

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:45 a.m. Moments of Centering: That we all may be aware of His Presence

Enter to Worship -Let's Have Church!-

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE INTROIT "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

THE PROCESSIONAL

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THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE "Holy Ground"

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing "# 29

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Mrs. Atanya Graham

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE BULLETIN)

Mrs. Atanya Graham

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THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

*THE PRAYER HYMN

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION

THE SERMON Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "All Things Come of Thee"

THE RECESSIONAL

THE BENEDICTION

- Depart to Serve—Let's Be The Church! -

* Worshippers may enter.



The banners displayed emphasize

The Season of EPIPHANY

The first Sunday after Epiphany Day (January 6) is known as Baptism of the Lord referring to Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:29-34. The appropriate symbols are water, the baptismal shell or font, a descending dove, and a cross standing in water. The emphasis for the remainder of the season is on the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the miracles performed, and Jesus' works and teachings. The last Sunday of this period is known as the Transfiguration of the Lord, referring to the revelation of Jesus' true nature to the disciples (Peter, James and John) on the Mount of Olives. Prominent symbols for the Transfiguration include a crown surrounded by rays or paintings of Jesus with a glorious radiating effect or glistening garments. White is the appropriate color for this Sunday. The beginning date of the season is January 6 and the appropriate liturgical color is green. Note that white is used on Epiphany Day and the first Sunday after Epiphany day.

Crown The crown is a headpiece worn to designate royalty, social, political or religious status. It represents Jesus as King, Ruler and Lord of all. The crown may also represent the final reward for believers who have been faithful to God.

Descending Dove Is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, denoting the descent upon Jesus at the time of His baptism by John the Baptist.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings" #29

Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise; Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.: Praise the mount.—O fix me on it, Mount of God's un-changing love.

Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer; Hith-er by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure, Safe-ly to ar-rive at home; Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d-ring from the fold of God; He, to save my soul from dan-ger, Inter-posed His pre-cious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt-or Dai-ly I'm con-strained to be! Let that grace, Lord like a fet-ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart; Lord, take and seal it; Seal it from Thy courts a-bove.

A-men.





The Responsive Reading

Second Sunday Morning in Epiphany

(Ephesians 2:11-18)

 $Therefore\ remember\ that\ you,\ once\ Gentiles\ in\ the\ flesh-who\ are\ called\ Uncircumcision\ by\ what\ is\ called\ the\ Circumcision\ made\ in\ the\ flesh\ by\ hands\ --$

That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the blood of Christ.

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us.

Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace.

And that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.



Guide us to Thy Perfect Light

OGod, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer Requests

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Charlotte, NC 28208

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Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church Radio Ministry

http://praisecharlotte.com

WPZS 100.9FM

Sunday Morning 7:30am





The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar

"Building Healthy Christians for a Healthy Church"

Acts 2:46-47

Sunday, January 10, 2021 WH&OMS—Youth Missionary Society

- 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Livestream on the Website
- 10:00am Morning Worship via Livestream Website www.littlerockamezion.org
- ◆ 4:00pm Tweens/Teens Bible Study via Zoom contact Mrs. Robinson at (704) 698-0280 for information

Monday, January 11, 2021

- ♦ Limited Office Hours
- 6:30pm The Little Rock Board of Stewards' Meeting
- ◆ 7:00pm Little Rock Board of Trustees' Meeting



Wednesday, January 13, 2021

- 9:30am Limited Office Hours
- ♦ 12:00 noon Noon Bible Study via Livestream Website www.littlerockamezion.org
- ♦ 12:00 noon Free Hot Meal in Fellowship Hall
- 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 602 580 9382 code 2217017#
- ♦ 6:30pm Tots/Children Bible Study via Zoom, contact Mrs. Jada Goodwin at (704) 846-7527 for information
- 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 602-580-9382 code 221701#
- 7:00pm Evening Bible Study via Livestream



Thursday, January 14, 2021

◆ 7:00pm - Little Rock Class #3 Meeting via Zoom



Friday, January 15, 2021

Limited Office Hours

Saturday January 16, 2021

- 10:00am Little Rock Bread of Life Ministry in the Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm Little Rock Class #8 Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, January 17, 2021

- 9:00am Adult Sunday School via Livestream on the Website
- 10:00am Morning Worship via Livestream www.littlerockamezion.org
- ◆ 4:00pm Tweens/Teens Bible Study via Zoom contact Mrs. Robinson at (704) 698-0280 for information



Little Rock Sunday School /Bible Study

With a strong desire to continue studying God's word and maintaining our Christian fellowship, the following format for Church School Lessons have been developed:

Adult Sunday School Study...Leader: Rev. James Lenoir

Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:00am via Livestream Website www.littlerockamzion.org

Tweens/Teens Bible Study....Leaders: Dr. Sonya Campbell and Mrs. Anika Robinson

The tweens/teens Bible Study meets on Sundays at 4:00pm via Zoom. All teens/tweens are invited to join. Please contact Mrs. Robinson at (704) 698-0280 for addition information.

