

Seventeenth Session of the Northeast 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

Northeast Alabama YPD Annual Conference

Closing Worship Service

Order of Worship

Worship Leader

Aiden Bellamy-1st Vice President

Opening Hymn.....#453“ I Trust in God”NEAC Conference Choir & Congregation

1.I trust in God wherever I may be, Upon the land or on the rolling sea.
For come what may, From day to day, My Heavenly Father watches over me.

2.He makes the rose an object of His care, He guides the eagle through the path-less air,
And surely He Remembers me, My Heavenly Father watches over me.

Refrain:

*I trust in God, I know He cares for me, On mountain bleak or on the stormy sea;
Though billows roll, He keeps my soul, My Heavenly Father watches over me.*

3.I trust in God, for, in the lion’s den, On battlefield or in the prison pen.
Through praise or blame, Through flood or flame, My Heavenly Father watches over me.

4.The valley may be dark, the shadows deep, But O, the Shepherds guards His lonely sheep;
And through the gloom, He’ll lead me home, My heavenly father watches over me.

Refrain:

*I trust in God, I know He cares for me, On mountain bleak or on the stormy sea;
Though billows roll, He keeps my soul, My Heavenly Father watches over me.*

Prayer.....Bro. Jameer Bradley

Scripture.....1 Peter 2:4-10.....Dayleigh Grace Ford

Musical Selection.....NEAC YPD Conference Choir

Introduction of Speaker.....Bro. Dajhuan Phillips

Musical Selection.....NEAC YPD Conference Choir

The Message.....Bro. Cameron Seawright

Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Rev. Dr. Mary A. Hudson

The Offering.....Officers

Closing Remarks:

Episcopal YPD President-Jamia Eaves

Episcopal YPD Director Debra Weatherspoon

Episcopal WMS President Sherryl Whiting

Episcopal Supervisor Deana Y. McAllister

Presiding Prelate, Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

The Missionary Benediction-In the name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian mission, enter every heart. May the spirit of Christian mission, enter every heart, this we ask in Jesus' name, Amen

NORTHEAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WMS Convention

African Methodist Episcopal Church



October 6, 2026
5:00 P.M. CST – 6:00 P.M. EST

Theme: Theme: Reconnected to God for Mission Work — The Seven-Prong Connection

Scripture: John 15:4a, 5b

“Abide in me as I abide in you. . . . Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing

Sister Clara Jackson, Conference President
Sister Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal President
Sister Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
Rev. Dr. Isaac N. Hudson Jr., Host Pastor
Rev. Dr. Letitia Watford, Host Presiding Elder
Rev. Raymond Swafford, Associate Presiding Elder
Bishop Julius Harrison McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate

MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to strengthen our faith and sent to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in the world.

WMS NIGHT IN WHITE WORSHIP SERVICE

Ms. Denise Bellamy, NEAC WMS 1st Vice President, Presiding

The Musical Prelude

The Doxology

The Call to Worship

Life Member Cattie Epps

Leader: Holy and True Vine, we confess that we often try to serve in our own strength. We forget that without You, our efforts are empty.

People: Lord, forgive us. Apart from You, we can do nothing.

Leader: Today, we hear Your call to abide. We plug into the **Prong of Intimacy** through deep prayer, and the **Prong of Illumination** through Your Holy Word.

People: Reconnect us, O Lord, that our mission may overflow from Your love.

Leader: We open ourselves to the **Prong of Infusion**, welcoming the power of the Holy Spirit. We submit to the **Prong of Improvement**, trusting the Father's hand as He prunes away our pride.

People: Fill us and prune us, Lord, so that we may bear much fruit.

Leader: We lean into the **Prong of Interdependence**, standing united as a community of branches. We commit to the **Prong of Integrity**, promising that our private obedience will match our public witness.

People: Bind us together in unity. Let our lives honor Your Gospel.

Leader: Finally, we look forward to the **Prong of Impact**. We step out into the mission field, confident that staying connected to You will bring a lasting harvest.

