

Seventeenth Session of the Southeast Alabama Annual Conference



Worship Service Programs

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

The Reverend Dr. Jacquelyn L. Denson
Host Presiding Elder,
Montgomery-Selma District

Southeast Alabama Conference

YOUNG PEOPLE'S & CHILDREN'S DIVISION
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SURGE: Plug in, Power up, Pursue Jesus

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Hines Chapel AME Church - Dothan, Alabama
September 19, 2026 | Registration: 8:00 AM | Meeting: 9:00 AM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 – 9:00 AM — Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM — Praise & Worship Devotion

- Opening Song
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Closing Song

9:30 AM — Establishment of Protocol
Greetings

- Host Pastor
- Host Conference WMS President
- Host Conference YPD Director
- Host Conference YPD President
- Host Presiding Elder
- Presiding Prelate

Hannah Smith
Quentin Harris
Titus Fulton
Hannah Smith
Cherry Clark

Reverend Paul Horn
Dr. D. Michelle Sherrod
Mrs. Tara Simmons Harris
Bro. Ayden Cole
Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

9:45 AM — Monique Gonzalez Memorial Service

WORKSHOPS & BUSINESS SESSIONS

10:00 AM — Breakout Sessions & Workshops

- Local YPD Directors (please attend to assist)
- Transition of Mother Sunbeams & Allen Stars

Workshops (Ages 2-12)

10:00 AM – 10:55 AM

10:00 AM — Business Session (Ages 13–26)

- Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda
- Roll Call & Reading of Minutes
- Financial Report

Ayden Cole, SEC YPD President

Sis. Briannah Crews

Committee Reports:

- Statistical Report
- Registration Report
- Credential Report
- Nomination Report
- Election of Delegates

Mrs. Debra Weatherspoon

10:55 AM — 12 & Under Reconvene to General Body

COMPASSIONATE CARE

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM — YPD Cares Project

DHR, Foster Care Support

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM — Recognition of Self Denial Participation

~Closing Worship Service~

Order of Worship, William Howard, Worship Leader

- Opening Hymn
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Selection - SEC YPD Conference Choir
- Introduction of Speaker
- Message: Brother Dajhuan Phillips, Nichols Chapel AME Church, Phenix City, Alabama
- Invitation to Christian Discipleship: Rev. Van Harris
- Offering:
- Closing Remarks
 - Episcopal YPD President: Jamia Eaves
 - Episcopal YPD Director: Debra Weatherspoon
 - Episcopal WMS President: Sherryl Whiting
 - Episcopal Supervisor: Deana Young McAllister
 - Presiding Prelate, Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

Missionary Benediction: In the name of the Triune God, may the Spirit of Christian Mission enter every heart. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch



Night in White

Time: 6 p.m.

African Methodist Episcopal Church

17th Session of the Southeast Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society Convention

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

**Hines Chapel AME Church
Dothan AL**

*Christian Women
on the Move for God's
Glory Plan and Purpose*

*For we are God's handiwork, created to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do*

Ephesians 2:10

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting, Episcopal WMS President
Mrs. Debra Weatherspoon, Episcopal YPD Director
Miss Jamia Eaves, Episcopal YPD President
Dr. D. Michelle Sherrod, Conference WMS President
Mrs. Tara Simmons Harris, Conference YPD Director
Mr. Ayden Cole, Conference YPD President
Mrs. Brenda Guice, Dothan-Eufaula Area Chair
Ms. Lauren McDaniel, Ozark Troy Area Chair
Miss Sharla Herring, Dothan-Eufaula Area YPD Director
Miss Nikki Mills, Ozark Troy Area YPD Director

Speaker: Ms. Sherryl Whiting, Ninth Episcopal District WMS President

The Right Rev. Dr. Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District

The Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod, III, Dothan-Eufaula District, Presiding Elder

The Rev. Dr. Willie E. Marshall, Ozark Troy District, Presiding Elder

Reverend Paul Horn, Host Pastor



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting
9th Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society President

Sherryl Whiting is a member of Cherry Street A.M.E. Church in Dothan, Alabama. In her local church, she is a member of the Gussie McMillon Women's Missionary Society, Steward Board, Church Secretary, Stewardess Board, and Lay President.

