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Sunday, December 7, 2025

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 Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor

THE INTROIT "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"

THE PROCESSIONAL "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighy" #1

THE INVOCATION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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THE RITUAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GENERAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men, 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 thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy 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 Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF PARDON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee, 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. **AMEN.**

THE COLLECT

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 Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #95

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF BULLETIN AND ON THE SCREEN]

THE GLORIA PATRI

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THE ANNOUN/CEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

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THE INSPIRATIONAL SELECTIONS

Little Rock Sanctuary Choir

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue

THE HYMN OF INVITATION

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE RITUAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

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THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this Thy holy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table; but Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that we may live and grow thereby, and that, being washed through His most precious blood, we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon 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 His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, and may be partakers of His blessed body and blood, Who in the same night 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 given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

THE SANCTUS

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS

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 them that 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. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants desire Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant that, by the merits and death of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Thy whole Church may obtain the remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. And we offer and present unto Thee O Lord, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable holy, and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighting our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of The Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end AMEN.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men! We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God heavenly King. God the Father Almighty! O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ: O Lord God. Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen*.

THE FELLOWSHIP
THE RECESSIONAL
THE DOXOLOGY
THE BENEDICTION
THE POSTLUDE

Worshippers may enter

Depart To Serve—Let's Be The Church!-

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #95

O Come, All Ye faith-ful joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come and be-hold Him, born the King of an-gels! (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-tat-ion, O sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all glo-ry in the high-est!

(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, Je-sus, to Thee be all glo-ry given; Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-pear-ing! (Refrain)

REFRAIN

O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord!

A-men.





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

Radio Ministry

http://praisecharlotte.com

WPZS 100.9FM

Sunday Morning 7:30am

Praise 100 Station Praise Charlotte.com

Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities

James Brewer

7820 Antique Circle Waxhaw, NC 28173

Mary Ann Moore

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Beverly Koontz

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The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar



"Rooted, Rising, and Reaching"

Rooted in Christ, Rising in Faith, and Reaching in Love

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

Sunday, December 7, 2025

- 9:00am Sunday School for all ages
- ♦ 10:00am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
- ♦ 12:00 Noon Class #5 Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 Noon Little Rock Young Adult Ushers Meeting in the Rear of the Sanctuary
 - ♦ 4:00pm North Charlotte District WH&OMS Program, Greenville AME Zion Church

Monday, December 8, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
 - ♦ 6:00pm Board of Stewards Meeting via Conference Conference Call
 - ♦ 7:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom



Tuesday, December 9, 2025

- 9:30am Office Open
 - ◆ 7:00pm The Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- 12:00 Noon Mid Week Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 1:00pm Quilting Class in the Fellowship Hall
- 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843-2528 code 2217017#
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- ♦ 7:00pm Evening Bible Study, virtually

Thursday, December 11, 2025

- 9:30am Office Open
- ♦ 1:00pm Little Rock Grief Ministry Meeting in Person
- ♦ 6:00pm Little Rock Grief Ministry Meeting via Zoom



Friday, December 12, 2025



9:30am - Office Open



Saturday, December 13, 2025

- 1:00pm North Charlotte District Usher Program in the Fellowship Hall
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- ♦ 4:00pm CED Children Play in the Gunn Theater, Cultural Center Building

Sunday, December 14, 2025

- 9:00am Sunday School for all ages
- ♦ 10:00am Morning Worship via Website
- ♦ 12:00 Noon Classes #1 & #4 Meeting in the Fellowship Hall



OPERATION BABY KING

SATURDAY

13 DECEMBER Presented by The CED Children's Dept.

STARTS AT 4 PM

ALSO FEATURING THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH, YACM, & ADULTS DEPARTMENTS





ITTLE ROCK WOMEN'S MINISTRY

TEA TALK - WINTER SESSION

"MAY YOU BE WELL"



MRS, SHELIA WRIGHT SPEAKER



DECEMBER 201H

TIME S15 REGISTRATION LUNCH INCLUDED

REV. MICHELLE COURTNEY, MINISTRY DIRECTOR 704-281-1661 DR. DERRILL A. BLUE, PASTOR 401 NORTH MCDOWELL STREET CHARLOTTE, NC LITTLEROCKAMEZION.ORG

