

HISTORIC EBENEZER AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

November 1, 2026

10:00 AM



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Rev. Dr. Willie A. Gholston II, Pastor

Rev. Larry J. Bell, Presiding Elder

Rt. Rev. Frederick A. Wright, Sr., Presiding Bishop

"FAMILY 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

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. Elaine Donaldson

PRAYER RESPONSE AMECH #460

“More Love To Thee, O Christ”

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE

“Luke 17:11-19” (NIV)

Rev. Vickie Gray

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance

13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

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

DECALOGUE

Rev. Vickie Gray

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

PRAYING TEN COMMANDMENTS

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

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

“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

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

- **Cover Photo:** *“Dr. Martin Luther and Mrs. Coretta Scott King Jr. Fought For Voting Rights For Everyone”*
- Thanks to all who participated in respective meetings during this past week.
- Join us in praying for this country, the world and every individual that is part of the Historic Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church Family.
- As we approach our **155th Church Anniversary**, you have a special opportunity to become part of our history by adding a leaf to the Legacy Tree outside the sanctuary. Leaves may be purchased for **\$155** or a stone for **\$1,000** in honor of yourself, your family or in memory of a loved one. Sis. Stephanie Darby will be in the Mamie Robinson Parlor to take your orders, beginning today after the worship service. Join us in creating this lasting testament as we celebrate 155 years of faith and fellowship. Sponsored by the Steward Board. Bro. Ronald Brooks, Pro-Tem

- ***Calling All Voices for Reunion Choir:*** Rehearsals are on **Thursdays at 6:00pm**. Call and verify with Elder Kenneth Wilson.
- 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 and needs; plus be a blessing to others.
- 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.
- Join us for ***"Wednesday in the Word"*** at 12 Noon via Zoom and the 6:00pm Evening Bible Study **(605.313.5346 - Access Code 8679984#)**.
- Please join the **7:00am Prayer Line** every **Tuesday and Thursday, (848) 220-3300, Access Code 5987183#**
- Do have a voting plan? If you have not voted, you can **vote today after church or Tuesday on Election Day, November 3rd. Pray, vote and pray again. Take a picture #EbenezerVotes**. For more information please see Sis. Carol Griffin and Sis. Darlene Jackson for details.
- **Wednesday, November 4th**, pray for Rt. Rev. Frederick A. Wright, Sr. and the Fourth District Delegation's travel to the Twelfth District Planning Meeting.
- Calling all veterans to submit your names, military rank and branch by **Wednesday, November 4th**, by the end of the business day.
- Fourth Episcopal District Leadership Training Session for all on **Friday, November 6th, at 7:00pm** there is no cost to register. Fourth Episcopal District Lay Organization (FEDLO) Fall Executive Board and Leadership Training Session is **Saturday, November 7th, at 9:00am**.

All Clergy and laity are invited to attend both sessions. Register at the link below <https://forms.gle/LfNxXNg2xPz3zhj39>

- The Ebenezer Commission on Family Life is now accepting applications for it's Annual ***"Make A Wish Upon An Angel"*** Gift Giving Project. Our Angel Tree project helps low-income families provide Christmas gifts for underserved children and youth, ages Zero to 15. The 2026 Angel Tree application is currently available through the Church Office. The deadline for submission of Angel Tree applications is **Friday, November 6th**. For more information, contact Sis. Edna Walker, Sis. Mildred Pitts or Sis. Barbara Davis, Angel Tree Project Co-Chairpersons.
- **November is National Hunger and Homelessness month.** Ebenezer Community and Cultural Center invites your support of our annual Street Outreach on behalf of Detroit's homeless men, women and children. We are soliciting your assistance to create and distribute blessings bags for homeless persons living on the street. Please contact Sis. Edna Walker at 313.635.3355.
- **Sunday, November 8th, at 10:00am** we are giving thanks for Veterans.
- **Tuesday, November 10th, at 6:00pm** the Steward Board will meet via Zoom.
- The Stewardess Board will meet every third Monday of the month via Zoom commencing **Monday, November 16th, at 6:00pm.**
- The **Church Conference** will be held on **Sunday, November 22nd**. Organizations get in your final budgets, dates and list of officers now.
- **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:** *“Voting is a treat, honor and privilege of the ancestors, not a trick of the enemy that should be stopped or manipulated.”*