All: We remain in You, Jesus. You are the Vine; we are the branches. Flow through us, change the world through us, and take all the glory. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise

Life Member Sharon Massingale

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
African American Heritage Hymnal #463

Verse 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Verse 2

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

Verse 4

Lord, I want to be more like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

The Invocation

Evangelist Bertha Brown

The Prayer Response

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

Conference Choir

The Scripture

Life Member Harriett Tolbert

The Welcome

Ms. Clara Jackson, Conference President

The Missionary Offering

Ninth District & NEAC WMS Finance Team

The New Members Pinning Ceremony

Supervisor Deana Y. McAllister
Episcopal President Sherryl S. Whiting
Conference President Clara Jackson
Conference 3rd VP Roberta Benton

The Pinning Ceremony Hymn
THIS IS MY MISSION
Tune: Blessed Assurance

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
Chorus

This is my mission. This is my prayer. Helping the needy everywhere,
This is my mission. This is my prayer. Helping the needy everywhere.

God gives the courage. Faith leads the way. Onward we travel, praying always.
Thinking of others. Willing to share. Taking God's message everywhere.

This is my mission. This is my prayer. Helping the needy everywhere.
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Third Vice President: I, Roberta Benton, Membership and Recruitment Chairperson of the Northeast Alabama Conference Branch, am pleased to present for pinning and confirmation

_____ 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 serve as an agent 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 difficult challenges of missionary service 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.

The Presentation of the Messenger

Life Member Ethel Patrick

The Worship in Song

Conference Choir

The Message

Mrs. Hattie Nathan
Life Member, Phenix City District

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Reverend Tomeko Harris

The Offering

Ninth District & NEAC WMS Finance Team

The Remarks

Sis. Clara Jackson
NEAC Conference President

Mrs. Sherryl Whiting
Episcopal WMS President

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal District WMS Supervisor

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

The Missionary Benediction:

Hymn #652

“In the name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart,
may the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart, this we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen”



Mrs. Hattie Ford Nathan

Mrs. Hattie Ford Nathan is a distinguished retired educator, devoted community servant, and lifelong pillar of faith. Born in Fort Mitchell, Alabama, she is the second of six children of the late Willie and Anna Taylor Ford. Mrs. Nathan committed her life to Christ at an early age and remains a steadfast member of St. John African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.

Mrs. Nathan's exemplary academic journey began in the Catholic schools of Holy Trinity and Phenix City and culminated in her graduation as valedictorian from Mt. Olive High School. She began her higher education at Daniel Payne College before transferring to historic **Tuskegee Institute**, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Answering a deep call to leadership, she later attended **Auburn University**, earning a master's degree in elementary education and certification in educational leadership.

A legendary educator, Mrs. Nathan, dedicated **40 years** to molding minds and shaping the future of Alabama's youth. Her teaching career began at St. Joseph Catholic School and continued in the Phenix City School System, where she taught elementary students for 15 years. Her visionary leadership led to a 20-year tenure as an elementary school principal, during which

she successfully led four schools in the Phenix City School District. Expanding her impact statewide, she served as a curriculum specialist for the Alabama State Department of Education and as a school-improvement consultant for Phenix City Schools.

Throughout her career, she remained an active voice in local, state, and national professional educators' associations. Alongside her career in education, Mrs. Nathan built a monumental legacy of service within the AME Church. At the local level, she has served as a Church School teacher, steward, class leader, stewardess, Christian education director, president of the Lay Organization, and facilitator of the Wednesday Noonday Bible Study. She also directs the church's annual Vacation Bible School.

Her leadership extends far beyond her local church. She has served as Conference Branch President and Episcopal District President of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS), earning the prestigious designation of Life Member in the Connectional WMS. She currently serves as Christian Education Director for the Phenix City District, the Northeast Conference, and the **Ninth Episcopal District**, and as First Vice President of the Northeast Conference Lay Organization. Her global commitment to the church includes service as an elected delegate to the General Conference, the WMS Quadrennial, and the Connectional Lay Organization Biennial.