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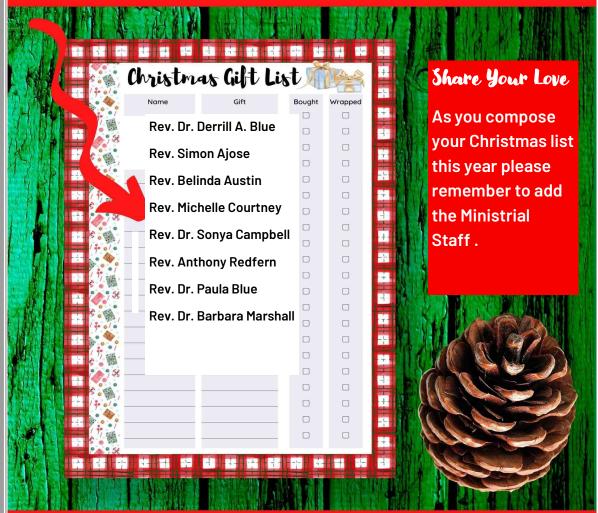
DR. DERRILL A. BLUE, PASTOR

• CHRISTMAS AT THE ROCK

Christian Education Department—Children and Adults 4:00PM 13th DEC 2025 **Christmas Pageant -Operation Baby King** Little Rock Cultural Center, Gunn Theater 11:30AM **Christian Education Department—Seniors** 18th DEC 2025 **Seniors Fellowship Luncheon** Fellowship Hall (ages 61 and up) **Women's Ministry** 11:00AM 20th DEC 2025 Tea Talk Fellowship Hall (Register, cost \$15) **Christian Education Department-Children** 9:00AM 21st DEC 2025 **Christmas Recitations** Little Rock Sanctuary (Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 8AM) **Reception for Pastor & Family** 12:00 Nhon Fellowship Hall 21st DEC 2025 Singles Ministry 1:00PM23rd DEC 2025 "Soulful Noel"



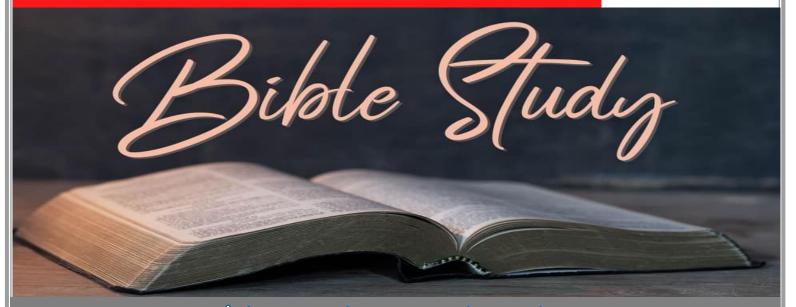
Christmas Gift List





North Charlotte District W.H.&O.M.S. Annual Project

Today, December 7th, at 4PM, the North Charlotte District WH&OMS –Supply Department will present the program and candidates of this years annual fundraiser. Our candidate is Mrs. Kay Frazier. No tickets are necessary for entry.



Bible Study - Wednesdays

Wednesdays-12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall and 7PM via Zoom



2025-2026 Capital Campaign Pledge—NOVEMBER

Total Amount Pledge for year

As of November 30, 2025

Total Amount Projected for Month

Total Amount Given in pledges This Month

\$168,984.00

\$ 13,575.00

\$ 15,837.00

To God Be the Glory, for all the great things He has done!

