church. (The two back pews were reserved for the ushers.) What really got my attention was that the 2,500 seat sanctuary was filled to capacity with young people - youths and young adults. My response to seeing that crowd was, “What are the pastor and congregation doing to get so many youths and young adults in church? What an amazing scene!

It did not take too long for an answer to my self-directed question. Everything they did: the music, the songs, the worship and praise, the liturgical dance, the sermon, appealed to their audience. I must say however, the young people did not dress down. They wore their Sunday’s best. I was amazed at that as well.

My takeaway from our visit at that church are the following.

1. We cannot do church as we have done in the past.
2. The gospel message is the same, but the delivery of that message must be reflective of the times in which we live (new methods, new paradigms).
3. We must be intentional and deliberate in our planning and implementation to reach our young generations.
4. Church growth requires that the ministerial leadership and congregation be clear about its vision, direction or path for evangelism and church growth, which will include membership training in evangelism and the identifying of target groups.
5. Our ministry must be holistic, in that we must address the needs of the total person.
6. Pastor and congregation must be Christ-centered, Spirit-led and family oriented.

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Today we are faced with another challenge: “doing church” in the midst of COVID-19. We thank God that with much prayer, the support and cooperation of local congregations and technology, we are navigating through this pandemic rather well.

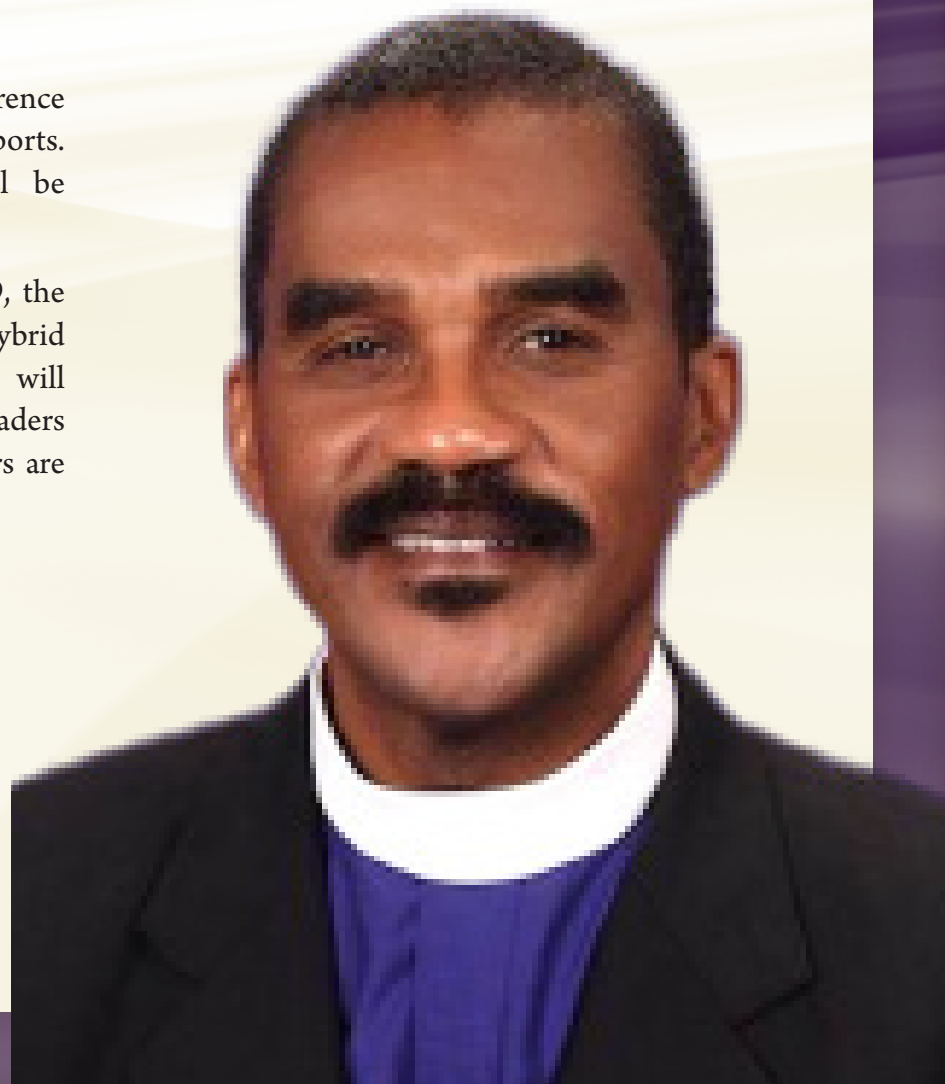
In this year’s series of annual conferences and throughout the 2021-2022 conference year, our focus will be on church growth, church retention, and youth and young adult ministries. Our District theme is **“Rethinking Church In A Changing World.”**

Pastors in their respective annual conference are required to give their annual reports. Administrative and literary reports will be presented as well.

Due to the lingering effects of COVID-19, the series of annual conferences will have a hybrid feature. The annual conference attendees will include clergy, delegates, component leaders and Board of Examiners candidates. Others are encouraged to participate virtually.

Please join Mother McAllister and me in prayer that the Holy Spirit will overshadow all of us and permeate Himself in us, and in every annual conference, in every conference member, in every conference delegate and every attendee so that we may be empowered, inspired, encouraged, and motivated to serve this present age.

