

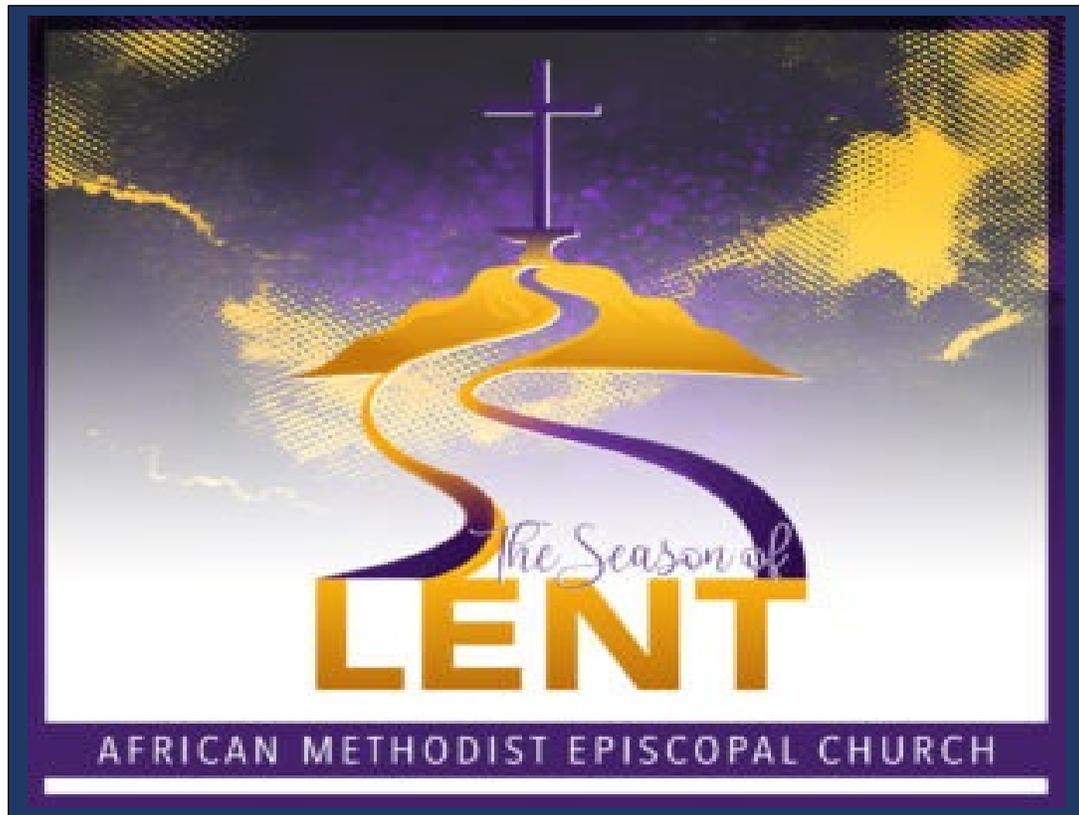
Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

10:00 AM



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**THE HISTORIC EBENEZER AME CHURCH
DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

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WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Musicians

WORSHIP PREPARATION SONG

"Just Want To Praise You," by Maurette Brown Clark

I just want to praise you Forever and ever and ever For all you've done, done for me Blessings and glory and honor They all belong to you Thank you Jesus for blessing me!

GREETINGS

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Elaine Donaldson

MINISTER:

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

PEOPLE:

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

MINISTER:

For the sake of the House of the Lord our God. I will seek Your good.

PEOPLE:

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

MINISTER:

O Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house and the place where Your honor dwells.

PEOPLE:

For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

MINISTER:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock 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.

OPENING HYMN AMECH #25

Rev. Elaine Donaldson

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,” by Reginald Heber

- 1** 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!
- 2** 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.
- 3** 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.
- 4** Holy, holy, holy! Lord! 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! Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Gladys Burroughs

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Lord, I’m Available To You”

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE

“Psalm 51:1-7” (NIV)

Rev. Vickie Gray

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

May God bless the hearers and doers of His Holy Word. The Word of God for the people of God.

DECALOGUE

(Please see page xix of the African Methodist Episcopal Hymnal.)

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

MINISTER:

And God spake all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.

PEOPLE:

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

HYMN

“Near my God, to thee” Nearer to thee E’en though it be a cross, that raiseth me. Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God to thee.”

MINISTER:

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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.

CHORAL SELECTION

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AMECH #196

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

“There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I Know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord; There are Sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the Presence of the Lord

[Refrain]

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us With Your love; And for these blessings We lift our hearts in Praise; Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived When we shall leave this place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

- Thanks to all who participated in the respective meetings during this past week.
- All persons interested in joining our new **Gospel Praise Team and Evangelism Team**: Within and Beyond the Wall. Please submit your name to the office.
- We need all persons potentially and currently involved with our youth to sign up for backgrounds checks with your name, email address and method of payment immediately. Please submit your information to the church office.