In her personal life, Mrs. Nathan is the loving sister of Rosie, Alma, Georgia, John, and the late Curtis. She is the proud mother of Kenneth and the Rev. Dr. T. E. Nathan. In her well-deserved retirement, she enjoys studying Scripture, preparing meals for family gatherings, and generously sharing her time, expertise, and resources. She lives by the profound words of Habakkuk 3:17-18, finding her ultimate joy and salvation in the Lord.

African Methodist Episcopal Church Ninth Episcopal District

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The Opening Worship Service and The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Ten thirty in the Morning

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.

Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister

Episcopal Supervisor

Convening with

Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church

944 Alabama Highway 165

Fort Mitchell, Alabama 36856

The Reverend Dr. Isaac Hudson, Jr., Host Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Letitia Watford

Host Presiding Elder

Phenix City District

The Reverend Raymond B. Swafford

Associate Host Presiding Elder

Tuskegee District

The Opening Worship Service

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

10:30 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Letitia Watford, Worship Leader
Presiding Elder of the Phenix City 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 Dr. Isaac Hudson

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 Monique Summers

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 Christopher Reeves

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 READING

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
Psalm 121

The Reverend Sarah Calhoun

THE EPISTLE
I Corinthians 3:5-11

The Reverend Willie Lyles

THE GOSPEL (All Standing)
Swafford Luke 10:1-2, 17-20

The Reverend Alvelyn Sanders

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 Trevor Woolridge

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 Dr. Eric Brown

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

The Conference Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

The Reverend Raymond B. Swafford
*Presiding Elder,
Tuskegee City District*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

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

THE SERMONIC HYMN

The Reverend Jesse Grooms

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 Gregory McLeod
Gaines Chapel
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Phenix City, Alabama

**THE INVITATION TO
RECEIVE CHRIST**

The Reverend Jonathan Benton

“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 SOLICITATION

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, walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith and take the holy sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling

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 Dr. Isaac Hudson

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Reverend Alana Jones

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 McLeod

**THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
17th Session of the Northeast Alabama Annual Conference**

SONS OF ALLEN

Worship Service

**Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
944 Alabama Highway 165
Fort Mitchell, Alabama**



**Wednesday, October 7, 2026
6:00 PM**

**Brother Terry Jones, Ninth Episcopal District SOA Co-Coordinator
Brother Robert L. Turner, Ninth Episcopal District SOA Co-Coordinator
Reverend Dr. Isaac N. Hudson, Jr., Host Pastor
Reverend Dr. Letitia Watford, Host Presiding Elder, Phenix City, District
Reverend Raymond Swafford, Associate Presiding Elder, Tuskegee District
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate Ninth Episcopal District**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Leader: Brother Arthur Perry
Hardaway A.M.E. Church, Union Springs, Al.

DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymn No. 647
CALL TO WORSHIP Brother Ricky Chambers
Saint John A.M.E. Church Fort Mitchell, Al.

Leader: I will praise You, O Lord with my whole heart;
I will show forth all YOUR marvelous works

People: I will be glad and rejoice in YOU: I will sing praises to YOUR Name, O Most High.

Leader: When my enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at YOUR presence.

People: For YOU have maintained my right and my cause.

YOU sat on the throne judging right.

Leader: The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

ALL: And they that know YOUR Name will put their trust in YOU,

For YOU, LORD, have not forsaken them that seek YOU.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “There Is A Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Hymn 196

*There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love; and
for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been
revived when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you can not receive; till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You’re the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”*

*If you say He saved you from your sin, now you’re weak, you’re bound and cannot enter in.
You can make it right if you will yield. You’ll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.*

THE INVOCATION Brother Odies Perry
Hardaway A.M.E. Church, Union Springs, Al.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE “I Need Thee Every Hour” Hymn No. 327

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord. No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee. O bless me now my Savior. I come to

Thee

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby. Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

THE SCRIPTURE..... Luke 24: 12-19..... Brother Willie Washington
St. John A.M.E. Church, Wende, Al.