Julius H. McAllister, Sr.
Bishop



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Daily Agenda

**PRE-CONFERENCE
ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Women In Ministry and
The Ministry of Evangelism Day

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

8:30 a.m. Women's Missionary Society
Conference Branch
Annual Meeting

9:00 a.m. Presiding Elders Meet
with Bishop

10:30 a.m. Board of Examiners Meet
with Bishop

12:00 p.m. Worship Service
Lunch

3:30 p.m. Bishop in private consultation
with preachers, by appointment

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 17, 2022

8:00 a.m. **Business Session**
Roll Call
Organization of the Annual
Conference
Presiding Elders' Summary
Reports
Board of Examiners Report

10:00 a.m. **The Opening Worship Service/
Annual Sermon**

1:00 p.m. Lunch

3:00 p.m. **Business Session**
Pastors' Annual Reports

5:00 p.m. Recess/Dinner

7:00 p.m. **Lay Witness Night**

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, March 18, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. Conference Institute
- 9:00 a.m. **Business Session**
Administrative Reports
Literary Reports
Memorial and Retirement Service
- 12:00 Noon **The Service of Ordination and Sacrament**
- 2:00 p.m. Recess
- 7:00 p.m. **Youth Night – The Department of Christian Education**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 19, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. **Conference YPD Annual Meeting**
- 11:00 a.m. **Sons of Allen Men’s Ministry**
- 12:00 Noon Recess
- 2:00 p.m. **Conference Church School**
- 3:30 p.m. **Closing and Commissioning Service**
Reading of Appointments
The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr., Preaching

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The Opening Worship Experience

**Thursday, March 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

**THE REVEREND ELLIS B. LOUDEN
PRESIDING ELDER DOVER DISTRICT
WORSHIP LEADER**

THE ORGAN PRELUDE..... The Musician

THE PROCESSIONALChoir, Ministers, Presiding Elders, Bishop

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, No. 5

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.*

*Sinners whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall, The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.*

*Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.*

*O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall, We at His feet may fall,
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.*

THE DOXOLOGY, No. 647

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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The Opening Worship Experience

THE CALL TO WORSHIP The Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where Thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

**People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**

THE OPENING HYMN, No. 304 The Reverend Francena F. Orr

“And Are We Yet Alive”

*And are we yet alive, And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give For His redeeming grace.*

*Preserved by power divine To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join, And in His sight appear.*

*What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed,
Fighting's without, and fears within, Since we assembled last.*

*But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford, And hides our life above.*

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**The Opening
Worship Experience**

*Then let us make our boast Of His redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost. Till we can sin no more.*

*Let us take up the cross Till we the crown obtain;
And gladly reckon all things loss, So we may Jesus gain.*

THE CALL TO PRAYER, HYMN No. 333

“Is Your All on the Altar?”

*You have longed for sweet peace, and for faith to increase, and have earnestly, fervently prayed;
but you cannot have rest or be perfectly blest until all on the Altar is laid.*

*Would you walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, And have peace and contentment always;
You must do His sweet will to be free from all ill; On the altar your all you must lay.*

*Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid? Your heart does the Spirit control?
You can only be blest and have peace and sweet rest, as you yield Him your body and soul.*

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION & INTERCESSION The Reverend Dania Griffin

THE PRAYER RESPONSE

“Thank You, Lord”

*Thank You, Lord; Thank You, Lord; Thank You, Lord;
I just want to thank You, Lord.*

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Old Testament *Psalm 121* The Reverend Marcus D. Briddell

The Epistle *I Corinthians 3:5-11* The Reverend Sonja L. Ayers

The Gospel..... *Luke 10:1-2; 17-20*..... The Reverend Dr. Ronniere D. Robinson

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The Opening Worship Experience

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE, HYMN No. 69..... The Reverend JoAnne M. Holder

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.*

THE DECALOGUE..... The Reverend Jean A. Wylie

Minister: And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord thy God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Minister: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Minister: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Minister: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*My soul be on thy guard, Ten thousand foes arise;
And hosts of sin are pressing hard, To draw thee from the skies.*

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Minister: Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not kill.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these laws upon our hearts.

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!*

Minister: Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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**The Opening
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THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

THE GIFTS FOR MISSIONS The Reverend Karen L. Washington

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

*All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

THE RESPONSIVE READING The Reverend James Hill, Jr.

Minister: We are coming in faith and joy telling of the good news of God’s unconditional love. We have been loving and caring, sharing and clothing, feeding and nurturing, counseling and teaching, committed to the health, wholeness and the advancement of our people and communities.

People: **We are the living church of God, the body of Christ. Our faith has carried us into hospitals, prisons, schools, workplaces, broken homes, preaching a liberating gospel.**

Minister: Our world has not been friendly to us. We are living in turbulent, trying, and troublesome times. Our world is facing a redefinition of its culture, its ethics, its mores, its institutions. Our culture is one that favors ease over ethics, success over service, politics over principles.

People: **Ours is a world built on economic power, controlled by military force, dominated by political alliances. Human needs, human interests, social welfare all fall at the expense of the economic, military and political powers “that be.”**

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Minister: We have been guilty of a religion of comfort and “praise.” Our worship shies away from the prophetic words of pain and suffering and lends itself to conformity over conscience. Our crosses are no longer rugged, rather they glitter with diamonds and gold.

People: **Gracious God, forgive our religious feasts and our solemn assemblies that do not cry out for justice and righteousness flowing like rivers and never failing streams.**

Minister: As we praise and worship our God this week, let us never forget that we are the light of Christ and the beacons of hope. Ours is a liberating gospel to those who by circumstances and situations are imprisoned, bound, and shackled.