She is the Ninth Episcopal District WMS President. She was recently appointed as the Connectional Christian Debutante Master Commission Administrator. Her other work includes Parliamentarian of the Southeast Alabama Conference Lay Organization, Assistant Recording Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Richard Allen Resource Center of the Southeast Alabama Conference. She is a Life Member in the Women's Missionary Society.

Her former Missionary work includes serving as Secretary, 1st Vice President and President of the South/Southeast Alabama Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society as well as President and YPD Director in her local church.

Sherryl has three children Adrienne, Lya and Albert Jr. She also has 4 grandchildren Julian, Kelsey, Kennedy, and Kyrie.

Sherryl holds a BS degree in Medical Laboratory Technology with a Minor in Chemistry from Alabama State University, a BS degree in Biology with a certification in Medical Technology from Auburn University in Montgomery - Registered by ASCP (American Society for Clinical Pathologist) and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Troy State University in Dothan.

She is a Silver/Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a member of the National Alumni Association of Alabama State University, President of the Bamadale Neighborhood Organization, a member of Lookwell Chapter 219 Order of Eastern Star, Starscope Bowling League and Secretary of the Board of Directors for the George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum.

She enjoys church, gardening, bowling, family and traveling.

One of her favorite scriptures is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Southeast Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society

Annual "Night in White" Worship Service

September 22, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Reverend Tracey Horn, Hines Chapel AME Church

THEME: "Christian Women on the Move for God's Plan and Purpose" Ephesians 2:10

The Musical Prelude.....Sister Sherryl Huggins Vickers, Musician

The Doxology....."Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Call to Worship.....Sister Rometha Norton, Life Member

Leader: Walk with me Lord while I run this race.

People: I want Jesus to walk with me.

Leader: Hold my hand Lord while I run this race.

People: I want Jesus to hold my hand.

Leader: Stay with me Lord while I run this race.

People: I want Jesus to stay with me.

Leader: Guide my feet Lord while I run this race.

ALL: I want Jesus to walk with me.

The Hymn of Praise: Hymn #513, *"Time is Filled with Swift Transition"* Congregation & Choir

The Invocation Sister Constance Brown, Worship Director

The Prayer Response Hymn #619, "Spirit of the Living God"

*"Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of The Living God fall fresh on me. Amen.*

The Worship in Song Southeast WMS Choir

The Scripture: Ephesian 2:10 Sister Ebony Smith Moore, Episcopal 1st Vice-President

The Welcome Sister Beverly Smith, Conference 1st Vice President

The Missionary Offering (\$10) Sis. Claudia Anderson, Treasurer, Sister Veronica Wiley, Financial Secretary & YPDers or Ushers

The New Members Pinning Ceremony Supervisor Deana Y. McAllister
Episcopal President Sherryl S. Whiting
Southeast Conference President Dr. D. Michelle Sherrod
Conference 3rd Vice-President Mary Moncrief

The Pinning Ceremony Hymn *"This is My Mission"*

Pinning Hymn "This Is My Mission"- Blessed with His goodness, Blessed with His love, Blessed with His showers that come from above, Blessed with His sunshine, Blessed with His air I'll go on helping everywhere. (Refrain) God gives the courage, Faith leads the way Onward we travel, I'm happy today. Thinking of others, Willing to share, taking God's message everywhere.
REFRAIN: This is my mission, this is my prayer, helping the needy everywhere. This is my mission, this is my prayer, helping the needy everywhere.

3rd Vice President: I, *Mary Moncrief*, Membership and Recruitment Chairperson of the *Southeast Alabama* Conference Branch am happy to present for pinning and confirmation 11 new members of the Women's Missionary Society.

Supervisor: *Listen and heed the words of Jesus in John 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit; fruit that will last.*

As Missionaries, you have been appointed:

- *To witness to the unsaved*
- *To love the unloved*
- *To visit the sick and shut in*
- *To carry the good news to the imprisoned and outcast*
- *To fight for justice and equality in our communities*
- *To feed the hungry and house the homeless*
- *To practice love and reconciliation in a broken world.*

Episcopal President: *Be aware that each of you stands here as a sign of your solemn Commitment to be agents of God's mission and purpose through your life and service in the Women's Missionary Society.*

Conference President: *This ceremony symbolizes the crown that awaits you if you are willing to take up the cross by giving of yourselves in ways that exemplify the love of Jesus for the world.*

Supervisor: *Are you ready and willing to meet the hard challenges of Missionaries in a chaotic world?*