LENTEN MEDITATION SERVICES

- Wednesday, March 4th, 12:00pm – Rev. Gray (Zoom)
- Wednesday, March 11th, 6:00pm – Rev. Wilson (Zoom)
- Wednesday, March 18th, 12:00pm – Rev. Donaldson (Zoom)
- Wednesday, March 25th, 6:00pm – Pastor Gholston (In Person)
Prayer, Praise and Proclamation
- Thursday, April 2nd, Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm (In Person)

- **Tuesday, March 3rd 6:30pm** – Steward Board Meeting

- **Thursday, March 5th, 6:00pm** – All Health Professional:
Retired and Current

- **Sunday, March 8th, 10:00am** is the Lay Day Service. The Lay Speaker is Sis. Alice Bargon. The Lay Day Assessment is \$35. Please wear your blue and white. Bro. Jerry Givan, Lay President
Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)

- The Fourth District's Spiritual Empowerment Mid-Year Convocation is set for **Wednesday, March 11th – Saturday, March 14th** at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel Chicago-Downers Grove, 2111 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, Illinois. Room reservations are due by **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**, with rates of \$139/night for King Suites and Double-Double Suites. Please call **(630) 971-2000**, and reference Fourth District Spiritual Convocation or book at:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ordwbdt-ame-05cd916e-5d3c-4f1d-8d9d-b2209f731363/>

- We invite you to join in on **“The Journey To Calvary: Renewing Our Commitment, Restoring Our Faith and Resurrecting Our Hope,”** during this 40-day Lenten season. Feel free to participate with our journal:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rDCiW4cgfElIBTZQATxFcaniJQfyuoyl/view?usp=sharing>

- Do not forget about the **B.E.L.I.E.V.E. in Ebenezer and Ebenezer Cares Stewardship campaigns.** Give back to God and His church Ebenezer. As a cheerful giver, your contribution is tax-deductible.

See a member of the Stewardship and Finance Commission after church for more information.

- Please fill out an updated membership contact form for our business records.
- Cover Photo: The Season of Lent

ALTAR CALL SONG

“Changed”

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Prayer: Community of Care, Sis. Willamina Forrest, Sis. Sandra Morrison

Bereavement: Sis. Carolyn Jones and Family, Bro. Lewis Farmer and Family, Dawkins Family, Jackson Family.

Healing: Rev. Dennis Laffoon, Bro. Kenneth Jackson

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

OFFERTORY SELECTION

“You Brought Me From A Mighty Long Way”

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“All Things Come of Thee”

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

SERMONIC HYMN AMECH #77

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” by Robert Robinson

- 1** Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, Mount of God’s redeeming love.
- 2** Here I raise mine Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to save my soul from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
- 3** O to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above. Amen.

SERMON

“Intentional Sacrifice”

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AMECH #251

“All to Jesus I Surrender,” Judson W. VanDeVenter

- 1** All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In
His presence daily live.
[Refrain]
I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
- 2** All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all for
forsaken, Take me, Jesus take me now.
[Refrain]
- 3** All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; May Thy Holy Spirit fill
me, May I know Thy power divine.
[Refrain]
- 4** All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and
power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.
[Refrain]

MARCH 2026

“The Journey To Calvary”

Renewing Our Commitment, Restoring Our Faith and Resurrecting Our Hope

- **Tuesday, March 3rd** **6:30pm** – Steward Board Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 4th** **12:00pm** – Lenten Meditation, Rev. Vickie Gray
- **Thursday, March 5th** **6:00pm** – All Health Professional: Retired and Current
- **Thursday, March 5th** **7:00pm** – Ministerial Team Meeting
- **Sunday, March 8th** **10:00am** – Lay Day Service (Wear Blue and White)
Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)
- **Tuesday, March 10th** **6:30pm** – Class Leaders Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 11th** **6:00pm** – Lenten Meditation, Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson
- **Wednesday, March 11th –**
Saturday, March 14th Fourth Episcopal District Midyear Convocation
Spiritual Transformation, Doubletree Suites
Downers Grove, Illinois
- **Friday, March 13th** Pastor Willie A. Gholston, II Preaching
Preaching The Midyear Noon Service
- **Sunday, March 15th** **10:00am** – March Madness Sunday
(Rock Your College or School Apparel)
- **Tuesday, March 17th** **6:30pm** – Trustee Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 18th** **12:00pm** – Lenten Meditation, Rev. Elaine Donaldson
- **Saturday, March 21st** Know Your Church Training (In Person)
10:00am – 12:00pm
- **Sunday, March 22nd** **10:00am** – Restoring Our Faith
Installation Ceremony and Reading In New Members
- **Monday, March 23rd** **6:30pm** – Official Board (February Ministry Review)

- **Tuesday, March 24th** **9:45am** – Pastor Willie A. Gholston, II
Prayer at Detroit City Council Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 25th** **6:00pm** – Lenten Prayer, Praise
and Proclamation Service
- **Saturday, March 28th** Michigan Annual Conference Commission on
10:00am Christian Education, African American Trivia Contest,
Grades 1-12
- **Sunday March 29th** **8:00am** – Men’s Fellowship and Study
10:00am – Palm Sunday (Kickoff to Holy Week)
Rock Your Purple
“Resurrect Our Hope”
- **Mondays – Weekly** **5:00pm** – Stewardship and Finance Meeting

***ALL MEETINGS ARE VIA ZOOM**