People: **We are the anointed, and are called to courageously and boldly step out and effect healing, renewal, opportunity, and hope to those in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic, domestic violence, gang unrest, drugs and substance abuse, depression, loneliness, economic disparity, and the list goes on.**

ALL: **God, this week, equip us for the challenge to develop new and meaningful ministries. God of Grace, we open ourselves totally to hear from You so that we might do the work of love and mercy in our communities. Open our eyes so that we might see the needs of Your people and open our hearts and souls that ours might be a ministry leading our community, our nation, and our world to wholesome, spiritual, social, political, and financial actions.**

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSICThe Conference Choir
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP The Reverend Richard H. Worthy
THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER..... The Rt. Reverend Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr.

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**The Opening
Worship Experience**

THE SERMONIC HYMN, No. 283 The Reverend Idola W. Batson

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

*I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou has died; Draw me nearer, nearer,
nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.*

*O the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!*

*There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.*

THE ANNUAL SERMON The Reverend Dr. Stanley Hearst II
*Pastor, Bethel AME Church
Wilmington, Delaware*

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP The Reverend Tesha E. Miller

THE INVITATIONAL HYMN

“Let the Church Say Amen”

Let the church say amen, let the church say amen; God has spoken, so let the church say amen.

Let the church, say amen; If you believe the word, let the whole church say amen.

God has spoken, so let the church say amen; Lift your hands, lift your hands.

God has spoken, so let the church say amen; God has spoken, so let the church say amen.

Let the church say amen; Let the church... everybody... say amen.

God has spoken, So let the church say amen; Let the church say amen.

To what His plans are... let the church say amen.

To what His words say; God has spoken Let the church say amen.

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**The Opening
Worship Experience**

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING The Conference Finance Committee

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER, No. 646 Choir and Congregation

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

*We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.*

THE INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS The Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Reverend Kim Y Billups

Minister: *Let us profess before God and one another our common faith.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Dr. Iola E. Williams

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The Lay Witness Night



Thursday, March 17, 2022
7:00 p.m.

SISTER TRACEY DUKER
RINGGOLD CHAPEL AME CHURCH
WORSHIP LEADER

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE..... The Musician

THE DOXOLOGY, NO. 647

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Sis. Tracey Duker
Ringgold Chapel AME Church, Middletown, DE

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where Thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

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Leader: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 582

Layman Hymn

*Laymen now have thus assembled, In Thy blessed name O God.
Guide us in Thy true endeavor, Light the pathway that we trod;
Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause,
Give us strength to ever labor for Thy cause.*

*We are banded, one in union. To fulfill Thy just command.
May we be Thy true disciples, Holding to Thy mighty hand;
Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love,
Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love.*

*As we walk this Christian journey, Let us keep our armour bright.
Let our works be pure and holy, That we stand within Thy sight;
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love,
Laymen soldiers, strong in unity and love.*

*May we stand before Thine altar, Pledging Lord to work for Thee.
In the vineyard, in the pastures, Let us Lord Thy pilgrims be;
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies,
Let us lift the cross forever to the skies.*

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND INTERCESSION.....Sis. Sandra Griffin
Emmanuel AME Church, Hartley, DE

THE PRAYER RESPONSE The Choir

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THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Old Testament *Joel 2:12-14* Sis. Teresa Walker
John Wesley AME Church, Dover, DE

The New Testament *Luke 8:18-19* Sis. Kimberly Baynard
Zion AME Church, Camden, DE

THE LAY LITANY Bro. William Majett
Bethel AME Church, Wilmington, DE

THE LITANY

Leader: With joyful blessings, we the Lay Organization give glory and honor to God for the leadership and bountiful blessings which were bestowed upon us.

People: We Thank God for His many blessings.

Leader: For building God's Kingdom and laborer's together to do his just command, with a willing heart and a contrite spirit.

People: We thank God for the building of God's Kingdom.

Leader: There is a new world, a new vision, and expectations. We must work while it is day for when night cometh no man can work.

Together: We should all work together, in peace and harmony for a better world.

(Written by Myra Watson, Siloam AME Church, Slaughter Neck, DE)

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP Sis. Terri Fisher
Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Laurel, DE

THE PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.
Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Choir

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THE MESSAGE Sister Cheryl Hammond Hopewell
CLO Corresponding Secretary
President, First Episcopal District Lay Organization
Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church, Philadelphia, PA

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP The Reverend Ellis B. Louden
Presiding Elder, Dover District

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER, No. 646 The Reverend Richard H. Worthy
Presiding Elder, Wilmington District

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

*We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.*

THE REFLECTIONS Sis. Sharon D. Drew
President, Delaware Conference Lay Organization

Sis. Cheryl Hammond-Hopewell
CLO Corresponding Secretary
President, First Episcopal District Lay Organization

The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.
Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District

THE DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

THE LAY BENEDECTION (Sung)

*“May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity that we may live together,
Not as man over man, (but as Laypersons working with God 3X). Amen.”*

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The Memorial Service

Friday, March 18, 2022

11:30 a.m.

THE REVEREND IDOLA W. BATSON

WORSHIP LEADER

THE ASSURANCE

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the lord. Even so, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Revelation 4:13

THE CALL TO REFLECTION..... The Reverend Veronica A. Baynard

Since the close of our last annual conference, seats have become vacant, family circles have been broken, and congregations have diminished in number by the visitation of the angel of death. Hearts have been made sad, tears have been shed, homes have been draped in crepe, and grief has been the daily companion of loved ones left behind. Yet, by faith, we have learned “not to sorrow as those who have no hope.” Today we pause to remember colleagues and loved ones who have run ahead of us to the great Coronation in the Heavenly City beyond the celestial shore.

THE SONG OF HOPE, Hymn No. 364..... The Reverend Wassetta Moses

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand, All other ground is sinking sand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found!

Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before His throne.