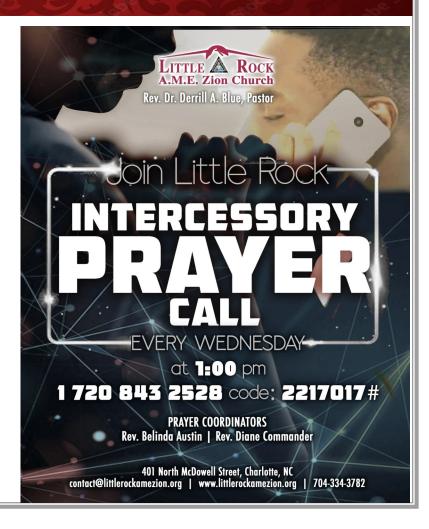
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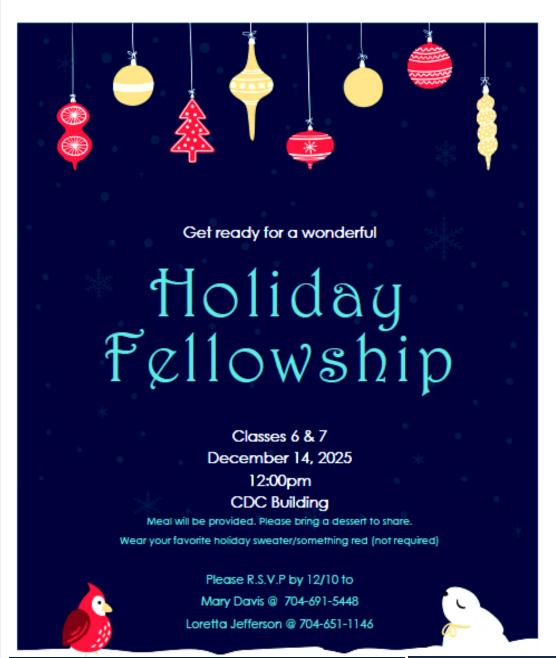


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The Counseling Ministry is offering a Grief Support Group-Navigating

through the holidays. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, the holiday season can be challenging after losing a loved one. This support group will offer a compassionate space, supportive discussion, guided reflection, and a confidential environment for those who are grieving. The last groups will be held Thursday, December 11th at 1:00 pm in person and 6:00 pm via zoom. If you have any questions please reach out to Adrienne Pihlgren at 609-217-2115





Young Adults Ushers



All young adults between the ages of 17 and 45 who do not sing in the Youth & Young Adult Choir are asked to please remain after the morning worship, TODAY, Sunday, December 7th, for a brief meeting of the Young Adult Usher Board in the rear of the sanctuary

AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering in the Audio/Visual and IT Ministry PLEASE call the Church Office at (704) 334-3782.

Training will be provided.



The Pastor's Aide Ministry

The Pastor's Aide Ministry Fruit Baskets will be given out on Sunday, December 14th. If you are 80 years of age or older and signed up for the Fruit Basket please stop by the old computer lab to receive your basket. A member of the Pastor's Aide Ministry will be available to assist you.



Sunday December 14, 2025



Lesson: 2 Our Heavenly Father

Background Scripture:

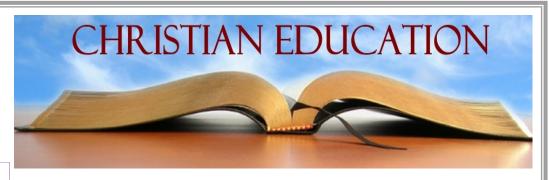
Exodus 34:4-7; Psalm 103: 1-510-14; Isaiah 40:27-31; Matthew 6:24-34; John 3:3-6; 4:20-24; 8:40-47

Devotional Reading:

Lamentations 1:18-22

Affirmation:

We trust God to such an extent that we are released from worries.





Girl Scouts®

Join Troop #2176

Troop #2176 is looking for some scouts! If you have a little girl in grades K-3 that would like to be a Daisy or Brownie, we'd love to have them join the new troop. For more information, please email lrtroop2176@gmail.com or see Miss Sharelle after worship service

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Christian Educators, Varick's Children, Youth, YACM, Adults, mark your calendars now for "Zion University," the 26th Quadrennial Convention on Christian Education, July 18-22, 2026, Greenville SC. In order to begin planning, we need to know who is interested in attending. Please complete the QR code by December 7.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Antoinette Cody, CED Director acody13@yahoo.com or 704.281.2765.





In the Sprit of Christmas

Thank you Little Rock for your loving spirit to help with our Angel Tree children. All of our chil-



dren have been sponsored because of your "Christimas Spirit" and generosity.

All sponsors are encouraged to please bring your gifts to the church no later then the Third Sunday of Advent, December 14th. Mrs. Kay Frazier or Rev. Belinda Austin will be in the Children's classroom to recieve your gifts. Thank you again

Class Meetings

Class #5—Will meet on Sunday, December 7th following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Class Leader, Mr. Lynn Crump.

Class #1 & Class #4 –Will meet on Sunday, December 14th following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Class Leaders, Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell and Mrs. Tasha Powell

Class #6 & Class #7—Will meet Sunday December 14th in the Cultural Center following Morning Worship. Class Leaders, Mrs. Mary Davis and Mrs. Loretta Jefferson

The Christian Education Department— Advent Devotionals

The Western North Carolina Conference - Cristian Education Department this year produced a special Advent Devolutional Book, just for your spiritual growth during this season.