Response by New Members: *God being my helper, I am ready and willing.*

Supervisor: *May God empower and strengthen us all for the journey and may the spirit of Christian missions abide in every heart.*

NAMES OF NEW MEMBERS:

*Sister Karri Anderson, Sister Sylvania Anderson, Sister Brittany Bradley, Sister Miranda Coleman, Sister Perry "Pam" Dyck,
Sister Shanequia Scott-Ellis, Sister Alexis Elston, Sister Ida Goldsmith, Sister Dorothy Parker,
Sister Eather Martin Robinson, and Sister Naomi Wynn*

The Presentation of the Messenger.....Dr. D. Michelle Sherrod, SE WMS President

The Worship in Song.....Southeast WMS Choir

The Inspiration Message.....**Ms. Sherryl Stovall Whiting**
Ninth Episcopal District WMS President

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Reverend Tracey Horn

The Offering (\$25).....Treasurer, Financial Secretary & Area Chairpersons

The Remarks.....Episcopal WMS President Sherryl S. Whiting
Episcopal WMS Supervisor Deana Y. McAllister
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

The Missionary Benediction:

"In the Name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian mission enter every heart, may the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart, this we ask in Jesus' Name." Amen

Southeast Conference Women's Missionary Society

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

President, Dr. D. Michelle Sherrod
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Sister Shanika Reeves
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Ozark Troy Area, Sister LauReen McDaniel

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Sister Rometha Norton
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Sister Glenda Skipper
Sister Margrete Simmons
Sister Linda Simpson
Sister Lottie Summerville
Sister Shanetha Whitehurst
Sister Sherryl Whiting
Sister Veronica Wiley

African Methodist Episcopal Church Ninth Episcopal District

SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference Theme:

*"Impact: Transforming Lives, Strengthening Churches, and
Changing Communities" John 15:8*

Quadrennial Theme:

The Work Is All Divine Romans 8:28



The Opening Worship Service and The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Ten thirty in the Morning

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

Convening with
Hines Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
912 Dellwood Avenue
Dothan, Alabama 36303

The Reverend Paul Horn, Host Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod, III
Host Presiding Elder
Dothan-Eufaula District

The Reverend Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall
Associate Host Presiding Elder
Ozark-Troy District

The Opening Worship Service

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

10:30 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod, III, Worship Leader
Presiding Elder of the Dothan-Eufaula District

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

THE GREAT PROCESSIONAL

Hymn No. 52

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside:
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

THE DOXOLOGY

Choir and Congregation

Hymn No. 647 [Tune: Old 100]

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 Paul Horn

- Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within Your gates, O Jerusalem.
- People: **For a day in Your 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 Your 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 Your house Lord, I have loved Your habitation, the place where Your honor dwells.
- 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 Your 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 and sing praises.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The Reverend James Redding

Hymn No. 304 [Tune: ST. THOMAS SM]

"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,
Fightings 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.

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 INVOCATION

The Reverend Fred Flowers

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Choir and Congregation

Hymn No. 580

African American Heritage Hymnal

"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. 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. I magnify Your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

The Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

The Reverend Mattie Edwards

Psalms 121

THE EPISTLE

The Reverend Tony Price

I Corinthians 3:5-11

THE GOSPEL (All Standing)

The Reverend James Booth

Luke 10:1-2, 17-20

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

Hymn #69 [Tune: Woodworth]

"From All That Dwell"

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 (SUMMARY)

The Reverend Warren Anderson

Hear what Christ our Savior says, "You shall love the Lord Your God with all
your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great
and first commandment. The second is like unto it. You shall love your
neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments
hang 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, Amen.

THE MISSION OFFERING

The Reverend Monica Montgomery

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

The Conference Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

The Reverend Dr. Frederick Sherrod
*Presiding Elder,
Dothan-Eufaula
District*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

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

THE SERMONIC HYMN

The Reverend Dwayne Mumford

Hymn No. 272

"Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"

Pass me not O gentle Savior
Here my humble cry
While on others thou art calling
Do not pass Me by

Refrain

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.*

Let me at a throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief,
Kneeling there in deep contrition;
Help my unbelief
Refrain

Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Hear my wounded, broken spirit
Save me by Thy grace.
Refrain

Thou, the Spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heav'n but Thee
Refrain

THE ANNUAL SERMON

The Reverend Joshua Mann
*Pastor, Saint Paul African
Methodist Episcopal Church
Ozark, Alabama*

THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST

The Reverend Dr. Eric Little

“Let the Church Say, Amen”

Let the church say, Amen. Let the church say, Amen.
God has spoken, so let the church say, Amen.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

The Stewardship Committee

THE RESPONSE

“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 Sacrament of Holy Communion

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Chief Celebrant

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, 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 the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Paul Horn

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Gregory Huff

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 sitteth at 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 sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Reverend Mann

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THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Seventeenth Session of the Southeast Alabama Annual Conference

***Hines Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Host
912 Dellwood Avenue, Dothan, Alabama 36303***

Sons of Allen Worship Service

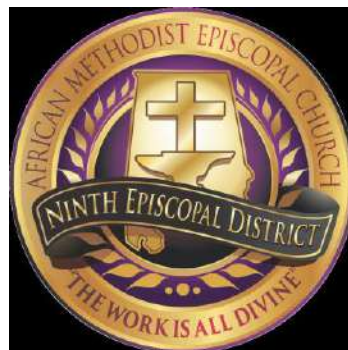
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

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***“Impact: Transforming Lives, Strengthening Churches,
and Changing Communities”*** ***Scripture Saint John 15:8***

Quadrennial Theme:

“The Work Is All Divine” Romans 8:28



Brother Franklin Simmons, Southeast Alabama Annual Conference Sons of Allen
President/Coordinator

Reverend Joseph D. Bryant, Dothan Eufaula District Coordinator, Host Chapter

Brother Ricky Britt, Ozark Troy District Coordinator, Associate Chapter

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Saint John AME Church, Eufaula, Alabama, Host Pastor

Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod, III, Host Presiding Elder, Dothan Eufaula District

Reverend Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall, Associate Presiding Elder, Ozark Troy District

Reverend Paul Horn, Host Pastor, Hines Chapel AME Church, Dothan, Alabama

***Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District***

The Worship Leader

Reverend James Williams
Pastor, Saint Peter AME Church, Clio

THE DOXOLOGY

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymn No. 647

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader

Brother Johnny Logan
Parks Chapel AME Church, Dothan

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!

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

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord, They flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

People: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock 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!

OPENING HYMN

“Rise up, O Men of God!”

Hymn No. 559

1. Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things. Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, O men of God! The kingdom tarries long. Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

3. Rise up O men of God! The church for you doth wait, her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!

4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod. As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

THE INVOCATION

Brother Andre Knight
Saint John AME Church, Eufaula

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Yes God is Real”

Hymn No. 361

There are some things, I may not know, There are some places I can't go. But I am sure of this one thing That God is real for I can feel Him deep within.

Some folk may doubt, some folk may scorn, All can desert and leave me alone But as for me I'll take God's part For God is real and I can feel Him in my heart.

I cannot tell just how you felt When Jesus took your sins away, But since that day, yes, since that hour God has been real for I can feel His holy power.

Refrain: Yes, God is real, real in my soul, Yes, God is real for He has washed and made me whole; His love for me is like pure gold, Yes, God is real for I can feel Him in my soul

THE SCRIPTURE	Reverend James Redding <i>Pastor, Saint Luke AME Church, Eufaula</i>	
THE SELECTION	Ashford Community Male Chorus, Ashford Alabama	
THE OFFERING	Conference Finance Committee	
THE OFFERING SELECTION	Ashford Community Male Chorus, Ashford Alabama	
THE PRAYER FOR THE BISHOP	Brother Franklin Simmons <i>President/Coordinator, Southeast Alabama Conference Sons of Allen</i>	
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP	Reverend Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall <i>Presiding Elder, Ozark Troy District</i>	
THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER	Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr. <i>Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District</i>	
THE SERMONIC SELECTION	Ashford Community Male Chorus, Ashford Alabama	
THE MESSAGE	Reverend Joseph Bryant <i>Coordinator, Dothan Eufaula District Sons of Allen / Pastor Saint John AME Church, Abbeville</i>	
THE INVITATION	Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod <i>Presiding Elder, Dothan Eufaula District</i>	
THE HYMN OF INVITATION	"Get Right With God"	Hymn No. 356
1. Get right with God, And do it now; Get right with God, and He will show you how, Down at the cross where He shed His blood Get right with God; Get right, get right with God! Everybody ought to...		
2. Get right with God, And do it now; Get right with God, and He will show you how, Down at the cross where He shed His blood Get right with God; Get right, get right with God! Everybody ought to...		
3. Get right with God, And do it now; Get right with God, and He will show you how, Down at the cross where He shed His blood Get right with God; Get right, get right with God!		
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Brother Ricky Britt <i>Coordinator Sons of Allen, Ozark Troy District / Johns Chapel AME Church, Enterprise</i>	
THE REMARKS	Brother Franklin Simmons <i>President/Coordinator, Southeast Alabama Conference Sons of Allen</i> Brother Terry Jones <i>Co-Coordinator Sons of Allen, 9th Episcopal District</i> Brother Robert Turner <i>Co-Coordinator Sons of Allen, 9th Episcopal District</i> Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr. <i>Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District</i>	
THE DOXOLOGY	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	Hymn No. 647
THE BENEDICTION	Reverend Joseph Bryant <i>Coordinator, Dothan Eufaula District Sons of Allen / Pastor Saint John AME Church, Abbeville</i>	

We Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow & thank all for your support!

Southeast Alabama Annual Conference Sons of Allen Organization

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Vice President, *Anthony Cook*

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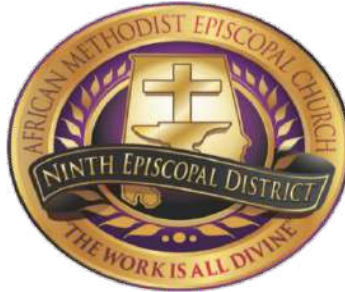
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The Mid-Day Worship Service ***Women In Ministry ~ Hour of Power*** ***Thursday, September 24, 2026*** ***Noon***

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The Mid-Day Worship Service

Women In Ministry ~ Hour of Power

Thursday, September 24, 2026

12:00 p.m.

The Reverend Tracey Horn, Worship Leader

The Musical Prelude

The Doxology

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Gloria Riley

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather
be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

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

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

All: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
I will sing of loyalty and justice to you, Oh Lord, I will sing.

The Hymn of Praise

The Reverend Adrienne Gillis

**Women in Ministry Choir
and Congregation**

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 God's unchanging hand;
Hold 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.
Refrain

Covet not this world's vain riches,
That so rapidly decay;
Seek to gain the heavenly treasures:
They will never pass away.
Refrain

When your journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view.
Refrain

The Invocation

The Reverend Frances Crittendon

The Choral Response

**Women in Ministry Choir
and Congregation**

"Somebody Prayed for Me"

Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind, took the time to pray for me.
I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed,
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

The Scripture Reading

The Reverend Mary Horn

The Worship Through Music

Women in Ministry Choir

The Presentation of the Bishop

The Reverend Lisa Cade

The Presentation of the Preacher

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

The Sermonic Hymn

**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 Sermon

The Reverend Mattie Edwards
Pastor, Greater Saint Paul African Methodist
Episcopal Church
Troy, Alabama

**The Invitation
to Christian Discipleship**

The Reverend Wendy Morgan

. "I Surrender All"

All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain

*I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.

Refrain

Remarks

The Reverend Monique Summers
Ninth Episcopal District President,
Women In Ministry

Remarks from the Bishop

Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr.

The Worship Through Giving

The Stewardship Committee

The Response

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

The Announcements

Reverend Paul Horn

The Benediction

Reverend Edwards

Southeast Alabama Conference Lay Organization

Lay Night Worship Service

Thursday, September 24, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.



**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that
we ask or think,
according to the power that works in us, to him be glory in the
Church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen**
EPHESIANS 3: 20-21

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The Worship Service

Sister Claudia F. Anderson – Worship Leader



The Prelude

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 Brother Bernard Daniels, Shady Grove, Elba

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 the 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.

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, and sing praises

The Opening Hymn ... Laymen's Song #582 Sister Geraldine Sanders, Johns Chapel, Enterprise

Laymen now have thus assembled in Thy blessed name of God. Guide us in our 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 blessing
from the fountain of Thy love.