THE MUSICAL SELECTIONTri City Male Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP..... Brother Stephan Bridges
Washington Chapel A.M.E. Church, Tuskegee Institute, Al.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHERBishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District

THE SERMON HYMN “Jesus Is All the World to Me” Hymn No 349

Jesus Is All the World to Me

*Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all.
He is my strength from day to day. Without Him I would fall.
When I am sad, to Him I go. No other one can cheer me so.
When I am sad, He makes me glad. He's my friend.*

*Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore.
I go to Him for blessings and He gives them o'er and o'er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain. He sends the harvest's golden grain.
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain. He's my friend.*

THE PREACHED WORDThe Reverend Dr. Isaac Hudson, Pastor
Saint John A.M.E. Church, Fort Mitchell, Al.

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP...The Reverend Raymond Swafford
Presiding Elder, Tuskegee District

THE HYMN OF INVITATION “Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior” Hymn No. 272

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

*Pass me not, O Gentle Savior. Hear 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 are calling. Do not pass me by.*

*Let me at Thy throne of mercy. Find a sweet relief.
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.*

THE OFFERING The Finance Committee

THE MUSICAL SELECTION.....The Tri City Male Choir

THE REMARKS and PRESENTATIONS..... Brother Robert L. Turner
Northeast AlabamaConference Sons of Allen Coordinator
Brother Terry Jones, Co-Coordinator
9th Episcopal District Sons of Allen
Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr. Presiding Prelate

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION..... Reverend Dr. Isaac Hudson



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Quadrennial Theme:

The Work Is All Divine Romans 8:28



The Mid-Day Worship Service ***Women In Ministry ~ Hour of Power*** ***Thursday, October 8, 2026*** ***Noon***

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

Convening with
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Tuskegee District

The Mid-Day Worship Service

Women In Ministry ~ Hour of Power

Thursday, October 8, 2026

12:00 p.m.

The Reverend Dr. Mary Hudson, Worship Leader

The Musical Prelude

The Doxology

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Alvelyn Sanders-Swafford

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 Bernice Cofield

**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 Tomeko Harris

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 Dr. Clementine Warren

The Worship Through Music

Women in Ministry Choir

The Presentation of the Bishop

The Reverend Melissa Mixon Smith

The Presentation of the Preacher

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

The Sermonic Hymn

The Reverend Miriam Harlan

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 Sermon

The Reverend Debbie Dowdell
Saint Mark African Methodist
Episcopal Church
Guerryton, Alabama

**The Invitation
to Christian Discipleship**

"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 Response**

The Stewardship Committee

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

The Announcements

Reverend Dr. Mary Hudson

The Benediction

Reverend Dowdell

*Seventeenth Session
of the
Northeast Alabama Annual Conference*

***NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH***



Lay Night Worship Service

*Thursday, October 8, 2026
6:00 p.m. (EST)*

*The Right Reverend Julius McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Deana Y. McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
Reverend Raymond B. Swafford, , Host Presiding Elder
Reverend Dr. Letitia Watford, Associate Host Presiding Elder
Sister Dianne Battle, Director of Public Relations CLO
Brother Robert L. Turner, Episcopal District President
Brother James C. Bonner, President Emeritus
Brother Alfred J. Davis, Sr., Northeast Alabama Conference President
Sister Cattie Epps, Director of Lay Activities
Brother Stephan Bridges, Young Adult Representative*

Biographical Sketch



The Honorable Isaiah Hugley Mayor-Elect Columbus, Georgia

Isaiah Hugley is the mayor-elect of Columbus, Georgia and will be sworn in on Monday, January 4, 2027, as the first African American elected Mayor of Columbus, Georgia in 198 years.

Mayor-elect Hugley made history on June 16, 2026, when he was elected with 52% of the vote. This is not the first time he is the first in Columbus, Georgia. He was Columbus' first African American City Manager and the longest serving City Manager of Columbus, Georgia, a city founded in 1828.

In 1984 he began his career at the Columbus Consolidated City / County Government as Assistant Director of METRA Transit System and the first African American assistant department head in Columbus, Georgia history. He was appointed Director of METRA Transit System in July 1988 and became the first African American to head a city department in Columbus, Georgia. He served in this capacity until appointed the first African American Deputy City Manager in Columbus, Georgia in February 1998. In February 2005, he was appointed the first African American City Manager of Columbus, Georgia.

