

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH – SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

# THE 113<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE PIEDMONT SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



# WORSHIP GUIDE

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2023

## Host Church:

**Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
109 Green Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601

## Annual Conference Site:

**Greenville Convention Center**  
1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607

The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr., Host Pastor  
Mrs. Debra Speed, Host Spouse

The Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding Bishop  
Dr. Phyllis N. Green, Episcopal Supervisor

The Reverend Judy M. Richardson  
Host Presiding Elder

The Reverend Dr. Derrick Scott  
Associate Presiding Elder

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 10:30 A.M.

THE REVEREND JUDY M. RICHARDSON, WORSHIP LEADER

*Presiding Elder, Greenville District*

The Prelude.....Organist

\*The Processional .....Choir, Clergy, and Bishop

### Hymn No. 25 "Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man, thy glory may not see:  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

\*The Doxology .....The Choir and Congregation

### Hymn No. 647 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

**\*The Call To Worship .....** **The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr.**  
*Pastor, Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC*

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

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

**MINISTER:** **Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.**

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

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

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

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

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

**\*The Hymn of Praise.....** **The Reverend Adam Lamont China**  
*Pastor, Flat Rock African Methodist Episcopal Church, Abbeville, SC*

**Hymn No. 304 "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 Roland E. D. Sigman**  
*Pastor, Poplar Spring African Methodist Episcopal Church, Laurens, SC*

## 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 newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Choral Response ..... A-men**

**The First Collect ..... The Reverend James Loudon, III**  
*Pastor, Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bradley, SC*

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

**The Choral Response ..... A-men**

**The Second Collect.....The Reverend Clifford Jackson**  
*Pastor, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Anderson, SC*

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

**The Choral Response ..... A-men**

**The Music Ministry.....Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Music Ministry**

**The Written Word:**

**The Old Testament.....Psalm 34:1-10 ..... The Reverend John W. Paul, Sr.**  
*Pastor, Weston Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenwood, SC*

**The Epistle.....I John 3:1-3 ..... The Reverend Reginald C. Morton**  
*Pastor, Mt. Lebanon African Methodist Episcopal Church, Donalds, SC*

*(Stand for the Gospel Reading)*

**The Gospel.....Matthew 5:1-12 ..... The Reverend Patrick B. Mellerson**  
*Pastor, Glovers African Methodist Episcopal Church, Calhoun Falls, SC*

**\*The Preface to the Decalogue ..... The Choir and Congregation**

**Hymn No. 69 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"**

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

**\*The Decalogue (Summary) ..... The Reverend Michael J. Young**  
*Pastor, Mt. Carmel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Gray Court, SC*

**\*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 Music Ministry.....Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Music Ministry**

**The Offering for Missions..... The Reverend Krystal F. Bryant**  
*Supply Pastor, Tranquil African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bradley, SC*

**The Missions Prayer..... Congregation and Choir**

**Hymn No. 644 "All Things Come of Thee"**

All things come of Thee, O Lord;  
and of Thine own have we giv-en Thee. Amen

**The Prayer of Adoration ..... The Reverend Cornell Richardson, Jr.**  
*Pastor, King's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Pendleton, SC*

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

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your Holy Name, evermore praising You and saying,

**The Minister and Congregation Shall Say:**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Glory be to You, O Lord, most high. Amen

**The Music Ministry ..... Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Music Ministry**

**The Presentation of the Bishop ..... The Reverend Dr. Derrick Scott**  
*Presiding Elder, Abbeville-Greenwood District*

**The Presentation  
of the Preacher ..... The Rt. Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.**

**The Music Ministry ..... Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Music Ministry**

**The Annual Sermon ..... The Reverend Dr. Julius M. Johnson**  
*Pastor, Long Cane African Methodist Episcopal Church, Abbeville, SC*

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Hymn No. 258 "Just As I Am"**

Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

**The Offering..... The Finance Committee**

**The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn No. 644 "All Things Come of Thee"**

All things come of Thee, O Lord;  
and of Thine own have we giv-en Thee. Amen

**The Acknowledgement**

**of Visitors..... The Rt. Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.**

**The Announcements..... The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr.**

*Host Pastor*



## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr., Chief Celebrant**

### The Communion Hymn

#### Hymn No. 255 "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins,  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

Lose all their guilty stains; lose all their guilty stains.

