

Minister Rosslyn Wallace is a native of Washington, D.C.

She is the daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. Benjamin F. James, Sr. She is a life-long member of Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. She has been a faithful servant in various Ministries at the church for over 50 years including serving as a member of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church Ministerial Staff, Assistant Minister of Music, Choir Directress for the Sanctuary Choir, Women's Day Mass Choir, and the Children's Worship Hour Choir. Minister Wallace has also served as the Superintendent of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church Nursery, a teacher in the church's Sunday School Department, Assistant Worship leader in the VABC weekly Prayer Service, and a member of the VABC Worship Planning Committee. Since the current global pandemic, Minister Wallace has partnered with a team of worship leaders in hosting a weekly virtual worship service called "Prayer and Praise Across the Miles".

In her on-going quest to strive for academic excellence in ministry, Minister Wallace began her formal Biblical studies at the Washington Bible College in Lanham, MD. She completed her studies in May, 2015 at the Lancaster Bible College where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies from that institution. In 2015, she accepted the call to preach the Word of God and to share His message with all who will hear. On Tuesday April 12, 2016, she preached her trial sermon entitled "The Red Sea Journey" at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. At the conclusion of her sermon, the Church's Board of Church Administration voted unanimously to present to her an official license to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Minister Wallace enjoys preaching, teaching, traveling, and composing music. One of her musical compositions, "The Night That Christ Was Born", was featured and presented to a nation-wide audience at the Gospel Music Workshop of America's New Music Seminar in Atlanta Georgia in July, 2014. This composition was nominated for inclusion in a nationally-acclaimed Choral Music Symposium for publication.

Minister Wallace and her husband, Deacon Alphonso Wallace have been married for fifty-two years. They are the proud parents of four adult children and eight grandchildren. Minister Wallace's centering Biblical verse is Romans 8:28: "*All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose*".