

# **Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026**  
**10:00 AM**



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

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10:00 AM**

**WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**Musicians**

**INTROIT**

*"The Lord is Blessing Me," by Bishop Larry Trotter and Sweet Holy Spirit*

Just touch somebody and tell them  
The Lord is blessing me, right now  
The Lord, is blessing me, right now  
Oh right now, I said the Lord  
He is blessing me right now, oh right now  
He woke me up this morning and started me on my way  
The Lord my God, keeps blessing me right now, oh right now  
The Lord is blessing me right now, oh right now  
I said the Lord is blessing me, right now oh right now  
He woke me up this morning, and started me on my way  
The Lord my God, is blessing me, right now, oh right now

**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 #1**

**Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

*“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,” by Charles Wesley*

- 1** O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my  
God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2** My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the  
earth abroad the honors of thy name.
- 3** Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the  
sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- 4** He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the  
foulest clean; his blood availed for me. Amen

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Rev. Vickie Gray**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

*“Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”*

**CHORAL SELECTION**

**SCRIPTURE**

**“John 20:19-29” (NIV)**

**Rev. Gladys Burroughs**

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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

## 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

### WELCOME / RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AMECH #196

*"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

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.
- Thanks to those members of Team Ebenezer that attended the District Conference this past weekend.
- Please submit your payment of **\$35** for your Doctrine and Disciplines to the office immediately.
- New Member Class meets **every Sunday at 8:30am** in the Mamie I. Robinson Parlor.
- The 12 Noon Bible Study will resume **Wednesday, April 29th**.
- The Evening Bible Study has resumed at **6:00pm**.

- The Michigan Conference Young People's and Children's Division (YPD) under the Women's Missionary Society invites you to partner with them in the months of February, March and April for Giving Tuesday. The YPD goal is to raise \$5,000 to support activities, mission projects and to offset expenses for future conferences. Donations are to be given on the first Tuesday of February, March and April. The ways to give are Givelify: Michigan Conference WMS AMEC or Zelle: [mcwmsgiving@gmail.com](mailto:mcwmsgiving@gmail.com), please indicate YPD Giving Tuesday in the memo section. Please see Sis. Sandra Hall or Sis. Leslie Minus, YPD Directors, for any questions or concerns.
- **Sunday, April 19th at 10:00am** – "Baptism Sunday"
- **Sunday, April 19th at 1:00pm** – The Grant Women's Missionary Society is sponsoring a Fashion and Hair Extravaganza. The cost of admission is **\$45**.
- **Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30pm** – Trustee Zoom Meeting
- Join the Grant Women's Missionary Society by rocking white or cream and blue on Sunday for their Annual Day April 26th during the 10:00am Morning Glory Worship Service.
- All are invited to come with YPD vs. Pastors event on **Saturday, May 2nd, at 1:15pm** at St. Stephen AME Church, 6000 John E. Hunter, Detroit. Please see Sis Leslie Minus, YPD Director, for more details.
- **SAVE THE DATE!!!** Ebenezer Women's Ministry presents its **6th Annual Hat and Glove Tea**. The theme is "Jewels For Justice," "Honoring Women in the Legal Industry!" The event is on **Saturday, May 16th, at 11:00am to 2:00pm** in the Beverly Thomas Social Hall. The tickets are **\$35.00**.
- **Women's Day is Sunday, May 17th**, the theme is "*The Strength of A Christian Woman*," Scripture is Proverbs 31:25. The speaker is Dr. Elbernita "Twinkie" Clark. The Co-Chairs are Sis. Brenda Burnley and Sis. Sharolyn Woods.

- 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.
- **Save the Date: Sunday, May 31st**, Stewardess Appreciation Service.
- Please fill out an updated membership contact form for our business records.
- **Cover Photo:** Mr. Victor Glover is the first Black Astronaut to orbit the Moon as the pilot of the Artemis II Mission in April, 2026.
- **Thought for the Week:** Let us get in Your presence, walk with purpose and work in Your power as we surrender to Your way.

## WOMEN'S HERSTORY MOMENT

Men of Ebenezer

### ALTAR CALL

*"Is Your All On The Altar"*

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

### EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern

Sis. Ida Armour and Family

Sis. Stephanie Darby and Family

Sis. Willamina Forrest

Bro. John Greene

Sis, Anita Giles and Family

Sis. Sandra Morrison

Sis. Cheryl Spencer

Sis. Carolyn Jones and Family

Bro. Lewis Farmer and Family

Sis. Tina Dawkins and Family

The Crawford Family

The Jackson Family

The Melvin Family

The Morgan Family

The Robinson Family

Tornado Victims Across Western Michigan  
Rev. Jerry Hatter and Family  
Dr. Dennis Laffoon  
Bro. Kenneth Jackson  
City of Detroit Government