As City Manager Isaiah was responsible for more than 3,300 employees, and an annual budget of \$366 million dollars, overseeing capital / infrastructure projects totaling \$1.2 billion dollars. He and his team led the way to Columbus, Georgia being ranked by Wallet Hub as the 12th Best Run City in America in 2024 and the 20th Best Run City in America in 2025.

Mayor- elect Hugley is a 1975 graduate of Spencer High School; a 1979 graduate of Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History/Pre-Law; a 1980 graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, where he received a Master of Public Policy and Public Administration Degree; he received a Doctor of Humane Letters, Honorary Doctorate Degree, from his alma mater Talladega College in May 2021.

Mayor - elect Hugley is one of Columbus' finest public servants. He was inducted into the Georgia Municipal Association Hall of Fame in August 2021. He has been recognized with many community service awards, such as the 2026 Metropolitan Baptist Church Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award, the 2025 Dr. Thomas H. Brewer Civil Rights Advocate Award, presented by The Columbus, Georgia Chapter of the NAACP, the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award, presented by Alpha Phi Alpha

Fraternity, Inc. / Delta Iota Lambda Chapter; the 2016 Black History Legacy Leadership Award, presented by United States Congressman Sandford D. Bishop; the 2015 Georgia City / County Manager's Prestigious Pillars of Professional Management Award presented by the Georgia City/County Management Association; and the 2014 United States Congressman (Retired) Jack T. Brinkley, Sr. Service Award, presented by the Muscogee County Democratic Party.

Mayor - elect Hugley's outstanding leadership is exemplified through membership and community involvement in many local, state, and national organizations. He is an active Deacon at his church, Franchise Missionary Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama, and an active member with his fraternities, Sigma Pi Phi / Gamma Psi Boule, and The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. He is a member of 100 Black Men of Columbus, Georgia and a 1996 Graduate of Leadership Georgia.

Mayor – elect Hugley is married to Georgia State Representative / House Minority Leader Carolyn Fleming Hugley. They have two children – Kimberly and Isaiah, Jr., (Dr. Coartnye Malone Hugley, Daughter-in- law), four grandchildren – Kandyce, Adam, Isaiah III, and Heiress, and one great granddaughter - Kadance.

Mayor – elect Hugley's greatest satisfaction comes from helping others and giving back to his community.



The Order of Service

Sister Cattie Epps, Worship Leader

The Doxology #647 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” **Congregation**

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 Otis Perry**

Leader: God of grace and God of mercy who continues to bless us day by day.

*People: **We give him praise, honor, and thanksgiving.***

Leader: He is our God who brought us out of darkness to the marvelous light.

*People: **We bow before Him because He is worthy.***

Leader: His unconditional love is music to our ears, songs in our hearts, and praises on our lips.

*People: **We sing of His love, His glory, and His power.***

ALL: Glory be our God, most high! Amen. Amen. Amen

The Hymn of Praise **Congregation**

“The Laymen’s Hymn”

Tune: “Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Laymen now have thus assembled in Thy Blessed Name O 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 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 the Christian journey, let us keep our armour bright,
Let our works to 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..... Brother Willie Washington

Choral Response #387.....“Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Bless His Holy Name)”..... Congregation

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits. Amen.*

The Connectional Lay Organization Litany..... Brother Stephan Bridges

***“Reviving the Connection: Exceedingly, Abundantly
Above All We Can Ask or Think”***

A Litany (responsive reading) from the pen of CLODOLA P.H. Wright

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.*

Reader: 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.*

Reader: 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.*

Reader: 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 transcend both time and space.*

Reader: 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.*

Musical SelectionConference Choir

The Scripture..... Ephesians 3:20-21.....Brother Ernest Harris

Greetings.....Sister Jacquelyn Willoughby

Offering..... Finance Committee

Choral Response #283.....“I Am Thine O Lord” Congregation

*“Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died. Draw me nearer,
nearer, nearer blessed Lord. To Thy precious bleeding side.”*