Please join the Youth Band Group for connection information. Join with link: https://band.us/n/aaa34adaBbkbP



Children's Bible Study.... Leader: Mrs. Jada Goodwin

The Children Bible Study will be on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00 p.m. via Zoom All Children are invited to participate. You may contact Mrs. Jada Goodwin at (704) 846-7527 for addition information and to be included in the sessions.

Sunday, January 17, 2021



Lesson: 7

Called to Heal

Devotional Reading:

Psalm 103:1-14

Background Scripture:

Mark 2:1-12

Affirmation:

We will strive to share love and mercy with those who are in need, even those who are different from us.

C. D. Rippy Scholarship Program

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Criteria:

- Applicants must have been an active participating member of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church for at least one (1) year prior to making application.
- Applicants must be accepted for immediate enrollment or presently enrolled in an accredited two(2) or four (4) year institution of higher learning.

APPLICATIONS ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN FRONT OF CHURCH OFFICE or BY MAIL UPON REQUEST.

The Church Office: (704) 3343782

Seniors Can Apply for Help with Utility Bills

Mecklenburg County, NC - The Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services is offering help to residents this winter by disbursing <u>Low Income Energy Assistance Program</u> (LIEAP) funds to eligible households. LIEAP is a federal social services program that assists low-income households with their immediate home energy needs, so they won't have to choose between heating their homes and buying other necessities.

Qualified applicants can take advantage of this one-time, direct vendor payment in the amount of \$300, \$400 or \$500, (depending on the primary heating source).

Households with at least one person age 60 or older or receiving disability benefits through the Division of Aging and Adult Services can apply Dec. 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. All other households can apply Jan. 4 through March 31, 2021.

Eligible households must meet the following criteria:

- · At least one eligible U.S. citizen or legal resident in the household
- · Income at or below 130% of the federal poverty level (e.g., \$16,584 or less for one or \$34,056 or less for a family of four after deductions)
- · Resources (e.g. savings, accessible retirement account, stocks, bonds, mutual funds) at or below \$2,250
- · Applicants must be responsible for the heating costs of the home
- You DO NOT have to be behind on your power or natural gas bill to receive assistance

Applications are available in English and Spanish. Completed applications can be:

- Emailed to LIEAP@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov
- Mailed to 301 Billingsley Road, Charlotte, NC 28211
- Dropped off at either one of our DSS locations located at 301 Billingsley Road, Charlotte NC, 28211 or the Community Resource Center at 3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 1000, Building A, Charlotte, NC 28208

Individuals who are homebound or unable to mail or drop off applications can contact J1C (Just 1 Call) at 704-432-1111 or the DSS Customer Connection Call Center at 704-336-3000 to complete the application by phone. Additional details are available at https://www.mecknc.gov/DSS/admin/Pages/Low-Income-Energy-Assistance-Program.aspx.

Media Contact: Lawrence Corley, Public Information Specialist, 704-999-1513, Lawrence.Corley@MeckNC.gov

Little Rock AME Zion Church 3rd Quarterly Conference

Our next Quarterly Conference will be held on Monday, February 1, 2021at 7:00pm via Livestream. Per the Presiding Elder's request, all churches are asked to send their Quarterly Conference Reports electronically one week prior to their Quarterly Conference date. The office must submit all reports to the Elder by January 25th in a compiled format. The Church Office is asking ministry heads to please submit reports by Tuesday, January 19th. Thank you.

Tape Audio Minstry Tapes & DVD's are available after Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Audio/Visual Room (located in the hall behind the choir).