ALTAR CALL AMECH #437

“Be Not Dismayed”

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern
The Family of Sis. Vivienne Anderson
Sis. Scheryl Brooks and Family
The Collins Family
The Johnson Family
The Dawkins Family
Sis. Willamina Forrest
The Family of Sis. Millicent R. McCrary
Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon
Sis. Nathalie Addai and Family
Sis. Gwendolyn Wilkes and Family
The Family of Rev. Gladys Burroughs

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

MINISTRY OF GIVING

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

OFFERTORY SELECTION

“The Lord Is Blessing Me”

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 AMECH #84

Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

“Great Is Thou Faithfulness”

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changes not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

[Refrain]

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Amen!

- 2** Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in all manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love.

[Refrain]

- 3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Refrain]

SERMON

"After All"

Rev. Dr. Willie Gholston, II

INVITATION SONG

"You've Been So Faithful"

As I look back over my life I can see how Your love has guided me Even though I've done wrong You never left me alone But You forgave me And You kept on blessing This I recall to my mind Therefore I have hope It's because of Your mercy that we are not consumed Because thy compassion's fail not They are new every morning Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness

You've been, Lord You've been so faithful You've been, Lord You've been so faithful I can never repay You Lord for what You done for me How You loosed my shackles and you set me free How You made a way out of no way Turned my darkness into day You've been my joy in the time of sorrow Hope for my tomorrow Peace in the time of storm Strength when I'm weak and worn

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

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| • 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.

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| • First Collect | Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson |
| • Second Collect | Rev. Vickie Gray |
| • 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"

APOSTLES' CREED

Sis. Avery Ajabge

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

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING SONG

“Let the Church Say Amen”

BENEDICTION

NOVEMBER 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“LORD, WE CAN’T THANK YOU ENOUGH!”

- **Sunday, November 1st, 10:00am** Family Holy Communion Sunday
Daylight Savings: Fall Back One Hour
- **Tuesday, November 3rd, 6:00pm** Voting Plan – Early and Always
- **Wednesday, November 4th** Bishop Frederick Wright, Sr.
Fourth District Delegation at
12th District Planning Meeting
- **Sunday, November 8th, 10:00am** Giving Thanks For Veterans
- **Tuesday, November 10th, 6:00pm** Steward Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Sunday, November 15th, 10:00am** 155th Church Anniversary Observance
and Celebration
- **Monday, November 16th** October Ministry Reports are Due
- **Tuesday, November 17th, 6:00pm** Trustee Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Tuesday, November 17th, 7:30pm** Class Leaders Meeting via Zoom
- **Monday, November 23rd, 7:00pm** Official Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Thursday, November 26th** Thanksgiving Day
- **Sunday, November 29th, 6:00pm** First Sunday In Advent
Giving Thanks For Youth & Young Adults
Young Adult Social After Hour Gathering

NOVEMBER 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“LORD, WE CAN’T THANK YOU ENOUGH!”

- **Mondays – Weekly – 5:00pm** Stewardship and Finance Meeting
- **Women’s Sunday School** Meets Every Sunday at 8:30am
Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson, Instructor
- **Contemporary Sunday School** Meets Every Sunday at 9:00am
Bro. Jerry Givan, Instructor
- **Tuesday and Thursday Prayer Line 7:00am** (848) 220-3300 Access Code: 5987183#
- **Wednesdays in the Word** 12 Noon Bible Study – 12:00pm via Zoom
Evening Bible Study – 6:00pm
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***ALL MEETINGS ARE VIA ZOOM UNLESS SPECIFIED**