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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday

Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Church School 9:30 am
New Member's Class *
Big Sisters-Children 2½ - 5 yrs **

1st & 3rd Sundays*

Children's Worship Celebration 11:00 am

1st Sundays

Observance of the Lord's Supper

2nd Sundays*

Baptism

3rd Sundays*

Dedication of Babies

Wednesdays

The Church in Prayer, 6:00 pm
The Church in Study, 6:30 pm

(*Call the Church for more information

**To be determined

See monthly Newsletter for more information)

Senior Pastor

Nathan Johnson, D.D.

Minister of Discipleship & Kingdom Expansion

Rev. Terry Robinson

Chairman, Deacons' Ministry

Deacon James S. Sarter

Chairman, Trustees' Ministry

Trustee Hervey Jenkins

Church Clerk

Deacon Jerry Moses

Jail & Prison Ministry

Rev. Samuel E. Spruill



2023
Living Out
GOD'S PROMISE
Joshua 21:43,45, NLT



**Come Home
to Family**

December 24, 2023
11:00 am

Sunday Worship Service
Nathan Johnson, D.D.,
Senior Pastor

Sanctuary Celebration

(Adjusted Order of Service)

THE ENTRANCE MOMENT BEGINS THE WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Bill Thompson

Come, people of God, let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas. Here, we have gathered to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the wondrous gifts bestowed upon us. In our worship, we look towards the future, filled with the gifts of Christmas: love, hope, peace, and joy! Let us sing the joyous carols of Christmas and bear witness to the birth of our Savior.

OUR WORSHIP IN PRAISE

EXHORTATION TO PRAISE

“Medley of Praise”

THE INVOCATION

Rev. Terry Robinson

Dear God, our Holy Creator, the Joy of the world, the Hope of tomorrow, and the Light of heaven. We come before You with humble hearts, filled with gratitude and love for all that You have created. You are the maker of everything that is beautiful, lovely, and good, from red-berried holly trees to fragrant Christmas trees, to tinsel sparkling with many colors of light, to carols sung, gifts given and received, children born, and blessed rest everlasting. As we celebrate the birth of Your child, Your gift, Your love, who came to live, grow, and teach among us, we ask that You be with us and live among us. May we feel Your presence and Your love, and may our hearts always remain young in Your love. We pray this with all our hearts. Amen

THE LAYMEN’S PRAYER

Deacon Charles Green

THE MODEL PRAYER

Recite in Unison

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Congregation

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8, NKJV

Rev. Dr. Tracy Thompson

In Unison: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

“Agnus Dei”

Tabernacle Women & Girls Ensemble

DEDICATION OF BABIES

Rev. Dr. Rosetta O’Neal

PASTORAL INPUT

Pastor Nathan Johnson

OUR WORSHIP IN SHARING GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

THE GIVING REFLECTION

Bro. Bryson Nickelberry

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Joyce Moore

Dear Lord, we come to You today with hearts full of gratitude and thanksgiving. We are deeply touched by Your unwavering faithfulness and compassion, which has sustained us through thick and thin. Your abundance and generosity have showered us with blessings beyond measure, and we cannot thank You enough. We offer this humble token of our appreciation as a symbol of our love and devotion towards You. We pray that You accept it and use it to accomplish Your divine purpose. May this offering be a catalyst for change and a source of hope and comfort to those who need it the most. We ask You, in the name of Jesus, to bless this offering and multiply its impact beyond our imagination. Thank You for being our guiding light and faithful companion. Amen.

GATHERING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

“Let Us Adore Him”

Tabernacle Women & Girls Ensemble

OUR WORSHIP IN MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12, NLT

Sis. Jasmine Obiora

THE MEDITATION

“Silent Night”

SERMON

“AN INQUIRY, AN INSPIRATION,
AN INTENTION AT CHRISTMASTIME”

PASTOR NATHAN JOHNSON

CHRISTIAN INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

“Now Behold the Lamb”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Nathan Johnson

BENEDICTION

Pastor Nathan Johnson

THE POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus”

“Medley of Praise”

EMMANUEL

Come, come let us adore Him,
Kneel down before Him,
Worship and adore Him [Repeat]

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
We worship You,
We worship You.

“Hymn of Praise”

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created; [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

“Hymn of Meditation and Commitment”

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, “Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!”

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!

Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;

with the angels let us sing
"Alleluia" to our King:
“Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born.”

“Hymn of Invitation”

NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB

Now behold the Lamb
(Thank You) the Precious Lamb of God
Born into sin that I may live again
The Precious Lamb of God

Holy is the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Why You love me so, Lord
I shall never know
The Precious Lamb of God

Now behold the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
Born into sin that I may live again
He's the precious Lamb of God

When I always didn't do right
I went left, He told me to go right
But I'm standing right here
In the midst of my tears, Lord
I thank You to be the Lamb of God (Holy)

Thank You for the Lamb (thank You for the Lamb of God)
The Precious Lamb of God (You are the Lamb of God)
Because of Your grace
I can finish this race
The Precious Lamb of God (Lamb of God)

Even when I broke, broke Your heart
My sins tore us apart
But I'm standing right here
In the midst of my tears
I claim You to be the Lamb of God

New life can begin (yeah)
(You washed away all my sins)
For You washed away, washed away every one of my sins
(Whom the Son sets free)
Whom the Son sets free, is truly free indeed
I claim You to be the Lamb of God

Now behold the Lamb
The Precious Lamb of God
(Born into) born into sin that I may live again
The Precious Lamb of God

Why You love me so, Lord
I shall never know (never know)
Why You love me so, Lord
I shall never know
(Lamb, I really never knew)
(I never knew, oh never knew)
(Never knew, no no no)
Why You love me so, Lord
I shall never know
The Precious Lamb of God

Why You love me so, Lord
I shall never know (I shall never never never know)
The Precious Lamb of God