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THE PRAYER The Reverend Myrel Bailey-Walton

Holy God, Gracious and Eternal, we honor and adore You as Lord, Sovereign and Mighty. We are grateful for the time You have permitted us to spend with loved ones, friends and colleagues. We are grateful and glad for the lessons we learned, for the memories shared and for the encouragement we received in our relationships with those who are now “absent from the body.” By Your mercy, we are also thankful for the blessed hope of immortality through Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

THE RESPONSIVE READING *I Thessalonians 4:13-18* The Reverend Michael Morgan

Leader: But we would not have you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, concerning them that fall asleep; that you sorrow not, even as the rest, which have no hope.

People: **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.**

Leader: For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep.

People: **For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first;**

Leader: Then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

People: **Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

THE ROLL CALL (*Conference Secretary*)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, these are they who have run the race and finished their course this annual conference year. We thank the lord for their labor and faithful witness.

(The names of deceased bishops, episcopal supervisors, general and connectional officers)

(The names of deceased ministers and spouses)

(The names of deceased lay persons who were delegates at the last annual conference)

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THE PRAYER..... The Reverend Luther L. Walker III

O God, we thank and praise You for the love, life and labor of our deceased colleagues and loved ones. We thank You for their faithful witness in word and deed. Allow us to be inspired to emulate what was good in them, that we might see Your face in the land of Perfect Day. We pray in the name of Him who took the sting from death and victory from the grave, even Jesus Christ, our Savior and Resurrected, Reigning, and Ruling Lord. Amen.

THE SONG AND TRIUMPH OF HOPE, HYMN No. 511..... The Reverend Tresa Carter-Coston

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; Sing His mercy and His grace,
In the mansions bright and blessed, He's prepared for us a place.*

*Refrain: When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be,
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.*

*Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving, everyday,
Just one glimpse of Him in glory, Will the toils of life repay.*

THE BENEDICTION..... The Reverend Sharon C. Morgan

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.
(Jude 24, 24)

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The Retirement Service

Friday, March 18, 2022

THE RT. REVEREND JULIUS H. McALLISTER, SR.
PRESIDING

THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, let us into this service of the retirement of preachers from active work in the ministry of the church. Let us pray.

THE INVOCATION

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in You, we may glorify Your Holy Name, and finally by Your mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF PREACHER(S)

(The Secretary of the annual conference will now present the preacher(s) who are at this session retiring from active service.)

Bishop McAllister, the Delaware Annual Conference desires formally to recognize at this 99th Session the completion of the active service of one of its ministers. As Secretary of the annual conference, I present to you this faithful minister for this service of recognition and honor, in appreciation of his untiring labors in the Christian ministry.

(The Secretary will then call the names of those to be retired, pausing after each name while the person shall rise and present himself or herself before the Bishop.)

THE RESPONSE

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126:6

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THE STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENT

The presiding elder, or someone appointed by the Bishop, shall present a brief statement of the ministerial activities of each of the preachers to be retired. It shall include an account of the granting of license, the ordination, and fields served. It shall be filed with the secretary to become part of the minutes of the annual conference.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. *Hebrews 11:1,2*

THE MESSAGE OF TRIBUTE

In paying tribute to the preachers who are retiring from the work of the active ministries, the Bishop may use all or part of the following sentences:

People, the record of your active ministry is written. It is written in the record of God.

Your church is deeply grateful for your ministry and for the care which you have exercised in faithfully fulfilling your vows of ordination. May the precious memories of your years of sacrificial service and fruitful labor be blessed and hallowed.

And now, as you yield your official responsibilities in the active ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, be assured that the years that are yet to be may be filled with good works and become the crown of all your ministry, bringing glory and honor to you and to the church. The congregation of which you will be a member will look to you for spiritual guidance and godly example. Your colleagues in the ministry will continue to seek and respect your counsel. They will annually listen for your answer to the Roll Call of the conference.

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Friday, March 18, 2022
12:00 Noon

THE REVEREND DR. ERIKA D. CRAWFORD
WORSHIP LEADER

THE ORGAN PRELUDE..... The Musician

THE PROCESSIONAL *Chairman of the Board of Examiners
Candidates for Ordination
Deacons, Elders, Board of Examiners
Host Pastor, Presiding Elders
Presiding Bishop*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, No. 5

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.

*Sinners whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall, The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him,
crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.*

*Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.*

O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall, We at His feet may fall, We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him, and crown Him Lord of all.

THE DOXOLOGY, NO. 647

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP The Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Minister: Awesome God, Holy and Reverend is Your name! We praise You for Your glorious and mighty acts in creation, salvation, and liberation.

People: **In creation, You made us; in salvation, You saved us; in liberation, You delivered us.**

Minister: Awesome God, we worship and adore You for Your gracious call upon our lives through Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ: in Your church, in the world; in the ministry of proclamation, pastoral care, and the myriad means of outreach – that the world may know Jesus and be reconciled to You.

People: **To ministry You have called us, and into the world You have sent us – to be Your ambassadors of love, liberation, reconciliation and empowerment for Your people. Our souls shout, thank You! Holy and Reverend is Your name!**

THE OPENING HYMN, No. 91 The Reverend Dania Griffin

“How Great the Wisdom”

How great the wisdom, power and grace Which in redemption shine!

The heavenly host with joy confess

The work is all divine, The work is all divine, The work is all divine.

Before His feet they cast their crowns, Those crowns which Jesus gave –

And with ten thousand thousand tongues

Proclaim His power to save, Proclaim His power to save, Proclaim His power to save.

They tell the triumphs of His cross, The sufferings which He bore;

How low He stooped, how high He rose,

And rose to stoop no more, And rose to stoop no more, And rose to stoop no more.

