

The Planning Meeting
of the
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19 – 22, 2025
Conference Year Theme:
Always Moving Forward with Excellence
Philippians 3:13-14

Quadrennial Theme:
The Work Is All Divine Romans 8:28



The Morning Glory Worship Service
Friday, November 21, 2025 ~ 8:30 a.m.

Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
706 E. Patton Avenue | Montgomery, Alabama 36111

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson
Host Presiding Elder

Reverend Dr. Agnes Lover
Host Pastor

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The Reverend Celeste Adams, Worship Leader

THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Ninth District Praise Team

THE MORNING HYMN

Hymn No. 378

**I Am Weak, and I Need Thy Strength
(Lead Me, Guide Me)**

I am weak and, I need Thy strength and power To help me
Over my weakest hour; Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

*Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

THE PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Agnes Lover

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Reverend Arthur Washington

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

Reverend Dr. G. Dianne Lewis

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

**Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
*Presiding Prelate,
Ninth Episcopal District***

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

The Ninth District Praise Team

THE SERMON

**Reverend Dr. Marques Wheeler
*Saint James African Methodist
Episcopal Church – Avondale
Birmingham, Alabama***

DECISION TIME

Reverend Joshua Mann

THE OFFERING

Reverend Maurice Wright, II

THE BENEDICTION

Reverend Wheeler



*Reverend Dr. Marques Wheeler
Saint James African Methodist
Episcopal Church - Avondale
Birmingham, Alabama*

Reverend Dr. Marques Abdullah Wheeler is the Pastor of Saint. James AME Church in Birmingham, Alabama. With a lifelong commitment to youth and family services, his ministry reflects both compassion and excellence. Before entering full-time ministry, Dr. Wheeler served as an educator and Public Health Coordinator at Georgetown University and the District of Columbia Health Department where he worked to improve the lives of children, youth, and young adults.

A proud graduate of Wilberforce University (B.A. in English, 2003), Wake Forest University (Master of Divinity, 2007), and Payne Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry, 2019), Dr. Wheeler brings both scholarship and sincerity to his calling. His passion is making the deep truths of faith real and reachable for everyday people—helping others experience God in ways that transform their lives.

Since answering his call to ministry in 2012, as an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church Dr. Wheeler has served congregations across the East Coast and the South, including Saint Paul AME Church (Washington, DC), Wayman Good Hope AME Church (Severna Park, MD), Campfield AME Church (Baltimore, MD), Bethel AME Church (Selma, NC), and Parks Chapel AME Church (Dothan, AL). Wherever he serves, his leadership is marked by spiritual growth, creative ministry, and community impact.

Guided by his favorite scripture, Philippians 3:10–11, Dr. Wheeler seeks to “know Christ and the power of His resurrection,” shaping a ministry grounded in both faith and purpose.