

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH

Women's Day

WOMEN OF UNWAVERING FAITH



OVERCOMING CHALLENGING TIMES

Sunday, November 19th, 2023

The Rt. Rev. Julius H. McAllister, Presiding Prelate 1st District

The Rev. Howard H. L. Dill, Presiding Elder

The Rev. Nicholas Genevieve Tweed, Pastor

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St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

Message From The Pastor

It is with a deep sense of indebtedness that I offer greeting's and well wishes to the Women's Day team 2023. Unlike in past years this year presented its own unique challenges, and this Steward Board team came together to take hold of the helm to ensure that we would indeed mark this special moment and for that deserve thanks and appreciation.

The oldest recorded reference that we know to date of "Women's Day" in Bermuda occurred on Sunday March 18 th , 1934, at which Mrs. Bertha Higgins was the speaker at St. Paul A.M.E. Church. The Women of St. Paul A.M.E. Church have provided sustained leadership in terms of setting aside a special day wherein the contributions of Women to the life and witness of St. Paul Church have been not only marked but honoured with a service of witness and celebration.

Imagine that since its commencement in 1934 the Women upon whose shoulders we stand have assembled in season and out of season to celebrate those who went before them and to leave an indelible record to stand and bear witness, and to remind those who would follow of the rich and lasting legacy of the stalwart, faithful Women who loved God and church so much that they were willing to sacrifice and commit themselves to ensure a future for those yet unborn. This legacy is critical for us to mark in this season in which we are confronted with many challenges. These Women of "Unwavering Faith" endured racial segregation, gender discrimination, a world war, several economic crashes and yet remained Unwavering in their sacrifice and commitment to God through their witness at St. Paul.

It is in the wake of this rich legacy that the Women of St. Paul now stand, called to bear witness in this season and not only honour the tremendous shoulders upon which we stand but to make our own response in this season and to use our time, talent, and resources to advance the cause for which our ancestors sacrificed.

In this season fraught with its own challenges, laden with increased demands on our time and resources we must now resolve ourselves to live up to the aspirations conveyed in the theme, to become "Women of Unwavering Faith Overcoming Challenges." As we celebrate through our worship and praise, fortify through our prayer and devotional time, we must be equipped to build on this great legacy and dedicate and commit ourselves to advancing the Kingdom of God through the mission of the Church and join the ranks of our celestial forbears and we too will become "Women of Unwavering Faith Overcoming Challenges.

Keep the Faith!

Rev. Nicholas Genevieve-Tweed

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Greetings From the Women's Day Committee 2023

“ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering....”

Greetings and salutations to our St. Paul AME Church family, friends and visitors on this Women's Day 2023. We are humbled by your presence and pray that the worship experience will be a blessing to you.

Today, let us draw inspiration from Hebrews 10:23-24, as we celebrate the Women of Unwavering Faith who have triumphed over challenging times. In the face of adversity, their steadfast belief in God's promises has been a guiding light. Let us reflect on these verses; *“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.”*

May we, like these resilient women, cling to our hope in God's faithfulness. Let their journeys encourage us to uplift and support one another, fostering a community of love and compassion. Together, as a united congregation, we can overcome any challenges that come our way.

The Women's Day Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this day a success, and we hope the Lord will continue to shower his abundant blessings on all that you do.

As we celebrate and worship today, we are anticipating a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit whereby souls will be saved, and we will be uplifted and revived. In the spirit of Hebrews 10:23-24, let us stand firm in our faith and encourage one another to pursue love and goodness.

Trust your faith, hold on to your faith, walk in your faith!

Stewards:

*Sis. Eunice Jones, Sis. Charlene Tyrell, Sis. Nadine Lapsley-Dyer,
Sis. Lynell Furbert, Sis. Andrea Isaac, Sis. Lanette Vassell,
Dr. The Hon. Neletha Butterfield, Sis. Jeannaire Christopher Peters,
Sis. Dianne Outerbridge, Sis. Paula Fray*

About the Preacher



Judith Gardner

Rev. Judith Gardner has a zest for spreading the Word of God. She is an Ordained Itinerant Elder and a member of St. Paul A.M.E., Church in Bermuda where she was assigned as the Executive Minister to the Senior Pastor. She initially accepted Jesus as her Savior when she was twelve years old while attending church with her grandmother.

Rev. Judith attended the University of Maryland and is a graduate of Alabama A&M University in Huntsville AL. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Sociology, earning life membership in the National Honor Society in Psychology.