Aw we walk this Christian journey, Let us keep our armor 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 Sister Constance Jones, Johns Chapel, Enterprise

The Prayer Response He is Lord

The Old Testament Jeremiah 32:17 Sister Evadna Moment, St. Paul, Sconierville

The New Testament *Ephesians 3:20-21* Sister Joyce Thomas, St. Michael, Clopton

The Prelude to the Decalogue Sister Takisha Whitehurst, Stringer Street

Summary of the Decalogue

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. Amen,

The Lay Litany “Please Stand” Sister Shanika Reeves, St. Paul, Ozark
Written by Mrs. Patricia H. Wright, Connectional Lay Organization Director of Lay Activities

Leader: We are Reviving the Connection of Faith. We celebrate what is visible today, and we acknowledge that there are innovations, opportunities, and blessings awaiting us in the future with possibilities so vast that they are beyond our current imagination.

People: Exceedingly, abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

Leader: We are Reviving the Connection of Gratitude. We are grateful to a God who blesses us not just with sufficiency, but with abundance—providing far more than we dare to ask, hope, or dream. This spirit of thankfulness fuels our optimism and unites us in grace.

People: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

Leader: We are Reviving the Connection of Blessings. The advancement of science over the last century has eclipsed what our ancestors ever dared to dream. And much the same way, Lord, your blessings and the potential of them abound beyond our wildest expectations and imagination.

People: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

Leader: We are Reviving the Connection of our Ancestors. Generation after generation we continue to witness the evidence of grace and favor, a testament to God’s enduring power which transcends both time and space.

People: Exceedingly abundantly above ALL we can ask or think.

ALL: We are Reviving the Connection! Standing hand in hand, on one accord, searching God’s Word, seeking God’s will and serving God’s people, surrounded by God’s love, whose plans for us are Exceedingly, Abundantly Above All That We Can Ask or Think.

The Worship in Music The Conference Lay Choir

Night at the A.M.E. Wax Museum

Introduction of the Skit Narrator Sister MaKaela Streeter, YAR

The Invitation to Discipleship Reverend James Booth, Shady Grove, Elba

The Offering 9th District Finance Team, Sisters Martha Roseboro & Carolyn Longmire

The Announcements Sister Arleasia Redding St. Luke, Eufaula

The Remarks Sister Claudia Anderson, Conference Director of Lay Activities

Sister Veronica Wiley, Southeast Conference Lay President

Brother Robert L. Turner, 9th District's Lay President

Mrs. Deana McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

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The Lay Benediction

"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."



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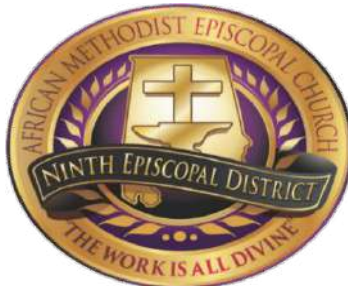
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The Closing Worship Service

Friday, September 25, 2026

Two o'clock in the Afternoon

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Friday, September 25, 2026
2:00 p.m.

The Reverend Dr. Willie Eugene Marshall, Worship Leader
Presiding Elder of the Ozark-Troy District

THE GREAT 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 or Thee, that we fail not man nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

THE DOXOLOGY

Choir and Congregation

Hymn No. 647 [Tune: Old 100]

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 Joseph Bryant

- Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
- People:** Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- People:** With trumpets and the sound of the horn; make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
- Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
- People:** Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.
At the presence of the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth.
- Leader: Here we are Lord! We have come into your house praising your faithfulness,
giving thanks for your mercy, and seeking your soul-feeling joy.
- People:** Thank you for creating us and giving us life and breath today.
Thank you for your son Jesus Christ, our Savior, and for the Holy Spirit whose presence unites us as your people.
- All:** Let us sing praises unto the Lord who has never failed us yet!!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The Reverend Flora Scott

Hymn No. 1 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinners' ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor, believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy. Amen.

THE INVOCATION

The Reverend Willie White

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

**Conference Choir
and Congregation**

Hymn No. 460

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

The Conference Choir

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Psalm 111

The Reverend Tyeshia Thomas

THE EPISTLE
Ephesians 5:15-20

The Reverend Rayford Collins

THE GOSPEL (All Standing)
Luke 10:1-7

The Reverend James Williams

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

Hymn #69 [Tune: Woodworth]

"From All That Dwell"

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 (SUMMARY)

The Reverend Jonathan Townsend

Hear what Christ our Savior says, "You shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. The second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang 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, Amen.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

The Conference Choir

THE MISSION OFFERING

The Reverend Celeste Adams

"I Just Want to Praise You"

Words and Tune by Arthur Tannous

I just want to praise you, Forever and ever and ever
For all you've done, done for me, Blessings and glory and honor
They all belong to you, Thank you Jesus for blessing me!