CD: \$7.00: DVD: \$15.00

Morning Worship Live Streaming at: http://new.livestream.com/littlerockamezion

Little Rock Class Meetings

Class #3—Will meet via Zoom on Thursday, January 14st at 7pm. The Zoom information will be emailed to the class members prior to meeting. Please plan to join in this class activity. Class Leader, Mr. Keith Powe

Class #8—Will meet via Zoom on Saturday, January 16th at 3pm. The Zoom information will be emailed to the class members prior to meeting. Please plan to join in this class activity. Class Leader, Mr. Stafford Mackey

YOU MAY USE PAYPAL, GIVELIFY, DEBIT CARD OR CASH APP!!

Come to the Multi Purpose Room at the Church on Sundays between 10:00am until 1:00pm and use your debit card.

Use the Givelify mobile giving app to conveniently give from your Smartphone. The app removes GUELIFU the frustration of passwords, text-to-give codes, and endless electronic forms. Learn more at http:// www.givelify.com. To install the Givelify App type in http://www.givelify.com

The easiest way to use paypal is through the Little Rock website. GO to littlerockamezion.org AT the bottom of the page go to ONLINE GIVING, on the next page click on TO GIVE SE-CURELY ONLINE PAYPAL on the right side of the page.

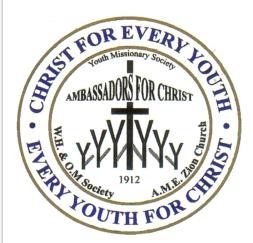
Download the Cash App. Tap on the \$ sign at the bottom of the app. Type in the **amount** to send. Choose Pay. Next to To, add the user's \$Cashtag,Little Rock \$Cashtag is \$LRAMEZ. Next to For, put the **reason** for the money. Finally, tap **Pay**.





History of our Founder Miss Victoria Richardson (1856-1928)

Victoria Richardson is remembered in The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church as the fine



Christian young woman who founded and organized the Young Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Society for the purpose of helping youth develop into young Christian Missionaries. A pioneer teacher and librarian at Livingstone College, she wrote the music to the college song, "My Livingstone."

Miss Richardson was a lover of youth and she had the innate ability to organize. Moreover, the idea of service to others and self-improvement permeated her whole being. The first group she organized was the Temperance League in Concord, NC. In Salisbury, she also organized the first interdenominational group of youth, who delighted in carrying flowers to the sick and elderly and to the grave of the soldiers in the National Cemetery.

Out of her philosophy for living and the service rendered by the interdenominational group she organized, grew the idea of organizing the young women of The A.M.E. Zion Church into a Young Missionary Society. In the spring of 1909, the first meeting of the Young Woman's Missionary Society was held. As Miss Richardson worked with the young women who were a part of the organization, she aided in their spiritual development and personal improvement.

Miss Richardson's experience with this local society was so rewarding that she reported its success to the Connectional Council and Executive Board of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in September 1909. The report was well received and forwarded to the 1912 General Conference being held in Charlotte, North Carolina, which adopted the organization. This God-inspired achievement stands today as the link between the Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society and the Young Adult Missionary Society.

Let us always remember the contributions of this great Woman of God and Woman of Excellence.

Pioneering Women of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Written and Edited by Rev. Dr. Dorothy S. Johnson and Rev. Lula G. Williams, The A.M.E. Zion Publishing House, Charlotte, NC 1996

Celebrating the WH&OMS—Youth Missionary Society

Motto: "Ambassadors for Christ"

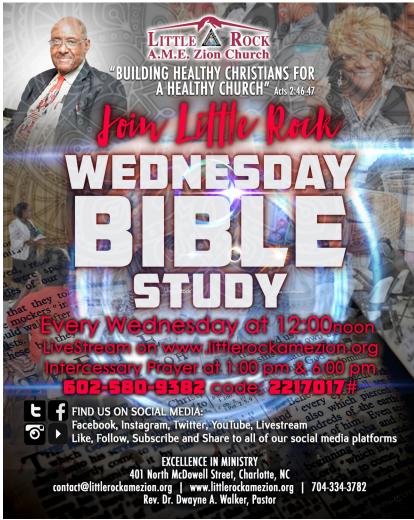
Colors: Navy Blue (truth, loyalty) and Gold (heaven, honor)

Watchword: Christ for Every Youth, Every Youth for Christ

Youth Hymn: "Take My Life and Let it Be"

Youth Theme Song: "Give of Your Best to the Master"

<u>Anniversary:</u> "Victory Day" is observed on the Sunday nearest January 12th (which is Miss Victoria Richardson's birthday)





Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture is celebrating MLK Day in 2021 through virtual events. They're all free to enjoy.