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

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

Wash all my sins away; wash all my sins away

And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Be saved, to sin no more; be saved, to sin no more,

Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

And shall be till I die; and shall be till I die.

Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save,  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.

Lies silent in the grave; lies silent in the grave.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.

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

## THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION

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

The Choral Response .....A-men, A-men, Amen, Amen

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**BISHOP:** 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, (Here the Bishop takes the piece of bread into his hand.) and when He had given thanks, He broke it, (And here breaks the bread.) and gave it to His disciples saying, Take,

eat; this (And here lays his hands upon all the bread) is My body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup (And here lays his hands upon all vessels containing the wine.) 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 ELEMENTS TAKEN

**BISHOP:** The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

### THE ELEMENTS SHARED

**The Lord's Prayer..... In Unison**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**BISHOP:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, Your humble servants, desire Your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching You to grant that by the merits and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Your whole church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of His passion. And here we offer and present unto You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto You; humbly beseeching You that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto You any sacrifice, yet we beseech You to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto You, O Father Almighty world without end. Amen.

**\*The Affirmation of Faith ..... The Reverend Barry Leverette**  
*Pastor, Smyrna African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wateloo, SC*

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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.



**\*The Doxology**

**\*The Benediction..... The Reverend Dr. Julius M. Johnson**

**The Postlude.....Organist**

## SONS OF ALLEN SERVICE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - 4:00 PM

THE REVEREND MELTON AIKEN  
WORSHIP LEADER

**The Praise and Worship ..... The Sons of Allen Choir**

### The Doxology

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 N. Wharton**

Leader: O Come, let us worship and bow down:

People: *Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.*

Leader: For He is the Lord our God.

People: *And we are the people of His pasture.*

*And the sheep of His hand.*

**The Opening Hymn ..... Brother Jody Harkness**

### Hymn No. 559 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

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.

Rise up, O men of God,  
His kingdom tarries long.  
Bring in the day of brotherhood,  
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God.  
The church for You doth wait.  
Her strength unequal to Her task,  
Rise up and make Her great.

Lift high the cross of Christ.  
Tread where Her feet have trod.  
As Brothers of the Son of Man,  
Rise up, O men of God!

**The Prayer .....The Reverend John Booker**

**The Scripture Readings:**

**The Old Testament.....Brother Bruce Moore**

**The New Testament .....Brother Charles Hunter**

**The Music Ministry ..... The Sons of Allen Choir**

**The Mission Offering..... The Finance Committee**

**The Introduction of the Preacher ..... The Reverend Dr. Derrick Scott**  
*Presiding Elder, Abbeville-Greenwood District*

**The Music Ministry ..... The Sons of Allen Choir**

**The Sermon.....The Reverend Patrick B. Mellerson**  
*Pastor, Glovers African Methodist Episcopal Church, Calhoun Falls, SC*

**The Invitation to New Life**

**The Offering..... The Finance Committee**

**The Announcements..... The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr.**  
*Host Pastor*

**The Annual Conference President's Report**

**The Remarks ..... Brother James Finley**  
*Conference President*

**The Reverend James Z. Howell**  
*Episcopal District President*

**The Reverend Merritt B. Graves**  
*Episcopal Coordinator*

**Brother Monroe Miller**  
*Connectional President*

**Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.**  
*Presiding Prelate*

## The Doxology

## The SOA Benediction

“May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob;  
the Father of our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ and the God of our Founder, Richard Allen;  
Bless, Strengthen and Empower

Us to serve the present age as Christian men  
empowered by His Holy Spirit.” Amen



# LAY WORSHIP SERVICE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

**SISTER JACQUELINE V. GOGGINS, WORSHIP LEADER**

*First Vice President, Piedmont Conference Lay Organization*

**The Praise and Worship ..... Choir**

## The Doxology

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 .....Sister Jacqueline V. Goggins**

*First Vice President, Piedmont Conference Lay Organization*

Leader: O Come, let us worship and bow down:

People: *Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.*

Leader: For He is the Lord our God.

People: *And we are the people of His pasture. And the sheep of His hand.*

**The Opening Hymn .....Sister Ann Marie Smith**

*Local Lay President, Shiloh African Methodist Episcopal Church*

## Hymn No. 582 "The Laymen's Song"

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 just command.  
May we be Thy true disciples, holding to Thy mighty hand;  
Give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love, give us blessings from the fountain of Thy love.