She has served in various facets of the Church on the local and international levels, including Director of the Young People and Children's Division, Missionary, Steward, Evangelist and the former host and Coordinator of the Radio Broadcast, 'Tips for Teens;' She served as an Associate Minister at St. John AME Church in Huntsville AL, Flipper Temple AME Church in Atlanta GA, Interim Pastor at Marsden First United Methodist Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Bermuda.

She was recently selected to be one of three Personal Tudors for the three candidates preparing for the role as Ordained Deacons within the Anglican Church of Bermuda.

Rev. Judith is described as a Gifted Preacher, Bible Study Leader and Workshop Presenter, and is also sought out internationally. Rev. Judith served as the Coordinator for the Drug Treatment Court Program within the Bermuda Government of the Department of Court Services, which facilitates a unique collaborate approach to treatment through Court supervised programs. She is a former member of the Bermuda Government's Women's Council, which dealt with issues pertaining to eliminating discrimination against women.

She has demonstrated her ability to be a successful and well-rounded individual, as she has and continues to balance the needs of her ministry with that of her family. She is blessed to be the mother of **Reeshemah, Raziya, Gremarie & Gregory (Miracle)** and the "Ma" of **Bakari and Ahzeem**.

She describes herself by saying, "I love the Lord and I have a need to make a difference in the lives of others for the Lord."

"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it on my own, but this one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14 NRSV)

Rev. Judith Gardner, BSc. M.Div.

“Let Us Worship the Lord with Reverence!”

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Season: **After Pentecost**

Color: **Green**

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE WORSHIP LEADER

Sis. Tina Evans Harvey

***THE GATHERING**

The St. Paul Praise Team

****THE INTROIT**

“Holy Spirit Fill This Room” (Munizzi)

***THE OPENING SONG**

“High and Lifted Up” (Pace)

THE DOXOLOGY

#647 *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* (Old 100)

****THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sis. Eunice Jones

L: We magnify you O God as we assemble in your sanctuary as people who have been cleansed through Jesus Christ,

P: **We give thanks and magnify you O God.**

L: We rejoice as we assemble in your presence for another opportunity to worship you O God,

P: **We rejoice and magnify you O God.**

L: We invite you to pour out your Holy Spirit and anoint your people as we honor and worship you O God,

P: **We open ourselves to receive your Holy Spirit, anoint us O God.**

All: **Lord fill this place with your Holy power so that we will overflow in worship, thanksgiving and praise as we bear witness to you Love, Grace, Mercy, and Goodness!**

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

#21 *“To God Be the Glory”* (Doane)

*****THE INVOCATION**

Sis. Joan Simmons

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Hymn of Praise” McDowell

***THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

The St. Paul Praise Team

“Lord You’re Holy Ballin’” (West)

*****THE SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 10:19-25

Sis. Chantori Berkeley

****THE GLORIA PATRI**

THE WOMEN'S DAY LITANY

Sis. Paula Fray

Leader: We gather as Women of Unwavering Faith to affirm our confidence in God by means of the blood of Jesus which has sustained and kept us in our journey to this place.

People: We affirm that you have sustained us as women of unwavering faith, even as we confronted challenges in our personal lives and at times were not sure we could overcome them,

Leader: We as Women of Unwavering Faith celebrate the many ways that you O God have opened up new ways of living, opened new doors of opportunity, have opened the curtain to a renewed future.

People: We celebrate O God as Women of Unwavering Faith, that you are a God of renewal, you have sustained, cleansed, and kept us, you have inspired us through the legacy and witness of generations of committed women upon whose shoulders we stand.

Leader: We pause in remembrance to honour the memory and witness of the mighty Women of Unwavering Faith who provided examples, faithfulness to God, Dedication to family, service to church, witness to community through lives of faith that demonstrated overcoming challenges.

People: We inspired by the faithful, unwavering witness of our grandmothers, mothers, and sisters, approach your throne with true hearts, humbled as recipients of grace undeserved, blessing unmerited, yet the great priest over the house of God has sprinkled our hearts from an evil conscience and cleansed us with pure water.

Leader: We as Women of Unwavering Faith acknowledge that we seek renewal, renew our vision, we seek restoration, restore our strength, we seek power, fill us with your power.

People: Help us to hold fast to our confession of Jesus the Christ our Savior, who renews, restores, and empowers us, equip us O God to confess our hope through a witness without wavering, for our God has demonstrated faithfulness.