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

The Reverend Dr. Frederick D. Sherrod, III
Presiding Elder,
Dothan-Eufaula District

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

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

THE SERMONIC HYMN

The Reverend Tyrone Smith

Hymn No. 83

O Thou, in Whose Presence

O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,
On whom in affliction I call;
My comfort by day, and my song in the night,
My hope, my salvation, my all!

Where dost Thou, dear Shepherd, resort with Thy sheep,
To feed them in pastures of love?
Say, why in the valley of death should I weep,
Or alone in this wilderness rove?

O why should I wander an alien from Thee,
Or cry in the desert for bread?
Thy foes will rejoice, when my sorrows they see,
And smile at the tears I have shed.

He looks! and ten thousands of angels rejoice,
And myriads wait for His word;
He speaks! and eternity, filled with His voice,
Re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

Dear Shepherd, I hear, and will follow Thy call;
I know the sweet sound of Thy voice;
Restore and defend me, for Thou art my all,
And in Thee I will ever rejoice. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Reverend Dr. Garland Pierce
Executive Director
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THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST

The Reverend LaVandia Harris

"Just Come"

By Joseph W. Pace, II

There's nothing better than knowing Jesus,
He will pick you up and turn your life around.

Chorus:

You ought to know Him, get to know Him, right now, today, just come.

There's nothing better than knowing Jesus, He gets sweeter as the days go by.

Chorus

Bridge:

Come on, come on, come on. Come on, come on, come on; right now, today, just come.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

The Stewardship Committee

THE RESPONSE

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

THE UNFINISHED ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS

The Report of the Statistician

The Conference Resolution

The Commissioning Service

Friday, September 25, 2026

THE HYMN

Hymn #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!

Arm me with jealous care, as in Thy sight to live,
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare, a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

THE PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Peter 5:2-3

Matthew 28:19-20

THE DISPATCHING HYMN

Hymn #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.

“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

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

Hymn No. 45

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels’ guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Reverend Dr. Pierce



Reverend Dr. Garland Pierce
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Rev. Garland F. Pierce is a native of McCormick, South Carolina, USA. His home church is Shiloh-McCormick. He is the son of Fletcher J. and Sylvia Singletary Pierce. Rev. Pierce received his early and secondary education in the public school system of McCormick. He received his B.A. degree in Religion from Furman University in Greenville, SC. He received his Master of Divinity degree from the Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, TN, where he was named as a Kelly Miller Smith Scholar and received the St. James Academy Award for Preaching. He is currently a PhD student in the Theology, Ethics, and Culture program at Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, CA.

While completing his doctoral studies, he has recently completed the Certificate in Advanced Studies in Modern Management for Non-Profit Organizations at the University of Geneva. In May 2024, Wilberforce University conferred on him the Doctor of Humane Letters for his decades-long ecumenical ministry and his work in faith formation and leader development.

An Itinerant Elder in the AME Church and a member of the Piedmont, SC Annual Conference, Rev. Pierce has been blessed to serve his denomination and the wider church in a number of different ways and places. Early on, he served as President of the Piedmont Conference Branch YPD and 2nd Vice President of the 7th Episcopal District YPD. He has also served as the youth delegate to the General Conference, a member of the General Board, and secretary to the Social Action Commission. He has served as the youth minister for two AME congregations, Greater Bethel AME Church in Nashville, TN and First AME Church in Pasadena, California. Pierce was a Curriculum Resource Specialist in the Christian Education Department for the AME Church.

Rev. Pierce holds membership in a number of social, civic, and professional organizations, among these: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the American Academy of Religion, Association of Practical Theology, and the Religious Education Association; he is a life member of the NAACP.

In 2003, Rev. Pierce joined the staff of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, based in New York, New York as the Associate Director for Education and Leadership Ministries. He went on to serve as the Associate General Secretary for Education and Leadership Ministries for the National Council of Churches. While in New York, he served on the ministerial staff at First African Methodist Episcopal Church: Bethel-Harlem, New York, New York. From May 2011-November 2016, he served as the Senior Assistant to the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, based in Geneva, Switzerland.

At the 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Pierce was elected the sixth Executive Director of the Department of Christian Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.