As we walk this Christian journey, let us keep our armor bright.  
Let us word 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 Frankie Jones**  
*Chaplain, Greenville District*

**The Chant**

**The Scripture Readings:**

**Old Testament** .....**Brother Jatavius Coleman**  
*Abbeville-Greenwood District, Young Adult Lay Representative*

**New Testament**.....**Sister Treva Bates**  
*Second Vice President, Piedmont Conference Lay Organization*

**The Music Ministry** ..... **Choir**

**The Benevolent Offering**.....**The Finance Team**

**The Introduction**

**of the Preacher** .....**The Reverend Judy M. Richardson**  
*Presiding Elder, Greenville District*

**The Music Ministry** ..... **Choir**

**The Preacher** .....**The Reverend Clifford Jackson**  
*Pastor, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Anderson, SC*

**The Invitation to New Life**

**The Offering**..... **The Finance Committee**

**The Announcements**..... **The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr.**  
*Host Pastor*

**The President's Video Report**

**The Remarks** .....**Brother James B. Tisdale, Jr.**  
*Piedmont Conference Lay President*

**Brother Keith E. Britton**  
*Episcopal Lay President*

**Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.**  
*Presiding Bishop*

## The Doxology

## The Lay Benediction

May God bless us with the true spirit of Christianity  
That we might live together not as man over man  
But as laypersons working with God.  
But as laypersons working with God.  
But as laypersons working with God.

# ALLEN UNIVERSITY/DICKERSON-GREEN ANNUAL RALLY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023 - 11:30 AM

THE REVEREND DR. DERRICK SCOTT  
WORSHIP LEADER

*Presiding Elder, Abbeville-Greenwood District and AU Board Member*

**The Praise and Worship ..... Devotion Team**

**The Doxology**

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. Derrick Scott**

*Presiding Elder, Abbeville-Greenwood District and AU Board Member*

Leader: O Come, let us worship and bow down:

People: *Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.*

Leader: For He is the Lord our God.

People: *And we are the people of His pasture. And the sheep of His hand.*

**The Opening Hymn ..... The Reverend Ricardo D. D. Herriott**

*AU and DGTS Alumni*

**Hymn No. 361 "Yes, God Is Real"**

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.

*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 just like pure gold,  
Yes, God is real for I can feel Him in my soul



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. *Refrain*

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*

**The Prayer ..... The Reverend Betty J. Martin**  
*DGTS Alumni*

**The Chant**

**The Scripture Readings:**

**Old Testament ..... The Reverend Leatrice Annette Thomas**  
*DGTS Alumni*

**New Testament.....The Reverend Annette Edwards**  
*DGTS Student*

**The Music Ministry ..... The Allen University Choir**

**The Introduction of**

**Allen University President.....The Reverend Dr. Derrick Scott**  
*AU Board of Trustee Member*

**The Music Ministry ..... The Allen University Choir**

**The Presidential Address.....Ernest McNealey, Ph.D.**

**The Offering..... The Finance Committee**

**The Announcements..... The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr.**  
*Host Pastor*

**The Remarks ..... Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.**

**The Doxology**

**The Benediction**

# THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.

THE REVEREND ROLAND E. D. SIGMAN  
WORSHIP LEADER

*Pastor, Poplar Springs African Methodist Episcopal Church, Laurens, SC  
Piedmont Conference Board Chair*

The Prelude..... Musicians

The Processional.....The Chair and Dean of the Board of Examiners  
*Candidates for Ordination (Deacons, Elders), Board of Examiners,  
Host Pastor, Presiding Elders, Guest Bishop(s) and Presiding Bishop*

The Doxology

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 Roland E. D. Sigman  
*Board of Examiners Chair*

**Minister:** I was glad when they said to 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 dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Minister:** Because of the house of the Lord our God I  
will seek thy good.

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

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

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

**Minister:**        **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart; be acceptable in thy sight; O Lord,  
my strength and my redeemer.**

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

**The Hymn of Praise .....The Reverend Beatrice O. Coleman**  
*Dean, Board of Examiners*

**Hymn No. 68 "How Great Thou Art"**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *[Refrain]*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin; *[Refrain]*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *[Refrain]*

**The Prayer of Invocation ..... The Reverend Reginald C. Morton**  
*Secretary, Board of Examiners*

The Choral Response.....Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Music Ministry

The Presentation of the Preacher .....Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.