Little Rock has purchased a limited supply. These Devotionals are available in the Hall on the Bookcase and on the desk in the vestibule. They are available on a first come basis. In these wonderful Devotions, our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue, our Elder, Rev. Dr. Wardell Henderson and our Bishop, Bishop Darryl B. Starnes are contributors.

The books are free as long as they last.

Messages of Hope







An Advent Devotional Booklet for 2025

Dr. David A. McLean, Editor

Altar Flowers

The Flower Ministry invites the members of Little Rock to honor a loved one or special date in yours or a loved one's life by sponsoring Altar Flowers on any Sunday(s) throughout the year—a birthday, wedding, anniversary, etc.



Please call the Church Office for details.





Thank you to Ms. Rhonda Nelson and Ms. Angela Aiken for their volunteer work in the Church Office this week. Thank you so much.



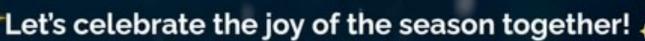
uplifting performances.

Ticket Price: \$50.30 per person

Members are responsible for purchasing their own tickets.

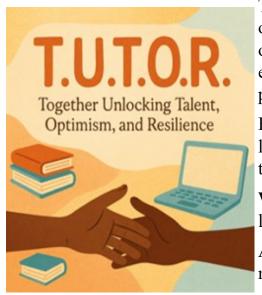
The church will provide transportation to and from the performance.

If you plan to attend, please contact Erica Bridges at 704-492-0789 by December 15th





A NEW MINISTRY—T.U.T.O.R.



T.U.T.O.R. is a virtual tutoring ministry that will be held online in private, monitored Zoom rooms. T.U.T.O.R. is open to learners and teachers of all ages T.U.T.O.R. is an excellent growth and leadership opportunity for young people seeking volunteer experience.

Each one of us has a skill, a gift that someone else would love to have T.U.T.O.R. gives you the opportunity to share that gift from the comfort of your home.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE—Children, youth and adults looking to learn and grow

All participants are invited to serve as a tutor mentor or mentee

HOW IT WORKS—Mentors will be paired with mentees to meet in a private Zoom room for 1-hour Thursdays between 4-8pm. Meetings will be recorded and a transcript made available to each participant for safety and for student learning and review.

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To sign up please fill out this paper form above and drop in the box outside the church office or scan the QR Code to the right.



Questions or to learn more about this ministry, please contact: Mrs. Yolanda Holt

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor



The Twelve Classes of Little Rock

Gilbert McRae, Leader of Leaders 704-567-7588

Class #13—New Members

Class Numb	<u>Class Leader</u>	Contact Number
Class #1	Dr. Sonya Campbell	704 858-4601
Class #2	Angela Aiken	864 608-7158
Class #3	Keith Powe	704 968-7353
C-lass #4	Tasha Powell	704 605-9659
Class #5	Lynn Crump	704 756-8762
Class #6	Mary Davis	704 691-5448
Class #7	Loretta Jefferson	704 651-1146
Class #8	Stafford Mackey	704 898-3890
Class #9	Rev. Michelle Courtney	704 281-1661
Class #10	Chella Mills	980 353-6317
Class #11	Glain Haynes Lewis	704 399-0581
Class #12	Dr. Angelia Fryer	704 572-8517

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP **MEN'S BOOSTERS MINISTRY BREAD OF LIFE/HEAVEN STORE HOUSE MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDIES**

ADULTS YOUNG LIFE STUDY **CHILDREN CHOIR REHEARSALS**

MASS CHOIR **SANCTUARY** A.M.E.N. CHOIR YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT

LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY (ADULTS)

9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 1ST SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M. 1ST &3RD SATURDAYS, 11 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS 12 NOON & 7:00 P.M. *

2ND & 4TH MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M. *

WEDNEDAYS, 6:00 P.M. *

TUESDAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SUNDAY 7: 00 P.M.

TUESDAYS 7:00 P.M. 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M. **1ST AND 2ND SUNDAY**

THURSDAYS, 7:00 P.M.

*VIA ZOOM

The Apostle's Creed

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 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the guick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic* Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.

*Universal Body of Christ

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