**MINISTRY OF GIVING**

**Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson**

**OFFERTORY SELECTION**

*“Lord Help Me To Hold Out”*

**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**

**Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson**

*“Because He Lives,” by William Gaither*

**1** God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon. An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

**[Refrain]**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone.**

**Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**2** How sweet to hold a new-born baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives; But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

**[Refrain]**

**3** And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives

**[Refrain]**

**SERMON**

**“No Doubt About It”**

**Pastor Willie Gholston, II**

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AMECH #361

*"Yes, God Is Real," by Kenneth Morris*

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

**2** 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]**

**3** 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]**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

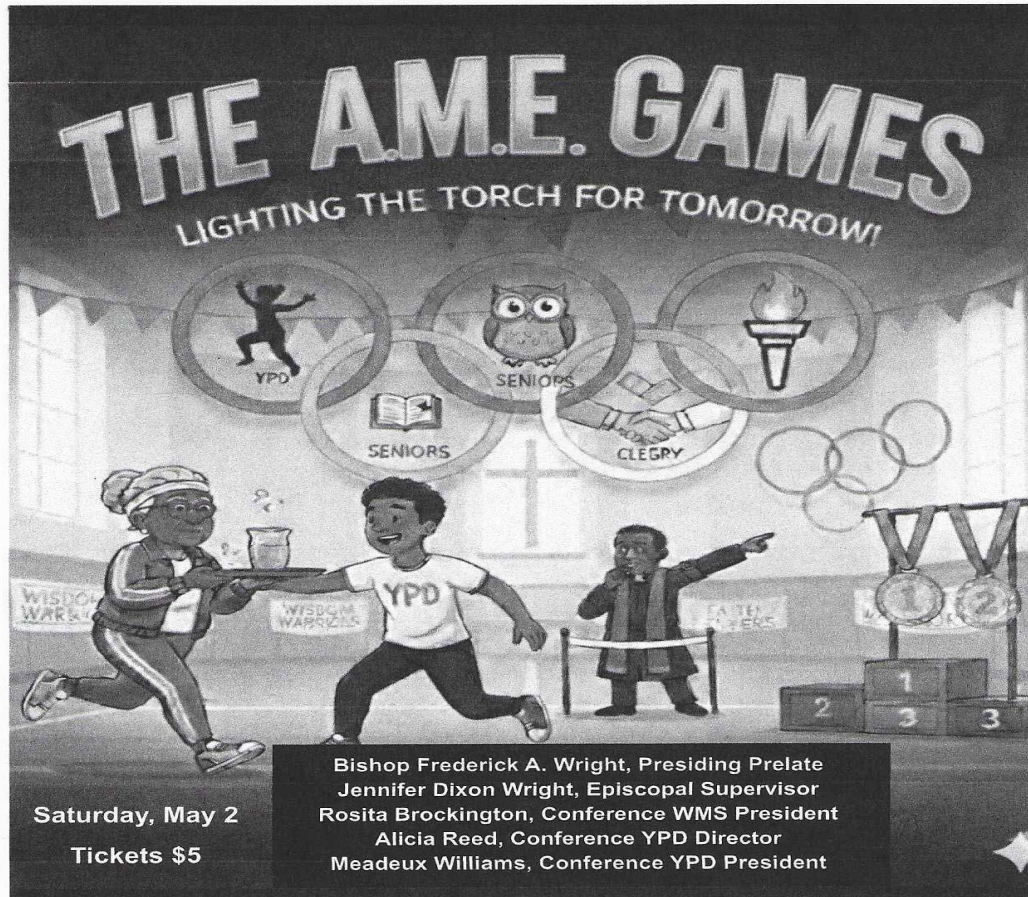
**Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**

**DOXOLOGY**

**CLOSING SONG**

***"Let the Church Say Amen"***

**BENEDICTION**



**Saturday, May 2**  
**Tickets \$5**

Bishop Frederick A. Wright, Presiding Prelate  
 Jennifer Dixon Wright, Episcopal Supervisor  
 Rosita Brockington, Conference WMS President  
 Alicia Reed, Conference YPD Director  
 Meadeux Williams, Conference YPD President

**Please join the Michigan Conference YPD for a fun-filled day of games and laughter!**

Tickets are just \$5, and the event will begin at 1:15 PM.

Host Pastor; Pastor Darryl Williams

St. Stephen AME Church

6000 John E. Hunter, Detroit 48210

We are inviting pastors and OPDers to participate in friendly competitions against the YPD, including a 3-Point Shooting Contest, Are You Smarter Than a YPDer?, and other wacky, crowd-favorite games.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the link below.

<https://forms.gle/WYyUN1dJkA2SpAjQL6>

Let's make this a fantastic fundraiser in support of our YPDers!