O let them still their voices raise, And still their songs renew;

Salvation well deserves the praise

Of men and angels too, Of men and angels too, Of men and angels too. Amen.

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THE INVOCATION The Reverend Dr. Stanley Hearst II

Almighty God, favor us with Your holy presence in this historic and sacred moment. Your word declares that through Your divine providence You have appointed diverse orders of ministers in Your Church. For such an occasion we have assembled. Behold these Your servants, now called to this most sacred and Holy Office. Replenish them with the truth of Your doctrine and adorn them with the innocence of life, that they may faithfully serve You, and through Your Holy Spirit, edify Your Church, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE..... The Choir and Congregation

“I Love You, Lord, Today”

*I love You, I love You, I love You, Lord, today
Because You care for me in such a special way.
And yes I praise You, I lift You up, and I magnify Your name.
That’s why my heart is filled with praise.
My heart, my mind, my soul belong to You.
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.
And yes I praise You, I lift You up, and I magnify Your name.
That’s why my heart is filled with praise.*

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE READING..... The Reverend Idola W. Batson

I Timothy 3:8-13; I Timothy 5:17, Ephesians 5:15-17; Ephesians 6:11-13

Likewise must the Deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a Deacon, being found blameless. Let the Deacons be the mate of one spouse, ruling their children and their own homes well. For they that have used the office of a Deacon well will purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. Even so must their spouses be grave, not slanders, but sober, faithful in all things.

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Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

See then that you walk circumspectly not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves to one another in the fear of God.

Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE, HYMN No. 69..... The Reverend Rita M. Paige

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.*

THE DECALOGUE (ABRIDGED) The Reverend Rita M. Paige

Minister: And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
You shall have no other gods before me.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
E’en though it be a cross That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!*

Minister: And He said to him, You shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

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THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING..... Conference Finance Committee

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP The Reverend Dr. Iola E. Williams

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER..... The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.

THE SERMONIC HYMN, No. 364..... The Reverend Karen L. Washington

“My Hope Is Built”

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.*

THE ORDINATION SERMON

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP..... The Reverend Marcus D. Briddell

THE INVITATIONAL HYMN, No. 551 AAHH

“Yes, Lord”

*Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord! From the bottom of my heart to the depths of my soul,
Yes, Lord! Completely yes! My soul says yes!*
*I love You! I Love You! From the bottom of my heart to the depths of my soul,
I love You! I really do. My soul says, yes!*

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THE LITURGY FOR THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

The Elder: Reverend Dr. Stanley Hearst II

Bishop McAllister, we present these persons to be admitted Deacons.

Bishop:

Take heed that the persons that you present to us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church.

The Elder: Reverend Dr. Stanley Hearst II

We have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.
(The Names of the Elected Deacons to be Read)

Bishop:

Members of the Conference, if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of these persons presented to be ordained Deacons for which they ought not to be admitted to this office, do come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the office of the Ministry in the Church of Christ, to serve God for the promotion of His glory, and the edifying of God's people?

The Ordinands:

I trust so.

Bishop:

Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

The Ordinands:

I do believe them.

Bishop:

Will you diligently read and expound the same to the people whom you may be appointed to serve?

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The Ordinands:

I will.

Bishop:

It appertains to the office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in Divine Service. And especially when the Elder administers the Holy Communion, to help in the distribution thereof and to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youth, in the absence of the Elder, to baptize. And furthermore, it is the office of the Deacon to search for the sick, poor, and impotent, that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

The Ordinands:

I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop:

Will you reverently obey them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonition?

The Ordinands:

I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

The Act of Diaconate Ordination

Bishop:

Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The Congregation: *Amen.*

Bishop:

Take thou authority to read the Scriptures, and to preach the same in the Church of God.

The Congregation: *Amen.*

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The Elder: Reverend Dr. Stanley Hearst II

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning, and you yourselves like unto those who wait for their Lord when He will return from the wedding; that when He comes and knocks, they may open unto Him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when He comes shall find watching.

Verily I say unto you that He shall gird Himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

THE LITURGY FOR THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

The Elder: Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Bishop McAllister, we present these persons to be admitted Elders.

Bishop:

Take heed that the persons that you present to us be apt and meet, by their godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honor of God and the edifying of the Church.

The Elder: Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

*We have inquired concerning them, and also examined them, and think them so to be.
(The Names of the Elected Elders to be Read)*

Bishop:

Members of the Conference, these are they whom we propose this day, God willing, to ordain Elders, for after due examination, we find not the contrary, but that they are lawfully called to this function and ministry, and that they are persons meet for the same. But if there be any of you who know any impediment or crime in any of them, for which they ought not be received into this Holy Ministry, come forth in the name of God and show what the crime or impediment is.

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You have heard, as well in your private examinations as in the exhortation which was just made to you, and in the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity and of what great importance this office is, to which you are now called. And now again we exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you remember how high a dignity and to how weighty an office you are called; that is to say to be messengers, watchers, and stewards of the Lord, to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family, to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and of His children who are in the midst of this evil world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

The Elder: Reverend Francena F. Orr

Have always, therefore, printed in your remembrance what great treasure is committed to your charge. For, they are the sheep of Christ which He bought with His death, and for whom He shed His blood. The Church and congregation, whom you may be privileged to serve, are His Spouse, and His Body.

The Elder: Reverend Dr. Ronniere D. Robinson

And if it should happen the same Church or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore, consider within yourselves the end of the ministry towards the children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ, and see that you never cease your labor, your care, and diligence until you have done all that lies in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge unto that agreement in the faith, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there may be no place left in you, either for error in religion or for viciousness in life.