The Music Ministry .....Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Music Ministry

The Ordination Sermon .....The Reverend Dr. Willie R. Norful, Sr.  
*Retired Itinerant Elder, African Methodist Episcopal Church*

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Offering..... The Finance Committee

The Offertory Response ..... The Congregation

### Hymn No. 644 "All Things Come of Thee, O Lord"

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen

The Announcements..... The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr.  
*Host Pastor*

## THE ACT OF ORDINATION

### The Call of Deacons (All deacon candidates will stand and come forth.)

**Bishop:** Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the office of the ministry in the Church of Christ, to serve God for the promotion of His glory, and the edifying of His people?

**Candidates:** *I trust so.*

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

**Candidates:** *I do believe them.*

**Bishop:** Will you diligently read and expound the same unto the

people whom you shall be appointed to serve?

**Candidates:** *I will.*

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

**Candidates:** *I will do so by the help of God.*

**Bishop:** Will you frame and fashion your own lives and the lives of your families according to the doctrine of Christ and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

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

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

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

## THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS

**(No more than 5 at the altar)**

**The Conference Secretary, reading the names of the Candidates.**

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

**Bishop:** Take thou authority to read the Scriptures and to preach



the same in the Church of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE CALL OF ELDERS

**(All elder candidates will stand and come forth.)**

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

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

**Candidate:** *I do so believe.*

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

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

**Bishop:** Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and sacraments and discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded?

**Candidate:** *I will do so, by the help of the Lord.*

**Bishop:** Will you be ready with all faithful diligence always to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word, and to use both public

and private monitions and exhortations as well to the sick as to the whole within your charge as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

**Candidate:** *I will do so, the Lord being my helper.*

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

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

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

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

**Bishop:** Will you maintain and set forth, as much as lies in you, sweetness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that are of and shall be committed to your charge?

**Candidate:** *I will do so, the Lord being my helper.*

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

**Candidate:** *I will do so, the Lord being my helper.*

*(After this, the congregation shall be required secretly in their prayers to make their humble supplications to God for all these things, for which prayers in silence shall be kept for a space.)*

After which shall be said by the bishop (the persons to be ordained elders all kneeling), Veni Creator Spiritus (Latin: Come Creator Spirit), the bishop beginning and the elders standing and others that are present answering by verse as follows:

**Bishop:** Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do all things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that he may accomplish his work, which he hath begun, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**Bishop:** Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire.

**Response:** *And lighten with celestial fire*

**Bishop:** Thou the anointing Spirit art,

**Response:** *Who doth thy sevenfold gift impart*

**Bishop:** Thy blessed unction from above.

**Response:** *Is comfort, light, and fire of love.*

**Bishop:** Enable with perpetual light

**Response:** *The dullness of our blinded sight;*

**Bishop:** Anoint and cheer our soiled face

**Response:** *With the abundance of thy grace.*

**Bishop:** Keep far our foes; give peace at home

**Response:** *Where thou art guide, no ill can come.*

**Bishop:** Teach us to know the Father, Son,

**Response:** *And thee of both to be but one!*

**Bishop:** That through the ages all along,

**Response:** *This may be our endless song!*

**Bishop:** Praise to thy eternal merit,

**Response:** *Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**Bishop:** Let us pray.

“Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who of your infinite love and goodness towards us has given us your only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors by whose labor and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of your holy name; for these so great benefits of your eternal goodness, and for that you have vouchsafed to call these your servants here present to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render to you most hearty thanks; we praise and worship you, and we humbly beseech you by your same blessed Son to grant to all, who either here or elsewhere call upon your name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful to you of these and all your other benefits, and that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of you and your Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these your ministers as by them over whom they shall be appointed your ministers that your holy name may be forever glorified and your blessed kingdom enlarged through the same, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

## THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS

After this prayer, the bishop with seven elders present shall lay their hands severally upon the head of everyone that receives the order of elder, the receivers humbly kneeling upon their knees, and the bishop saying:

**Bishop:** The Lord pour upon you the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands. Be a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and of His holy sacraments in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The bishop shall deliver to each of them kneeling the Bible into his or her hands, saying:

**Bishop:** Take thou authority to preach the word of God and to administer the holy sacrament in the congregation in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**The Presentation of Certificates of Admission and Ordination**

