HISTORIC EBENEZER AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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

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. Vickie Gray**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Rev. Vickie Gray**

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 #573 Rev. Vickie Gray

"Now Thank We All Our God," *by Charles Wesley*

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things done, In whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is our today.

2 O may this bounteous God, Through all our life be near us; And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God The Father is now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore, The thus it was is now, And shall be ever more.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION **Rev. Vickie Gray**

PRAYER RESPONSE ***"Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving"***

CHORAL SELECTION

SCRIPTURE **"Ephesians 4:1-7 and 12-16" (NIV)** **Rev. Vickie Gray**

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.
12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.
15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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 OF VISITORS AMECH #196 Rev. Elaine Donaldson

"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.

VETERANS TRIBUTE Rev. Elaine Donaldson

Bro. Ronald Brooks	United States Navy – Four Years
Bro. Norman Folson	United States Air Force – Twenty-three Years
Bro. William Darby	United States Army – Two Years
Bro. Louis Nunn	United States Army Vietnam – One Year

Bro. Ronald Spurlock United States Army Vietnam – Two Years

ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

- **Cover Photo:** "***Keisha Lance Bottoms****,* the former Mayor of Atlanta, is the first Black woman elected Governor of the United States and the first Democrat to win the office in Georgia in decades."

- 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 **eccc@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#**

- 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 0-15. The 2026 Angel Tree application is currently available through the Church Office. The deadline for submission of Angel Tree applications is **Monday, November 9th**. 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 still soliciting your assistance to create and distribute Blessings Bags for homeless persons living on the street. We thank you for your support and we have acquired 50 Blessing Bags to be distributed on **Wednesday, November 11th.** If you are in interested in being a blessing or distributing the bags, please contact Sis. Edna Walker at 313.635.3355.

- **Tuesday, November 10th, at 6:00pm** the Steward Board will meet via Zoom.

- Our beloved ***Rev. Gladys Jean Burroughs'*** Homegoing celebration is **Saturday, November 14th, the Family Hour is 10:00am and Celebration 11:00am.** Visitation is at Kemp Funeral Home **Friday, November 13th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The funeral home is located at 24585 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

- The Grant Women's Missionary Society is sponsoring a ***Thanksgiving Food Giveaway.*** They are soliciting your assistance to provide for the community. Food items needed are canned green beans, canned corn, yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, mac and cheese, gravy mix, cake mix and cake frosting. You may also donate **$25** gift cards from Kroger, Meijer or Walmart. Please have all food donations and gift cards turned in by **Sunday, November 15th.** Your assistance for this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Sis. Yvonne Johnson, WMS President

- **Operation Christmas Child, Get Ready to Spread the Gospel! National Collection Week is November 16th - 23rd.** Build a shoebox to share with children all over the world. Please see Sis. Leslie Minus, YPD Director, to obtain a shoebox to fill with gifts and obtain gift ideas. All boxes need to be prepared no later than **Saturday, November 21st** for dropoff at Stephens AME Church located at 6000 John E. Hunter Drive, Detroit.

- 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.

- The Grant Women's Missionary Society is partnering with Gleaners Community Food Bank in sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Give-A-Way **Monday, November 23rd from Noon to 3:00pm**. Distribution of baskets will be on a first come basis, one basket per household is allowed. Ebenezer Family please submit your referrals for baskets at the Visitors table to Sis. Scheryl Brooks or Sis. Edwina Dortch.

- **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*:*** *"Give credit, glory and thanks to God because He is the reason for doors opening in your life."*

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

EBENEZER HOUSE OF PRAYER

Community of Care and Concern	Sis. Maggie and Bro. Randall Levi
The Family of Sis. Vivienne Anderson	The Melvin Family
Sis. Scheryl Brooks and Family	The Meredith Family
The Collins Family	Rev. Karen Moorman and Family
The Johnson Family	The Morgan Family
The Dawkins Family	The Family of Sis. Sandra Morrison
Sis. Willamina Forrest	The Family of Sis. Gwen Reeves
The Family of Sis. Millicent R. McCrary	The Robinson Family
Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon	Bro. Richard Staples and Family
Sis. Nathalie Addai and Family	Bishop Frederick Wright and Family
Sis. Gwendolyn Wilkes and Family	The City of Detroit
The Family of Rev. Gladys Burroughs	The Tuggle Family

MINISTRY OF GIVING **Rev. Elaine Donaldson**

OFFERTORY SELECTION ***"O, Give Thanks to the Lord"***

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 #318 Rev. Elaine Donaldson

"Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee"

1 Father, I stretch my hands to Thee; No other help I know; If Thou withdraw Thy self from me, Ah! Whither shall I go?
2 What did Thine only Son endure, Before I drew my breath! What pain, what labor, to secure My soul from endless death!

3 O Jesus, could I this believe, I now should feel Thy power! Now my poor soul Thou wouldst retrieve, Nor let me wait one hour.

4 Author of faith to Thee I lift My weary longing eyes; O let me now receive that gift! My soul without it dies
5 Surely, Thou canst not let me die; O speak, and I shall live; And here I will unwearied lie, Till Thou Thy Spirit give.

6 The worst of sinners would rejoice, Could they but see Thy face; O let me hear Thy quickening voice, And taste Thy pardoning grace! Amen.

SERMON "United States!" Rev. Gwendolyn Wilson

INVITATION SONG

"Come Unto Jesus," *By Mahalia Jackson*
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus just now, just now
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus just now

He will save you
He will save you
He will save you just now, just now, oh
He will save you
He will save you just now

Only trust Him
Only trust Him
Only trust Him just now, just now, oh
Only trust Him, good Lord
Only trust Him (right now) just now
Oh, yes

He is willing
He is willing
He is willing just now, just now, oh
He is willing (oh, Lord)
He will cleanse you just now

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING SONG ***"Let the Church Say Amen"***

BENEDICTION