The Elder: Reverend Marcus D. Briddell

Forasmuch then as your office is both of so great excellence, and of so great difficulty, you surely see how great care and study you ought to apply yourselves, as neither you yourselves offend, nor be occasion that others offend. Howbeit, you cannot have a mind and will thereunto of yourselves; for that will and ability are given of God alone. Therefore, you ought, and have need, to pray earnestly for His Holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of humankind, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same, consider how studious you ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures and in framing the manners both of yourselves and of them that pertain unto you, according to the rules of the same Scriptures, and for this selfsame cause how you ought to forsake and set aside as much as you may all worldly care and studies.

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Bishop:

We have good hope that you have weighed and pondered these things long before now; and that you have clearly determined by God's grace to give yourselves to this office hereby it has pleased God to call you, so that as much as lies in you, you will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing and draw all your cares and studies this way, and that you will continually pray to God the Father by the mediation of our Savior Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Spirit, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures you may wax riper and stronger in your ministry, and that you may endeavor yourselves from time to time, to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rules and doctrine of Christ that you may be wholesome and goodly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

And now that this present congregation of Christ here assembles may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name of God and His Church, shall demand of you touching the same.

Bishop:

Do you think in your heart that you are truly called according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the order of Elder?

The Ordinands:

I do so believe.

Bishop:

Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? Are you determined out of the said Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing, as required of necessity to salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be conducted and provided by Scripture?

The Ordinands:

I am so persuaded and have determined by God's grace.

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Bishop:

Will you then give faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine and sacraments and discipline of Christ as the Lord has commanded?

The Ordinands:

I will do so, by the help of the Lord.

Bishop:

Will you be ready with faithful diligence always to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's word, and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole within your charge as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

The Ordinands:

I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop:

Will you be diligent in prayer and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

The Ordinands:

I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop:

Will you be diligent to frame yourselves and your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

The Ordinands:

I shall apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

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Bishop:

Will you maintain and set forth as much as lies in you, sweetness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that are or may be committed to your charge.

The Ordinands:

I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop:

Will you reverently obey your chief ministers unto whom is committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?

The Ordinands:

I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Bishop:

Almighty God, who has given you this will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same that He may accomplish His work which He has begun, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

*Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire
Enlighten with celestial fire;*

*Thou the anointing Spirit art
Who doth thy sevenfold gifts impart*

*Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, light, and fire of love.*

*Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight;*

*Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace.*

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*Keep far our foes; give peace at home;
Where Thou are guide, no ill can come.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee of both to be but one!*

*That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song;*

*Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

The Elder: Reverend Dania Griffin

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who of Your infinite love and goodness towards us has given us Your only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redemption by His death and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers, and pastors by whose labor and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world to set forth the eternal praise of Your holy name; for these so great benefits of Your eternal goodness and for that You have vouchsafed to call these Your servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of humankind, we render unto You most hearty thanks.

The Elder: Reverend Dr. Iola E. Williams

We praise and worship You, and we humbly beseech You by the same blessed Son to grant unto all, who either here or elsewhere call upon Your name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto You for these and all Your other benefits, and that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of You and Your Son by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these Your ministers as by them over whom they shall be appointed Your ministers that Your Holy name may be forever glorified and Your blessed Kingdom enlarged through the same, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

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The Act of Elder Ordination

Bishop:

The Lord pour upon you the Holy Spirit for the office and work of Elder in the Church of God, now committed unto you by the imposition of our hands. And be a faithful dispenser of the word of God and of His Holy Sacraments in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Congregation: Amen.

(Then shall be delivered to each of them, kneeling, the Bible into their hands, saying:)

Bishop:

Take thou authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacraments in the congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Congregation: Amen.

The Elder: Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Most merciful Father, we beseech You to send upon these Your servants Your heavenly blessings that they may be clothed with righteousness and that the word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Grant, also, that they shall deliver out of Your most Holy Word, or agreeably to the same, as the means of our salvation; and that in all our words and deeds may seek Your glory and the increase of Your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Service of Ordination and Holy Sacrament

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE RT. REVEREND JULIUS H. McALLISTER, SR.
CHIEF CELEBRANT

THE COMMUNION HYMN, No. 255 The Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

*There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their all guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.*

THE BIDDING

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION The Reverend Dr. Stanley Hearst II

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE FIRST COLLECT The Reverend Idola W. Batson

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to You, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT The Reverend Francena F. Orr

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION The Reverend Dania Griffin

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we shall at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your Holy Name, evermore praising You and saying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord, most high. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION The Reverend Marcus D. Briddell

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by His death and washed through His blood, and that we may ever more dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION..... The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made thereby His oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in His holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech You, and grant that we receiving these Your creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood; Who in the same night that He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me".

Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them saying, "Drink all of it, for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of Me." Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP, No. 525.....The Reverend Dr. Iola E. Williams

"What a Fellowship"

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms:
What a blessedness, What a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms:
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Rita M. Paige

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Youth Night



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**

**Friday, March, 18, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

**THE REVEREND
WORSHIP LEADER**

MOMENTS OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

GREETINGS..... Deanna Sinclair
DEAC 2021-2022 YOY
Bethel AMEC, Wilmington

THE DOXOLOGY, NO. 647

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Deanna Sinclair
DEAC 2021-2022 YOY
Bethel AMEC, Wilmington

Leader: O God of all ages and all generations, we come to worship you.

People: **Women, men, youth, and children bow before you, the only wise God.**

Leader: Our foreparents led the way for spiritual awareness and growth.

