

Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

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“CLASS LEADERS” HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2026 10:00 AM



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***“CLASS LEADERS”
HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY”***

WORSHIP AND LIVE STREAM SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Musicians

PROCESSIONAL

“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

OPENING HYMN AMECH #520

“Come, We That Love the Lord,” by Isaac Watts

1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known, Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with accord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.

[Refrain]

We marching to Zion, Beautiful beautiful Zion; We're marching upward to Zion on, The beautiful city of God.

2 Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But children of the heavenly King, But children of the heavenly King, May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad.

[Refrain]

3 The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets Before we reach the heavenly King, Before we reach the heavenly fields, Or walk the golden streets. Or walk the golden streets.

[Refrain]

4 Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground, We're marching through Immanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high.

[Refrain]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sis. Shirley Christian

PRAYER RESPONSE

"I Love The Lord He Heard My Cries"

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE

"1 Corinthians 13:1-13" (NIV)

Sis. Sharolyn Woods

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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

DECALOGUE

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

(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

WELCOME OF VISITORS AMECH #196

Sis. Geneva Barnett

"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit," by Doris Akers

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

Sis. Sandra Hall

- Thanks to all who participated in respective meetings during this past week.
- Thanks to those that attended Official Board Meeting this past week.
- Join us for ***“Wednesday in the Word”*** at Noon on Zoom and 6:00pm by conference call. The number is **605.313.5346 - Access Code 8679984#**
- **Cover Photo:** *“Justice for Mr. Nolan Wells”*
- Let us practice good stewardship and discipleship by sharing in God's generosity in our lives. Give towards our **Ebenezer Emergency Operational Funds**. Your sacrifice will bless us to meet all of our obligations, needs and plus be a blessing to others.
- Please join us in the Mother Beverly Thomas Social Hall as we celebrate **Sis. Andrea Williams’ 53 years of service and retirement** as a Secretary at the Historic Ebenezer AME Church immediately following the worship service.
- All persons interested in joining the **Praise Team** sign up immediately with Pastor Gholston.
- Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center (ECCC) is recruiting volunteers to assist with **Thursdays Community Outreach Day for two to four hours per week**. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Center’s Food Pantry and to provide other outreach services. For more information contact **(313) 635-3355** or email ecccc@ebenezerccc.org.
- On **Monday, August 3rd, at 8:00pm** join **Dr. Thema Bryant** via Zoom for Racial Trauma, Stress and Healing.

- On **Friday, August 7th, at 6:30 pm** *Jewels 4 Jesus, Ebenezer Women's Ministry*, presents "**Jesus, Jazz and Jeans**" event. Tickets are \$40 in advance and at the door. **To purchase tickets or receive additional information, please contact Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson** revgwen@yahoo.com.
- On **Saturday, August 8th, at 10:00am via Zoom** join the Connectional Lay 2027 Biennial update.
- The 140th Session of The Michigan Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will be held **Wednesday, August 19th through Saturday, August 22nd**. The conference is hosted by Rev. Yolanda Whiten the Pastor of Newman AME Church in Pontiac, Michigan.
- Mark your calendar for "**Praise in the Park 2026,**" **Saturday, August 29th, at 12:00 noon until 3:00pm**. In preparation for this annual multi-church event, all participating churches are requesting donations of school supplies and clothing. For example: socks, T-shirts, panties, and briefs for grades kindergarten through 12 (all sizes youth - adult). Donations are due by **Sunday, August 23rd**. For additional information, please contact **Sis. Diane Gary** dmgary30@gmail.com, or **Sis. Rochelle Ward** email rward04287@aol.com.
- All auxiliaries are asked to meet and submit a list of calendar dates, budgets and officers by **Monday, September 7th**.
- **Important:** All members are asked to complete an updated **Membership Contact Form** to ensure that our church records remain current and accurate.
- **Quote of the Week:** *"Take the time to find rest and relax as you learn how to live, laugh and love every day."*

BIRTHDAYS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bro. Leon and Sis. Leslie Minus – (Four years)

ALTAR CALL SONG

“Be Not Dismayed”

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern
The Family of Sis. Vivienne Anderson
Sis. Scheryl Brooks and Family
The Collins Family
The Crawford Family
The Dawkins Family
Sis. Willamina Forrest
The Family of Rev. Dr. Charita Hardy
Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon

Sis. Maggie and Bro. Randall Levi
The Melvin Family
The Meredith Family
Rev. Karen Moorman and Family
The Morgan Family
Sis. Sandra Morrison and Family
The Family of Sis. Gwen Reeves
The Robinson Family
Bro. Richard Staples and Family
Bishop Frederick Wright and Family

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Sis. Denise Bargon

OFFERTORY SELECTION

“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”

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 SONG

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

“I Love to Praise Him”

- 1** Love to praise Him (I Love to praise His name) {x3}
I Love to praise His holy name
I Love to praise Him (I Love to praise His name)
I Love to praise up my Lord (I Love to praise His name)
I Love to praise Him (I Love to praise His name)
I Love to praise His holy name
I Love to praise Him (I Love to praise His name)
I Love to put my hands together and praise Him (I Love to praise His name)
Is there anybody out here feel the same tonight (I Love to praise His name)

I Love to praise His holy name

2 For He's my rock (He's my rock, my rock, my sword, my shield)
He's my will (He's my will in the middle of the week)
I know He'll never (I know He'll never, never let me down)
He's just a Jewel (He's just a Jewel that I have found)
Hallelujah (hallelujah)
Hallelujah (hallelujah)
I Love to praise His name
Hallelujah (hallelujah)
Hallelujah (hallelujah)
I Love to praise His name
Hallelujah (hallelujah)
Hallelujah (hallelujah)
I Love to praise His name
I Love to praise His holy name

SERMON

"What's Love Got To Do With It"

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP HYMN

"God Never Fails"

God never fails! God never fails! He abided in me, He gives me victory; No, God never fails! Just keep the faith and never cease to pray;
Just walk upright, call Him noon, day or night. He'll be there, He'll be there ,
There's no need to worry, for God never fails.

APOSTLES' 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at 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 Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION AMECH #255

"There is a Fountain Filled With Blood"

- 1** There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners,
plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their
guilty stains.
- 2** The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though
vile as he, Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away, Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **The Solicitation** **Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**
- **The General Confession** **Congregation**

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 Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your 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 Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- **First Collect** **Rev. Gladys Burroughs**
- **Second Collect** **Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson**
- **Prayer of Adoration** **Rev. Vickie Gray**
- **Prayer of Humiliation** **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**
- **Prayer of Consecration** **Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II**
- **Partaking of Elements** **Congregation**
- **The Lord's Prayer** **Congregation**

- The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Know It Was the Blood"

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING SONG

"Let the Church Say Amen"

BENEDICTION

AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“LOVING GOD, OURSELVES AND OTHERS”

- **Sunday, August 2nd, 7:00am** Class Leaders Communion Sunday
- **Monday, August 3rd, 8:00pm** Racial Trauma Stress and Healing with Dr. Thema Bryant via Zoom
- **Tuesday, August 4th, 6:30pm** Steward Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Friday, August 7th, 6:30pm** Jesus, Jazz and Jeans Event
- **Saturday, August 8th, 9:00am** Michigan Conference Board of Examiners Meeting
- **Saturday, August 8th, 10:00am** Connectional Lay 2027 Biennial update via Zoom
- **Sunday, August 9th, 10:00am** “Do You Love Me Sunday” (Men)
- **Tuesday, August 11th, 6:00pm** Class Leaders Meeting via Zoom
- **Saturday, August 15th
1:00pm -5:00pm** Sis. Lillian Smith’s Memorial Service
- **Monday, August 10th –
Saturday, August 15th** Churchwide Clean Up
- **Sunday, August 16th, 10:00am** Young Adults Sunday
- **Tuesday, August 18th, 6:30pm** Trustee Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Wednesday, August 19th –
Saturday, August 22nd** Michigan Annual Conference, Pontiac, Michigan
WMS Convention, Night in White, / Reporting, Lay
Night / Youth Night Commissioning / YPD
- **Sunday, August 23rd, 10:00am** Rock Your Generation
- **Tuesday, August 25th, 6:30pm** Official Board Meeting via Zoom

- **Saturday, August 29th**
12:00pm-3:00pm Praise in the Park
- **Sunday, August 16th, 10:00am** Youth One Love Sunday
- **Mondays – Weekly – 5:00pm** Stewardship and Finance Meeting
- **Tuesday and Thursday Prayer Line** (848) 220-3300 Access Code: 5987183#
7:00am
- **Wednesdays in the Word** 12:00pm via Zoom
6:00pm – (605) 313-5346 Access Code: 8679984

***ALL MEETINGS ARE VIA ZOOM UNLESS SPECIFIED**