Leader: We as Women of Unwavering Faith pray that you O God consider how to continuously provoke one another to love and good deeds so that we can continue to be examples of love through good deeds, as we help, encourage, and support each other to overcome challenging times.

ALL: We as Women of Unwavering Faith recommit ourselves to grow in service to God through continuing to meet together, encouraging one another through our celebration of the challenges we have overcome, living in the hope of a renewed present, in preparation for the Day approaching when we shall participate in your Kingdom. WE ARE WOMEN OF UNWAVERING FAITH OVERCOMING CHALLENGING TIMES!

THE WELCOME

Sis. Tina Evans Harvey

“God’s Got A Blessing” (Hutchins)

THE MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Nicholas Genevieve Tweed

“Bring ye all the Tithes” (George)

****THE OFFERTORY**

“Give Thanks” (Moen)

*****THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

St. Paul Praise Team

“How Excellent” (Smallwood)

*****THE SPECIAL PRAYER**

“Give Us This Day” (Unknown)

Sis. Lanette Vassell

*****THE PRAYER RESPONSE**

“I Love You (Lord Today)” (Hawkins)

THE INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Sis. Doreen Gardner

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

Chelsea MacNorton & St. Paul Praise Team

“Angel Armies” (Jehovah Sabaoth)

******THE PREACHED WORD**

Rev. Judith Gardner

***THE INVITATION**

Rev. Judith Gardner

(Please do not leave during the invitation)

THE BLESSING OF THE FOOD

Rev. Judith Gardner

THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Judith Gardner

THE RECESSIONAL

“High and Lifted Up” (Price)

* *Worshipers may enter.*

** *The Congregation is to stand.*

*** *No one should leave the Sanctuary or walk unless they are, either joining the church or assisting someone to join the church.*

**** *No standing or walking*



The Women’s Day Logo

The Upper Image - A dove and fire descending which indicates the descent of the Holy Spirit which ignites the fire of Christian faith. And fire also symbolizes purity. This image communicates the source of our faith as being grounded in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The Middle Image - represents the work required to move forward in our faith and in our witness.

The Lower Triptych - represents the three dimensions of spiritual life Worship, Prayer and Praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Women's Day Luncheon will follow immediately after the Morning Worship Experience.

ROSE BELL WMS will be having their monthly meeting Monday, November 10th at 5:30 pm.
Attendance is mandatory.

The Bermuda Annual Conference Advent Service Tuesday, Dec 5, 2023 07:30 PM Atlantic Time (Bda) Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6818243122?pwd=ru22NKGa52mQ3av2F-4WN5aVFQwgB3D.1&omn=86302317119> Meeting ID: 681 824 3122 Passcode: 2930605

Tithes and Offering - please use the following guidelines for your contributions: Payments should be made to St. Paul A.M.E. Church **HSBC Account #010-369 007-002**. Be sure to include your name, i.e., John Doe, and description and purpose of the funds: e.g., Tithes, Offering, alternatively you can drop your tithing envelopes at the church.

Direct Deposit for **Count Me In – St. Paul A.M.E. Church Clarien Bank A/C # 4710911505**.
The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **The Office is closed on Thursdays.**

THE SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Sis. Elvia Eve, Sis. Maybelline Fubler, Sis. Lois Weeks.

THE MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES/HOSPITAL

Sis. Betty John - *Easter Lily Residential Home*

Sis. Ivy Woods - *C.C. KEMH*

Sis. Sheila Looby - *KEMH*

Sis. Andrea Tucker - *MSWSR, Devonshire*

Sis. Beulah White – *Sylvia Richardson Care Facility*

BOARDS ON DUTY

Officers:- (Nov. 19th):- Bro. Ed Dyer, Sis. Thelma Trott, Sis. Lynell Furbert

(Nov. 26th):- Bros. Ed Dyer, Ted Darrell, Sis. Eunice Jones, Charlene Tyrrell,
Jeannaire Christopher-Peters

Ushers:- (Nov. 19th):- Sis. Ruby Walker, Kimberley Tweed, Doreen Gardner, Joan Min,
Janice Khan, Bro. Reginald Hewey.

(Nov. 26th):- Bro. Eugene Creighton, Sis. Lynell Furbert, Carolyn Cooper, June Pitt,
Donna Joell, Marionette Furbert, Kharzimah Daniels

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY & STUDY

BIBLE STUDY (Via Zoom) Wednesdays 6:30 pm

CHURCH SCHOOL Sundays 9:30 am

YPD Fridays 6:30pm



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