People: **We try to follow in their footsteps recognizing you as God of all.**

Leader: As we worship you, all your attributes of glory, mercy, and love show forth.

People: **We humble ourselves in your holy presence, because you are awesome.**

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy, holy is the name of the Lord.**

THE PRAYER.....JaKHl Bines
Macedonia AMEC, Seaford

THE SCRIPTURE..... Peyton May
Emmanuel AMEC, Hartly

SONG OF CELEBRATION

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2022-2023 DEAC Youth of the Year Presentation

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP..... Ka'Marea Wilson
Mt. Zion AMEC, Dover

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER..... The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.
Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

THE SERMON The Reverend Kim Y. Billups
*Pastor, Asbury AME Church
Chester, PA*

THE INVITATION/YOUTH COMMITMENT The Reverend Kim Y. Billups

THE OFFERING..... Conference Finance Committee

THE REMARKS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Sister Trina Walker
Conference Director, Christian Education

..... The Reverend Pam Connelly
Conference Chairperson, Christian Education

THE GREETINGS The Reverend Lashonna L. Smith
First District Chairperson, Christian Education

..... The Reverend Jay B. Broadnax
First District Executive Director, Christian Education

..... Mother Joan M. McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

..... The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.
Presiding Prelate

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Rita M. Paige
Dover District Chairperson, Christian Education

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The Sons of Allen Worship Experience



Saturday, March 19, 2022
11:00 a.m.

THE REVEREND MICHAEL MORGAN
WORSHIP LEADER

THE DOXOLOGY, NO. 647

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE HYMN, No. 559

“Rise Up O Men of God”

*Rise up O men of God, Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and soul and mind and strength,
To serve the King of Kings, To serve the King of Kings.
Rise up O men of God, His Kingdom tarries long,
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong, And end the night of wrong.
Rise up O men of God, The Church for you doth wait.
Send forth to serve the needs of men
In Christ our strength is great, In Christ our strength is great.*

THE PRAYER..... The Reverend Peter Tabron

THE SCRIPTURE READING..... Bro. Clyde Mimes

THE WELCOME..... Bro. Edward Johnson

THE SELECTION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER..... The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.

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THE SERMON The Reverend John S. Jordan
THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP The Reverend James Hill, Jr.
THE INVITATIONAL HYMN, NO. 246

“Come to Jesus”

*Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now;
Just now come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now
He will save you, He will save you, He will save you just now;
Just now come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now
He is able, He is able, He is able just now;
Just now come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now
He is willing, He is willing, He is willing just now;
Just now come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now
Only trust Him, Only trust Him, Only trust Him just now;
Just now come to Jesus, Come to Jesus just now*

THE OFFERING Conference Finance Committee

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

*All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS The Reverend Dr. Erika D. Crawford

THE PRESENTATION OF THE EPISCOPAL SOA COORDINATOR Gracia Walker

REMARKS The Reverend Rodney E. Dailey
First District SOA Coordinator

The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.
Presiding Prelate

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Jerome Morris

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The Closing Worship and Commissioning Service

Saturday, March 19, 2022

3:30 p.m.

THE REVEREND RICHARD H. WORTHY
PRESIDING ELDER, WILMINGTON DISTRICT
WORSHIP LEADER

THE PRELUDE.....The Musician

THE PROCESSION.....Choir, Ministers, Presiding Elders, Bishop

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, No. 62

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient Church’s story; Bring her bud to glorious flower,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; Free our hearts to work and praise
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Cure Thy children’s warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places, Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.*

*Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.*

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THE DOXOLOGY, NO. 647

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP The Reverend Rita M. Paige

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

People: **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved Thy habitation, the place where Thy honor dwelleth.

People: **For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.**

Minister: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 7 The Reverend Belindia E. Boyer

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing.
Help us to praise! Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!*

*Come Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend; Come, and Thy people bless And give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend!*

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*Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!*

*To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore: Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.*

THE CALL TO PRAYER, HYMN No. 440

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

*‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”*
*Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND INTERCESSION..... The Reverend Rosalyn I. Winder

THE PRAYER RESPONSE, HYMN No. 364

“My Hope Is Built”

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.*
*Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.*

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....The Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The Old Testament*Psalm 111*..... The Reverend Leslie R. Porter
The Epistle*Ephesians 5:15-20*..... The Reverend Dr. Deborah A. McCaffity
The Gospel..... *Luke 10:1-7* The Reverend Marcus D. Briddell

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THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE, HYMN No. 69..... The Reverend Janet Maull-Martin

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.*

THE DECALOGUE (ABRIDGED) The Reverend Regina E. Gray, Esq.

Minister: And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
You shall have no other gods before me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
E’en though it be a cross That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!*

Minister: And He said to him, You shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

THE GIFTS FOR MISSIONS The Reverend Dr. Stanley Hearst II

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

“All Things Come of Thee”

*All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

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THE RESPONSIVE READING The Reverend Maurice L. Butler

Minister: We are members of a long tradition – of prophets and people – who would dare to speak for God. As people of faith, many of our ranks often experienced and exercised influence on the culture, and some who suffered greatly for pronouncements spoken and actions taken in the name of God. Integrity has been their watchword, fidelity to God their true calling. Their walk with God has been consistent; their study of the things of God conscientious and continuous. Their eyes were open to the political and social realities of the day; observers of paradigm shifts, and cultural trends that possessed the power and potential to lead the people away from God to the detriment of community (while some would call it progress). Their ears, like antennae, perched to hear from God, the inspired word fit for the moment. Vigilance has been standard operational procedure. Their mouths open with relevant speech: rebuke, reminder, repentance, repair, revival, faith, hope, and love.