**The Rt. Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**The General Confession .....In Unison**

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 newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**The Prayer of Consecration..... Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr.**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your tender mercy did give your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, who made there by 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 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 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 Elements**

**The Lord's Prayer..... In Unison**

**The Closing Collects**

**For Deacons:.....The Reverend Gregory E. Singleton**  
*Member, Board of Examiners*

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who of your great goodness has vouchsafed to accept and take these your servants into the office of deacon of your Church; make them, we beseech you, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and consistent

in their ministration, and to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; that they, having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in your Son Jesus Christ, may so well behave themselves in this inferior office, that they may be found worthy to be called to the higher ministries of the church, through the same, your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory, and honor world without end. Amen.

**For Elders:..... The Reverend Adam Lamont China**

*Member, Board of Examiners*

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

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

**Bishop:** Let us pray.

**People:** God of grace, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Doxology**

**The Benediction..... The Reverend Dr. Willie R. Norful, Sr.**

The peace of God which passeth understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**The Postlude..... Musician**

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# YPD WORSHIP SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 - 11:30 AM

**BROTHER TYRON PAHN, WORSHIP LEADER**

*Piedmont Conference YPD President*

**The Praise and Worship ..... The Piedmont Conference YPD Choir**

## The Doxology

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 ..... Sister Serenity Seales**

*Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, McCormick, SC*

Leader: O Come, let us worship and bow down:

People: *Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.*

Leader: For He is the Lord our God.

People: *And we are the people of His pasture. And the sheep of His hand.*

**Opening Hymn..... Sister Jahira Freeman**

*Shiloh African Methodist Episcopal Church, McCormick, SC*

## Hymn No. 549 "Jesus Loves Me This I Know"

Jesus loves me! this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide;



He will wash away my sin;  
Let His little child come in. [Refrain]

Jesus loves me! loves me still  
Though I'm very weak and ill;  
From His shining throne on high,  
Comes to watch me where I lie. [Refrain]

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
If I love Him, when I die  
He will take me home on high. [Refrain]

**The Prayer** .....**Sister Maya Smith**  
*Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Laurens, SC*

**The Chant**

**Hymn No. 187 "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"  
(There's Something About That Name)**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;  
There's something about that name!  
Master, Savior, Jesus,  
Like the fragrance after the rain;

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,  
Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
Kings and kingdoms will pass away,  
But there's something about that name!

**The Scripture Reading:**

**Old Testament.....Psalm 56:12-13.....Brother Jalen Brown**  
*Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC*

**New Testament Scripture.....Hebrews 13:15 .....Brother Ashton Robinson**  
*Greater Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church, Spartanburg, SC*

**The Music Ministry.....The Piedmont Conference YPD Choir**

**The Benevolent Offering.....The Finance Committee**

**The Introduction of the Preacher ..... Brother Tyron Pahn**  
*Piedmont Conference YPD President*

The Music Ministry ..... The Piedmont Conference YPD Choir

The Preacher ..... The Reverend Treakivius A. Lyons  
*Supply Pastor, Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, McCormick, SC*

The Invitation to New Life

The Offering..... The Finance Committee

The Announcements..... The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr.  
*Host Pastor*

The Annual Conference Director’s President Report

The Remarks ..... Brother Tyron Pahn  
*Piedmont Conference YPD President*

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The Doxology

The Missionary Benediction

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.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**THE CLOSING CONVOCATION**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 - 4:30 P.M.

THE REVEREND JUDY M. RICHARDSON, WORSHIP LEADER

*Presiding Elder, Greenville District District*

The Prelude.....Organist

\*The Processional.....Choir, Clergy, and Bishop

**Hymn No. 5 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

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

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

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

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

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall,  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
crown Him Lord of all.  
Amen.

**\*The Doxology .....The Choir and Congregation**

**Hymn No. 647 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

**\*The Call To Worship ..... The Reverend James E. Speed, Sr.**  
*Pastor, Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC*

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

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

**MINISTER:** Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

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

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

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

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

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

**\*The Hymn of Praise..... The Reverend Deidrick L. Smith**  
*Pastor, St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church, Abbeville, SC*

**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:*

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.

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:*

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.



