

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WHAT'S GOOD? THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF RESTORATION!

MICAH 6:8



FOUNDER'S DAY

FEB. 27-MAR. 1

WESTERVILLE, OH • RENAISSANCE POLARIS HOTEL

WORSHIP SERVICES



FOUNDER'S DAY '25

THE OPENING WORSHIP • THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025 • 7:00PM

REVEREND DR. ALPHONSE ALLEN, WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor, Allen Temple AMEC, Cincinnati, OSO

THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Musicians

THE PRELUDE

THE DOXOLOGY

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Linda Moore

Pastor, Bethel, Tarentum, PWV

OPENING HYMN

“THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION”

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life, He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up “how long?”,
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace evermore;
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth had union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy, Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

THE EVENING PRAYER

Reverend William Roberts

Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Middletown, OSO

THE PRAYER RESPONSE

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ANTHEM – THE AME CREDO

“GOD OUR FATHER”

Richard Allen set forth a creed, a guiding rule, fulfilling a need;
And today, a motto still stands, the torch has been passed from hand to hand.

Thanks to him, we learn from the past, cherish each day, the credo will last;
For the prize still is in sight, we'll reach the high mark, eternal light.
Ah... Yes today, a motto still stands, the torch has been passed from hand to hand.

REFRAIN: God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Man our Brother!
God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Man our Brother, cherish forever.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Reverend David Wade

Pastor, Youngs Chapel, Huntington, PWV

THE MISSION OFFERING

Reverend John McCants

Pastor, St. Paul, Canton, NO

THE SELECTION

District Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP

Reverend Louise Jackson

Presiding Elder, Youngstown, NO

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

District Choir

THE SERMON

Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker

Presiding Prelate, Third Episcopal District

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Darryl Lowe

Pastor, First AME, Clairton, PWV

THE OFFERING

Reverend Benita Parker

Pastor, Rodgers Chapel, Washington Courthouse, OSO

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Kathryn Davis

Pastor, Wayman, Hillsboro, OSO

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

Reverend Deia West

Pastor, Greater Bethel, Cleveland, NO

FOUNDER'S DAY '25

HOUR OF POWER WORSHIP • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025 • 12:00PM

REVEREND DR. TIMOTHY STORMS, WORSHIP LEADER

Presiding Elder, Southwest Pennsylvania, PWV

THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Musicians

THE DOXOLOGY

THE LITANY “A FOUNDER’S DAY LITANY BY JOHN H. ADAMS”

Mrs. LaDonna Liggins

AME3 WMS President

OPENING HYMN “A HYMN”

I love Thy Kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved, with His own precious blood.

I love Thy church O God, her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy, I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given,
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

THE PRAYER

Reverend Lowell Wright

Pastor, St. Paul, Washington, PWV

THE SELECTION

District Choir

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Reverend Gertrude Komani

Pastor, Mt. Vernon Ave, Columbus, OSO

THE MISSION OFFERING

The Finance Committee

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP

Sis. Stephenie Bruce

President, NO Lay Organization

THE SELECTION

District Choir

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

District Choir

THE SERMON

Reverend Dr. Aimee Hurst Anderson

Presiding Elder, Columbus District, OSO

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Arnett Thorton
Pastor, Community, Cleveland, NO

THE OFFERING

The Finance Committee

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim Brooks
AME3 Lay, 1st Vice President

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

Reverend Otis J. Gordon, Jr.
Pastor, St. Stephen, Toledo, NO

FOUNDER'S DAY '25

CLOSING WORSHIP • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025 • 7:00PM

REVEREND BETTY HOLLEY, PHD., WORSHIP LEADER
Presiding Elder, Dayton District

THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Musicians and Choir

THE PRELUDE

THE DOXOLOGY

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Anthony Moore, Jr.
Quinn Memorial, Steubenville, OSO

OPENING HYMN "O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD"

Reverend Steven Reeves
Pastor, Brown Chapel, Cincinnati, OSO

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul's refreshing view of Jesus and His word?

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed, how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void, the world can never fill.

Return O, holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn and drove Thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne and worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb!

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Presiding Elder, Dayton District

THE EVENING PRAYER

Reverend Kevin Cooper, Sr.
Pastor, United, Xenia, OSO

THE PRAYER RESPONSE

THE SELECTION

District Choir

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Reverend Jameelah O'Neal
Pastor, Greater Mitchell Chapel, Mansfield, NO

THE MISSION OFFERING

Reverend Debra Smoot
Pastor, St. Matthew, PWV

THE SELECTION

District Choir

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

District Choir

THE SERMON

Reverend Dr. Mark Tyler

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Dr. Lynn Felts
Pastor, Lee Chapel, Cincinnati, OSO

THE OFFERING

The Finance Committee

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Pamela White
Member, St. Paul, Cleveland, NO

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

Reverend Georgia Morrow
Pastor, Greater St. Paul, Morgantown, PWV