People: Let the prophet – and the people – be reminded of our calling.

Minister: Like Moses standing in the gap to avert the wrath of God for a people who fell into sin even on their march to liberation and possibility; like the priestly intercession of Jesus praying for His disciples on His way to Calvary and a new covenant that included redemption and salvation.

People: Let the prophet – and the people – feel the urge to pray - for others.

Minister: Like Elijah who challenged the apostasy of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel; like Nathan who spoke to David about his “secret” and its impact on two families and a nation; like Jesus before Pilate responding to a presumption of alleged power, a mere empty suit.

People: Let the prophet – and the people – feel compelled to speak truth to power.

Minister: Like Jeremiah and Jesus who saw what they saw – injustice, corruption, debauchery, exploitation of the vulnerable, meanness in the human spirit, and a rejection of the right and the Way – and wept.

People: Let the prophet – and the people – care deeply enough to lament.

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Minister: Like Ezekiel in the Valley of Dry Bones, and John on the Isle of Patmos – environs of death and privation – envisioned the audacity of hope as a thing to be grasped.

People: Let the prophet – and the people – be alert to the voice of God and the lessons of hope all around us.

Minister: Like Hosea who paid a humiliating price with his own domestic choices to demonstrate the essence of God’s love; like Jesus who paid the ultimate price for the redemption and reconciliation of humankind.

People: Let the prophet – and the people – lead as living testimonies of love and forgiveness.

Minister: Like Malachi, alert to the demands and generosity of God and solemn regard for the Storehouse; and the regard of Jesus for the believer with the blessings of “good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.”

People: Let the prophet – and the people – show commitment deep enough to cheerfully give.

Minister: The living Christ stands among us, transcending millennia as Prophet, Priest and King. He is our Savior and our bright exemplar of prophetic speech and pastoral ministry. Children were safe in His company. Women found in Him an empathetic advocate. Men found in Him fraternity and model. Potentates found Him to be one they could count on to tell them the truth. As Jesus saw the need, He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. Around us now are homelessness, hunger, hurt and cynicism.

People: Let the prophet – and the people – be inspired to act.

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Author

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....The Conference Choir

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER..... The Reverend Ellis B. Louden, Presiding Elder

THE SERMONIC HYMN, No. 396 The Reverend Gayle Williams

“Close to Thee”

*Thou my everlasting portion, More than friend or life to me,
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with Thee.*

*Close to Thee, close to Thee, Close to Thee, close to Thee;
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with Thee.*

Not for ease or worldly pleasure, Nor for fame my prayer shall be;

Gladly will I toil and suffer, Only let me walk with Thee.

Close to Thee, close to Thee, Close to Thee, close to Thee;

Gladly will I toil and suffer, Only let me walk with Thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows, Bear me o’er life’s fitful sea;

Then the gate of life eternal May I enter, Lord, with Thee.

Close to Thee, close to Thee, Close to Thee, close to Thee;

Then the gate of life eternal May I enter, Lord, with Thee.

THE SERMON The Rt. Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.

Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District

African Methodist Episcopal Church

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE INVITATIONAL HYMN, No. 513

“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

Time is filled with swift transition, Naught of earth unmoved can stand,

Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God’s unchanging hand.

Refrain: Hold (to His hand) to God’s unchanging hand;

Hold (to His hand) to God’s unchanging hand;

Build your hopes on things eternal,

Hold to God’s unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you, Whatsoever years may bring;

If by earthly friends forsaken, Still more closely to Him cling.

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THE WORSHIP IN GIVING..... The Conference Finance Committee

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER, No. 646

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone a Trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.*

THE INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

THE UNFINISHED ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS

Conference Stewardship ReportThe Reverend Karen L. Washington

The Resolution(s)The Reverend Regina E. Gray, Esq.

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THE COMMISSIONING AND APPOINTMENT SERVICE

The Right Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Sr.

THE HYMN, No. 242

“A Charge To Keep I Have”

*A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save And fit it for the sky.*

*To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage To do my Master’s will.*

THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO CONFERENCE OFFICERS

THE PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.
(I Peter 5:2-3)

“Go you, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”
(Matthew 28:19-20)

THE HYMN, No. 220

“Go Preach My Gospel”

*Go, preach My Gospel, saith the Lord, Bid the whole Earth My grace receive,
Explain to them My sacred Word. Bid them believe, obey and live.*

*I’ll make My great commission known, And ye shall prove My Gospel true,
By all the works that I have done, And all the wonders ye shall do.*

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*Go, heal the sick; go raise the dead; Go, cast out devils in My name.
Nor let My prophets be afraid, Though Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme.
While thus ye follow My commands, I'm with you till The world shall end;
All power is trusted in My hands; I can destroy and can defend.
He spake, and light shone round His head, On a bright cloud to heaven He rode.
They to the farthest nation spread The grace of their ascended God.*

THE READING OF APPOINTMENTS

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

THE HYMN, No. 220

“Go Preach My Gospel”

*Go, preach My Gospel, saith the Lord, Bid the whole Earth My grace receive,
Explain to them My sacred Word. Bid them believe, obey and live.
I'll make My great commission known, And ye shall prove My Gospel true,
By all the works that I have done, And all the wonders ye shall do.
Go, heal the sick; go raise the dead; Go, cast out devils in My name.
Nor let My prophets be afraid, Though Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme.
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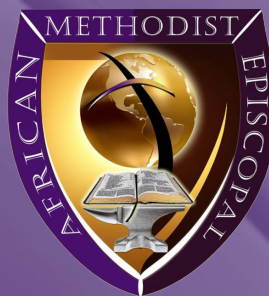




*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.*

~Matthew 6:33

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