**The Invocation ..... The Reverend Melton Aiken**  
*Pastor, Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Hodges, SC*

**The Choral Response ..... The Choir and Congregation**

**Hymn No. 307 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known;  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare, by Thy return, sweet hour of prayer

**The Music Ministry ..... Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Music Ministry**

**The Written Word.....2 Timothy 1:1-7 ..... The Reverend Jennifer G. Brown**  
*Pastor, Cypress Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Abbeville, SC*

**The Music Ministry ..... Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Music Ministry**

**The Missions Offering ..... The Finance Team**

**The Missions Prayer..... The Choir and Congregation**

**Hymn No. 644 "All Things Come of Thee"**

All things come of Thee, O Lord;  
and of Thine own have we giv-en Thee. Amen

**The Hymn of Preparation.....The Reverend Arthur L. Raven**  
*Pastor, New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Clinton, SC*

**Hymn No. 394 We Are Often Tossed and Driven**  
**(We'll Understand It Better By and By)**

We are often tossed and driven  
on the restless sea of time,  
Somber skies and howling tempests  
oft succeed a bright sunshine,  
In that land of perfect day,  
when the mists have rolled away,  
We will understand it better by and by.

*Refrain:*

By and by, when the morning comes  
All the saints of God are gathered home,  
We'll tell the story how we've overcome,  
For we'll understand it better by and by.

We are often destitute  
of the things that life demands,  
Want of food and want of shelter,  
thirsty hills and barren lands,  
We are trusting in the Lord,  
and according to His word,  
We will understand it better by and by. [Refrain]

Trials dark on every hand,  
and we cannot understand,  
All the ways that God would lead us  
to that blessed Promised Land;  
But He guides us with His eye  
and we'll follow till we die,  
For we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]

Temptations, hidden snares  
often take us unawares,  
And our hearts are made to bleed  
for many a thoughtless word or deed,  
And we wonder why the test  
when we try to do our best,  
But we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]

**The Closing Sermon ..... The Rt. Reverend Samuel L. Green, Sr.  
or Appointee**

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... Bishop Green**

**Hymn No. 232 "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"  
(I Will Arise and Go to Jesus)**

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity love, and power.

*Refrain*

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty come, and welcome God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh. Refrain

Come, ye weary, heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all. Refrain

**The Offering..... The Finance Committee**

**The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn No. 644 "All Things Come of Thee"**

All things come of Thee, O Lord;  
and of Thine own have we giv-en Thee. Amen

**The Hymn of Stewardship,**

**Service and Ministry .....The Choir and Congregation**

**Hymn No. 242 "A Charge to Keep I Have"**

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

To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage To do my Masters 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. A-men.

**THE SERVICE OF COMMISSION**

**The Presentation**

**of Certificates..... The Rt. Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.**

**The Commission Hymn .....The Reverend Franklin Pruitt, Jr.**

*Pastor, St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, Abbeville, SC*

**Hymn No. 220 "Go Preach My Gospel"**

Go preach My Gospel, saith the Lord,  
Bid the whole earth My grace receive;

Explain to them my sacred word,  
Bid them believe, obey, and live.

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

Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead;  
Go, cast out devils in My name;  
Nor let My prophets be afraid,  
Though Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme.

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 Holy Scripture..... Matthew 28:16-20**

**The Pastoral**

**Appointments ..... The Rt. Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.**

**\*The Parting Prayer**

**\*The Benediction ..... The Rt. Reverend Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.**

**The Postlude**

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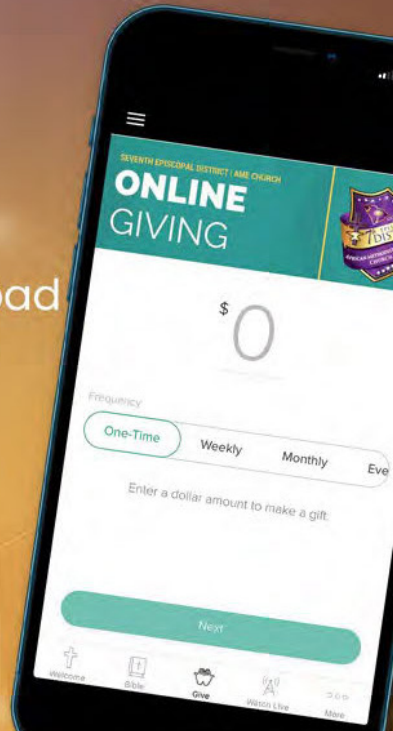


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