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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

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Deacon Jerry Moses

Jail & Prison Ministry

Rev. Samuel E. Spruill



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**Come Home
to Family**

December 8, 2024

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. Kimberly Elyse

The Lord is great and greatly to be praised! Today, we have gathered to worship, and what a gift it is to come together as the people of God. Whatever worries and distractions we carry, let us lay them at the feet of Jesus. We present ourselves fully before the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our Lord is indeed great and deserves our praise! Let us worship Him together now.

OUR WORSHIP IN PRAISE

EXHORTATION TO PRAISE

“Medley of Praise”

THE INVOCATION

Rev. Debra Carter

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Sustainer of life, and Redeemer of the world, we stand in awe that a God of such majesty and mystery receives our worship, hears our prayers, and cares for our burdens. We turn our hearts to You, reorienting ourselves to the profound truths of faith: that there is more to life than what we can see and touch, that love triumphs over hate, and that forgiving our enemies is not just possible but essential. We embrace the truth that hope is found in Jesus Christ, and that the foundation of life rests on You, not on us. Thank You, Lord, for meeting us here. We pray for Your Spirit to speak to us and renew us by Your grace. Hear us now as we pray.

THE LAYMEN’S PRAYER

Deacon James Sarter

THE MODEL PRAYER

Recite in Unison

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

Congregation

OPENING SCRIPTURE

“Psalm 146 NLT”

Rev. Terry Robinson

In Unison:

Praise the Lord! Let all that I am praise the Lord.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

Don’t put your confidence in powerful people; there is no help for you there.

When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them.

But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He keeps every promise forever.

He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. The Lord frees the prisoners.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down. The Lord loves the godly.

The Lord protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

The Lord will reign forever. He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations. Praise the Lord!

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

“How Great and Awesome”

Women and Girls' Ensemble

PASTORAL INPUT

Pastor Nathan Johnson

OUR WORSHIP IN SHARING GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

THE GIVING REFLECTION

Sis. Natalia Fleming

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dwight Fowler

Father, You are so good to us, and we know that You care for us deeply. Thank You for the gift of Your provision. We have food and shelter, and we are aware that many do not. For this reason, we choose to give sacrificially today. Giving back to You brings us great joy, and we pray that our gifts will bring joy to Your heart. Along with our financial contributions, we offer You ourselves. We hold nothing back, for You held nothing back from us. The gift of Your Son has allowed us to be forgiven and to know You. With thankful hearts, we present our lives to You, knowing they belong to You. Lead us, and we will follow. In the holy and precious name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

GATHERING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

“Let Us Adore Him”

Women and Girls' Ensemble

OUR WORSHIP IN MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

“Hebrews 6:17-20 NLT”

Bro. Jacob Obiora

THE MEDITATION

“My Fath Looks Up To Thee”

SERMON

“HOLD ON TO THE HOPE”

PASTOR NATHAN JOHNSON

CHRISTIAN INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

“Hold To God's Unchanging Hand”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Nathan Johnson

BENEDICTION

Pastor Nathan Johnson

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Tocatta on Angels We Have Heard On High”

“Medley of Praise”

EMMANUEL

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

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

We worship You.
We worship You

“Hymn of Praise”

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

“Hymn of Meditation and Commitment”

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

“Hymn of Invitation”

HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

Time is filled with swift transition.
Naught of earth unmoved can stand.
Build your hopes on things eternal.
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.
Build your hopes on things eternal.
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you.
Whatsoever years may bring.
If by earthly friends forsaken,
Still more closely to Him cling. [Refrain]

Covet not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay.
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures.
They will never pass away. [Refrain]

When your journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in Glory
Your enraptured soul will view. [Refrain]
