

John Wesley

A.M.E. Zion Church

"The National Church of Methodism"

Presents a

JOYFUL

Worship Service



Christmas Concert



A Season of Advent

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days” ([Acts 2:17](#), [Hebrews 1:2](#)), as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” perfectly represents the church’s cry during the Advent season.

Excerpt from Christianity.com



Sunday Morning Worship

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The lighted candles signifies the beginning of our Worship Service. Please be quiet when the candles are lighted. Focus your all on God.

"Moments in Centering"

OPENING SONG

"O' Come All Ye Faithful" P.95

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE INVOCATION

(CHORAL RESPONSE)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

JOHN WESLEY NEWS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

OLD TESTAMENT – ISAIAH 12:2-6

Ms. Allean Brown

NEW TESTAMENT – LUKE 3:7-18

Mr. Earl Simmons





I

“Comfort Ye My People”

RECITATIVE, FROM HANDEL’S “MESSIAH”

“Every Valley Shall Be Exalted”

AIR, FROM HANDEL’S “MESSIAH”

MR. WILLIAM HARRIS, SOLOIST

“And The Glory of The Lord”

CHORUS, FROM HANDEL’S “MESSIAH”

II

“Still, Still, Still”

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND MEN’S CHORUS

GIVING TO GOD

“Behold the Star”

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND MEN’S CHORUS

III

PRAYERS TO GOD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” p.92



IV

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Mary Had a Baby”

CATHERINE HINTON, SOLOIST

THE WORD OF GOD

**REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER L. ZACHARIAS
PASTOR**

GIVE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST

“Farther Along” p.522

JOIN GOD’S CHURCH

V

“I Go To the Rock”

MR. REAMER SHEDRICK, SOLOIST

The Hallelujah Chorus (from the Messiah)

BENEDICTION

SILENT NIGHT

Church Events

GIVE ONLINE @ JWDC.org OR
TEXT **GIVE** to **2027653744**

DECEMBER

TODAY Member's Meeting - following morning worship

TODAY Lay Council Christmas Bazaar - in the Fellowship Hall

25 Christmas Day

26-29 Christian Education Mid-Winter Meeting - TRUTHVILLE
Marriot Philadelphia, PA

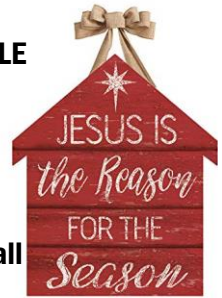
31 10pm - Watch Night Service @ John Wesley - with
Our friends from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church

JANUARY

5 9:30am Lay Council Prayer Breakfast -Fellowship Hall

6 College Student Luncheon Celebration

7-11 Spiritual Emphasis Week



Credit Union on Duty:

Kim Zacharias, Edna Spinner, Margaret Smith

TODAY'S WORD

TOPIC: _____

SCRIPTURE: _____

Restoration and Recovery

MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES & HOSPITALS

- James Baskins, Jo Bean Assisted Living, Accokeek, MD
- Michelle Cash – Doctor’s Cmty Rehab & Patient Ctr – Lanham, MD
 - Juanita Cornelius – Washington Hospital Center
- Genevieve Eaddy – Loving Heart Assisted Living Home, Bowie, MD
 - Johnsie Lucas – Carriage Hill Rehab, Bethesda, MD
- Hilda Lee – Serenity Nursing & Rehab Center, Sthrn Ave., SE
 - Lillie Simmons – Assisted Living – Madison, FL
 - Harold Wilder – National Rehabilitation Hospital

MEMBERS AT HOME

Mary F. Allen Roscoe Atcherson Dorothy Atkins Annie Coleman
Willie Duff Charles Dyson Rudolph Harris Mary Harvell
Ruth Jones Claudine Hudson Peggy Maye Beatrice McCabe
Matilda Nedab Carrie Williams Linda Russ Carolyn Thompson

Flowers are on the altar today in celebration of **VIRGIL S. JONES, SR's** 84th birthday, **Today**, December 16th.
With love, Margaret

The flowers are on the altar in celebration of our mother, **MATILDA D. NEDAB's** 88th birthday, December 15th. She is a 30-year breast cancer survivor, and we thank God for His continued blessings upon her.

Lovingly,

Oliver, Lucy and Bernard (from Heaven); Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren.



The flowers are also in recognition of **SHANE A. JOHNSON-EPPS**, our precious granddaughter's 27th birthday on December 14th. "You have brought delight and joy and we are so proud of you".

Smooches, Pop -Pop and G-Ma, Reamer & Lucy A. Nedab-Shedrick

The flowers are to show my appreciation and love to my sister-friend of four decades, **DERYL TATE** who celebrated her birthday on December 14th. You have been a constant and consistent friend to me and my family, and for that I give GOD all thanks and praise.

Lucy A. Nedab-Shedrick

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Upcoming Worship

Sunday School – 9am Sunday Morning Worship 10:00am

Children’s Church (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Online Bible Study –Tuesdays 7:30pm

Call in 415.723.5427 (no pin needed)

Wednesdays ~ 12 Noon @ church

Wednesdays ~ 12 Noon – Home of Dr. Helen Carter

Wednesdays ~ 6pm – Home of Clennie & Barbara Murphy

Wednesdays ~ 7pm – Home of Joseph/Sandy Hemby

Thursdays – 5:30am-5:45am – Intercessory Prayer

Call In (515) 604-9869 Access Code 912560

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

THE YOUNG PEOPLE--ADULT QUARTERLY

SECOND QUARTER 2018-2019 DECEMBER – 2018, JANUARY, FEBRUARY - 2019

THEME: OUR LOVE FOR GOD

UNIT I: GOD COMMANDS OUR LOVE, RESPECT, AND OBEDIENCE

Date: December 16, 2018

Lesson – 3 – Credit Where Credit is Due

Devotional Reading: Psalm 86:1-7

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 103:1-17 [ending with “him”], 21-22

Daily Readings: (Mon.): Romans 8:31-39 (Tue.): Psalm 86:1-7 (Wed.) Psalm 86:8-13;(Thu.): Neh. 9:16-21 (Fri.): Ex. 34:1-7 (Sat.): Num. 14:13-20 (Sun.):
Psalm 103:1-17, 21-22

AFFIRMATION: We praise God for infinite blessings and comfort in times of trouble.

VERSE OF THE WEEK: As far as the east is from the west, So far as he removes our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12.

LESSON SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103:1-17 [ending with “him”], 21-22

Dr. E. Dewey Wiseman (Ewiseman3@aol.com), prepared this Sunday Church School Lesson Overview based on The A.M.E. Zion Church's The Young-People Adult Quarterly, Dr. Brenda G. Smith, General Secretary, Christian Education Department.