Follow the links below to register.

MLK Film Series January 15th to 18th, 2021 Free Online event

The Gantt Center will screen a different film, online, each day:

- Friday, January 15th, 2021, 7 p.m.: I Am MLK Jr.
- Saturday, January 16th, 2021, 7 p.m.: Children's March
- Sunday, January 17th, 2021, 7 p.m.: The Dream Revisited
- Monday, January 18th, 2021, 12 p.m.: Our Friend Martin

Change of Address

Please notify the Church Office if you have moved or have had changes in your residential or email address in the past months. We always need the correct information to maintain contact with our members, especially during this time away from the Church Building. If your marital status has changed, please let us know. Thank you for your cooperation. The office phone number is (704)334-3782.





MINISTRIES OF THE WEEK

Little Rock seeks to "Proclaim the Good News of Jesus" to the world by word and deed with the aim of winning a positive response to Him and His Church. "His Church is open to all, with ministries for all"

AUDIO/VIDEO and TECHNOLGY MINISTRIES

Audio/Video Ministry

This ministry is led by Mr. Greg Goodwin and Mr. Anthony Gibbs.



The Audio/Visual Ministry is involved in the behind-the-scenes production of our worship services and CD/DVD ministry. This ministry is primarily responsible for sound board operation, secondary camera operation and video/DVD production. Our Audio/Visual Team consists of a digital sound board with advance preset-

ting. The basic operation is easy. However, as you learn more, it can become as complicated as you wish. Operators are responsible for setting up and controlling the sound board for Sunday morning and other worship services. The Secondary Camera Operator is responsible for the camera used to record our in session worship. The video DVD/CD Operators are responsible for editing video and producing DVDs/CDs of the Sunday morning worship service. The audio/visual team is looking for additional team members for each job. Training will be provided. Please contact Mr. Greg Goodwin or Mr. Anthony Gibbs if you are interested.

Technology Ministry.

This ministry is led by Brother Brandon Smith

The Technology Ministry consists of a Webmaster who is responsible for maintaining and updating the website. Another responsiblity of this ministry is for the data accounts. The Church data is backed up to a cloud or safe storage device preventing hackers and virus attacks which is very important for safe records. A specialist in developing and updating the Church Social media is another responsibility of the ministry. Social media is a great tool to connect current members and attract new people to your church especially during this pandemic times. Technology is a significant tool that can help us spread the Gospel, make disciples and connect our members and ministries to each other.

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor



The Twelve Classes of Little Rock

Gilbert McRae, Leader of Leaders 704-567-7588

Class #13—New Members

Class Number	er <u>Class Leader</u>	Contact Number
Class #1	Dr. Sonya Campbell	704-858-4601
Class #2	Tyteen Humes	770 548-6255
Class #3	Keith Powe	704 968-7353
Class #4	Sharbara Ellis	704 535-9516
Class #5	Rev. James H. Lenoir	704 806-2591
Class #6	Shirley Mack	910 233-8758
Class #7	Dana Walker	980 297-9219
Class #8	Stafford Mackey	704 898-3890
Class #9	Rev. Michelle Rambert	704 281-1661
Class #10	Ralph Burt	704 243-7152
Class #11	Glain Haynes Lewis	704-399-0581
Class #12	Dr. Angelia Fryer	704 572-8517

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Little Rock Choir Rehearsal Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon & 7: 00 p.m. Bible Study Thursdays @ 7: 00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 12: 00 p.m. Youth | Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 2nd & 4th Saturdays @11:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Bread of Life Ministry Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m.

WHAT WE BELIEVE THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, the Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried: The third day He rose 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 Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church*, the Communion of saints; the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body; And Life everlasting. Amen.

* Universal Body of Christ

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Dr. James D. Armstrong Rev. Belinda Austin Rev. James H. Lenoir Rev. Michelle Rambert Dr. Sonya Campbell Rev Anthony Redfearn Brother Brandon Smith

Sister Diane Commander

Retired General Officer of the A. M. E. Zion Church
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Minister of Christian Education
Minister of Counseling
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Minister of Technology
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Minister of Music
Administrative Assistant
Office Assistant

It is our prayer that this service has inspired you on your journey.

Please feel free to contact our Pastor following morning worship.

If you do not have a church home, **WELCOME HOME!**

PLEASE COME AGAIN -