Introduction of Speaker.....Brother Robert L. Turner

Musical Selection.....Conference Choir

**Speaker.....The Honorable Isaiah Hugley, Sr.
Mayor-Elect, Columbus, George**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....Rev. Dr. Isaac N. Hudson, Jr.
Pastor, St John Ame Church Fort Mitchell, Alabama**

Memorial.....Sister Hattie Nathan

**Remarks Brother Alfred J. Davis, Sr.
Brother Robert L. Turner
Mrs. Deana Y. McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor
The Right Reverend Julius McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate**

Lay Benediction

*“May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together, not as man over
man, but as Lay persons working with God. Amen!”*

Notes

Northeast Alabama Conference Lay Organization Leadership Team



Brother Alfred J. Davis, Sr.	President
Sister Hattie Nathan	First Vice President
Brother Earnest Harris	Second Vice President
Brother Odies Perry	Third Vice President
Sister Mary Madden	Recording Secretary
Sister Alice Cornett	Assistant Recording Secretary
Sister Barbara Washington	Corresponding Secretary
Brother Robert L. Turner	Treasurer
Brother Willie Washington	Chaplain (Acting)
Sister Jacquelyn Willoughby	Historiographer
Sister Dorothy Nesbitt	Parliamentarian
Sister Cattie Epps	Director of Lay Activities
Sister Ruth Turner	Director of Public Relations
Brother Stephan Bridges	Young Adult Representative

Northeast Alabama Conference

Participants in the Northeast Alabama Conference Lay Organization

Tuskegee District

Allen Chapel AME Church – Fitzpatrick
Great Hope AME Church – Midway
Hardaway AME Church – Union Springs
Hurts Chapel AME Church - Rutherford
Jones Chapel AME Church – (Omega) Banks
Lee Chapel AME Church – Auburn
Marianna AME Church & Shiloh AME Church –
Midway, Alabama
New Bethel AME Church – Fitzpatrick
Person Chapel AME Church- Midway
Saint John AME Church – (Wende) Hurtsboro
Saint. John AME Church – Union Springs
Saint Luke AME Church – Enon - Midway
Saint Luke AME Church – Opelika
Saint Mark AME Church – Guerryton
Saint Mark AME Church – Opelika
Saint Paul AME Church – Hurtsboro
Saint Paul AME Church – Lanett
Saint Paul AME Church – Opelika
Washington Chapel AME Church - Tuskegee
Wayman Chapel AME Church – Union Springs

Phenix City District

Allen Chapel AME Church – Waverly
Allen Temple AME Church – Phenix City
Bethel AME Church – Phenix City
Burrell Chapel AME Church – Beulah
Canaan AME Church – Seale
Colbert AME Church – Seale
Gaines Chapel AME Church – Phenix City
Greater Peace & Goodwill AME Church
Howard Chapel AME Church –
Hatchechubbee
Mt. Moriah AME Church – Cottonton
Mt. Zion AME Church – Opelika
Mt. Zion AME Church – Seale
Nichols Chapel AME Church – Phenix City
Pleasant Grove AME Church – Seale
Pleasant Hill AME Church – Salem
Saint John AME Church – Ft. Mitchell
Saint. John AME Church – Pittsview
Saint Luke AME Church – Hatchechubbee
Saint Peter AME Church – Seale
Salem Chapel AME Church – Salem
Uchee Chapel AME Church - Seale



African Methodist Episcopal Church Ninth Episcopal District

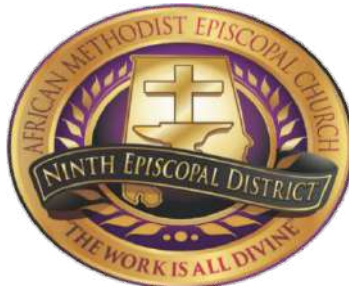
SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE NORTHEAST ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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 Closing Worship Service

Friday, October 9, 2026

***Two o'clock in the
Afternoon***

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr.
Presiding Prelate

Mrs. Deana Young McAllister
Episcopal Supervisor

*Convening with
Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church
944 Alabama Highway 165
Fort Mitchell, Alabama 36856*

The Reverend Dr. Isaac Hudson, Jr.
Host Pastor

The Reverend Dr. Letitia Watford
*Host Presiding Elder
Phenix City District*

The Reverend Raymond B. Swafford
*Associate Host Presiding Elder
Tuskegee District*

The Closing Worship Service

Friday, October 9, 2026
2:00 p.m.

The Reverend Raymond B. Swafford, Worship Leader
Presiding Elder of the Tuskegee 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 Nathaniel Copeland

- 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 Tomeko Harris

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 Melissa Smith

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 James Platt

THE EPISTLE
Ephesians 5:15-20

The Reverend Cynthia Johnson

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

The Reverend Keith Baker

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 Desi Morgan

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 Dr. Isaac Hudson

"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. Letitia Watford
Presiding Elder,
Phenix City
District

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER

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

THE SERMONIC HYMN

The Reverend Debbie Dowell

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

Bishop Clement Fugh
*131st Elected and Consecrated Bishop
of the African Methodist
Episcopal Church*

THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST

The Reverend Dr. Wendell Jones, Sr.

"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, October 9, 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.

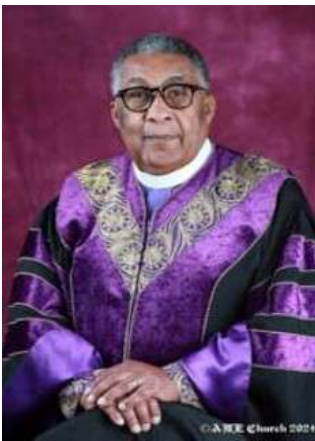
Hymn No. 45

“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

Bishop Fugh



Bishop Clement W. Fugh
131st Elected and Consecrated Bishop
of the African Methodist
Episcopal Church

Clement Willie Fugh, son of the late Reverend Joseph and Deborah Malone Fugh, is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, where he attended the public elementary and high schools. He continued his education at Memphis State University (BBA in Economics and Finance), Boston University School of Theology (ThM in Pastoral Care), with additional studies at Atlanta University, Payne Theological Seminary, Memphis Theological Seminary, and United Theological Seminary (DMin as an “H. Beecher Hicks Scholar”).

Bishop Fugh, an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME CHURCH), has served as pastor of congregations in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. He led Greater Bethel AME Church, Nashville, TN, in the erection of a state of the art multipurpose worship and service center, fulfilling a thirty year dream of that congregation.

At the 46th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the AME Church, held in July 2000, he was elected as its 5th General Secretary and Chief Information Officer. At the 49th General Conference, held in 2012, he was elected and consecrated the 131st Bishop of the AME Church. He was assigned general superintendent of the 14th Episcopal District, comprised of seven West African countries. In 2016 he was assigned presiding bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District covering fifteen states from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean.

A member of the World Methodist Council, he attended its quinquennium meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in 1986, its 2006 meeting in Seoul, South Korea, the 2013 Meeting of the Council in London, England, and the quinquennial held in Houston, Texas in 2016.

Among his significant accomplishments are: Secretary, Commission on Worship and Liturgy for the AME Church, which was responsible for producing and publishing the Bicentennial Hymnal and The AME Church Book of Worship; Secretary, Compilation Committee, The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church, 1988; Member, Core Strategic Planning Committee for the AME Church; Member, Editing and Correcting Committee, The Doctrine and Discipline of the AME Church, editions 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012; Secretary, Board of Trustees, Payne Theological Seminary; Contributor to Liberation and Unity, a COCU sponsored devotional; African American Devotional Bible; The Pastor’s Manual for the Twenty-First Century.

Bishop Fugh is married to Alexia Butler Fugh, a registered nurse and Clinical Research Consultant. They are the parents of two adult children, Marcia Fugh Joseph and Joseph Edward Fugh; son-in-law Paul Steven Joseph II; grandparents of a granddaughter, Taylor Joi Joseph, and grandson, Paul Steven Joseph II.