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Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

The Gloria Patri

*** Worshippers May Enter ***

- * Congregational Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #45
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Reading of the Covenant

Words of Welcome Deacon Ross Upshaw

* The Offertory Prayer

- * Prayer of Consecration and a Musical Selection
- * The Giving of Tithes and Offerings
- * Prayer of Dedication and the Doxology

The Altar Call

Musical Selection Mass Choir

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The Service of Holy Communion

* Benediction

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BETHANY NEWS



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS – I know that my life has been filled with countless blessings. I was blessed with parents who instilled in me a strong work ethic, love of education, a love for my community, and the love and faith in God. Together, they raised my sister and me to be who we are today. Two of my favorite scriptures which have guided my life are 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.", and Luke 12:48: "For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required." So, when I tithe, I believe that this is the least I can do to show my love for God, how thankful I am for the gifts I have been given, and for His grace and mercy in my life. At the end of December I celebrated my 49th wedding anniversary. My husband and I understand how important it is to share our blessings through tithing. We are blessed with a wonderful family, three great sons and daughters-in-law, and six terrific grandchildren. To my great joy, my family gathers together as often as possible. And I know that the deep love we feel and show towards each other is only because of God's grace. To God be the glory! **Deacon Patricia Fullilove**

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR – Today's altar flowers are in memory of Edgar A. Pollard, who passed on January 6, 2018, and **Allen B. Pollard** who passed on January 15, 2007. Beloved father and twin brother of **Beverly Pollard-Smith**, their spirits live on.

"BETHANY NOW" HAS LAUNCHED – The Bethany family will continue its communication by-way-of email. But, in order to participate, you **MUST** register your email address by sending it to office@bethany-newark.org.

ANNUAL MLK PROGRAM - The Lecture Committee of Bethany Baptist Church presents its annual MLK Program, Sunday, January 20th at 2:30 p.m. THEME: "*The Struggle Continues: As we move forward.*" Jazz Trumpeter Wynton Marsalis will be reading selected MLK speeches and musical selections will be performed by Clarisa, Violin Diva. Keynote speaker to be announced.

NJPAC IS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCES – MLK Celebration Friday, January 18th at 8:00 p.m. featuring CeCe Winans, Anthony Brown and others; Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 12th at 3:00 p.m. There is a 20% discount if the code FBC is given during the phone call. The phone number is 973- 353-7561. If anyone has questions they can call **Sister Ollie Washington** at 973- 669-3497.

AIDS/HEALTH MINISTRY – Does one of your New Year's resolutions have to do with your health? Maybe you want to quit smoking or lose weight. Perhaps you want your kids to be healthier. The CDC can help you KEEP your resolutions! Just visit www.cdc.gov or call 1-800-C-D-C-INFO for accurate, reliable health and safety information.

THE COLOR ON THE ALTAR IS WHITE – The color on the altar is white, which symbolizes purity, holiness and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all high holy days and festival days of the church year, especially the season of Christmas and Easter. The color white will remain on the altar from December 25th to January 5th, as well as Epiphany, January 6th, the day on which we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus.

DEACON'S CORNER

PRAYER SERVICE AND DISCIPLESHIP INSTITUTE – Prayer Service and our Bethany Discipleship Institute continues with three classes: The Gospel according to the Wire Part 2, Old Testament Survey Part 2 and the "I Am" statements of Jesus.

TRUSTEES' CORNER

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL WELLNESS MINISTRY – Happy New Year! Welcome to the year 2019 and all the possibilities and opportunities that are in store. Many people take this time to make resolutions for the year ahead or make promises to perform better in some area of their lives. The Lord calls those who have accepted His Son "new creatures in Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV). This is the perfect opportunity to adopt new financial behaviors and learn new skills that will put you on the path to financial wellness. Let the Bethany Baptist Church Financial Wellness Ministry lead you in this effort beginning January 16, 2019 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Together we can help make this New Year the beginning of a financially healthy and prosperous year. God bless you!

This Week's Message: Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing... (Isaiah 43:18, 19 KJV)

Prayer: Most Holy Lord, my God and King, thank You for allowing me to see a new year! Thank You for another chance to begin again and to improve and strengthen areas in my finances and in my life. With You all things are possible and through Christ I can do all things. I praise You and thank You in the name of Jesus, Amen!

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS TO BETHANY – Please be aware that two convenient methods of donating to the church electronically are available to members and guests.

Automatic Debits – please ask any Trustee for an ACH Authorization Agreement by which you can specify the account, amount, frequency and designation of your donations to the church.

Via Paypal – Donations are now available via PayPal on the home page of Bethany's website at www.Bethany-newark.org. You may donate any amount, and select "Add special instructions to the seller" on the PayPal checkout page to give instructions on how you want your gift to help. Please see the Trustees if more information is needed.

JAZZ VESPERS SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE

January 5, Bassist, Christian McBride
February 2, Saxophonist Oliver Lake
March 2, Vocalist Catherine Russell
April 6, Bassist Reggie Workman
May 4, Saxophonist Don Braden featuring vocalist Vanessa Rubin
June 1, NJPAC Wells Fargo Jazz For Teens

UPCOMING MEETINGS

To see upcoming meetings, there are calendars on the ledge in the Narthex or visit Bethany's website @ www.bethany-newark.org. The calendar is updated regularly.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one Body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us toward its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of differences of opinion in the Church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the Word of God; to educate our children in matters of faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will toward humanity, to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and to stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and, with tender sympathy, bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior set forth in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Should we remove from this place, we shall unite as soon as possible with another church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

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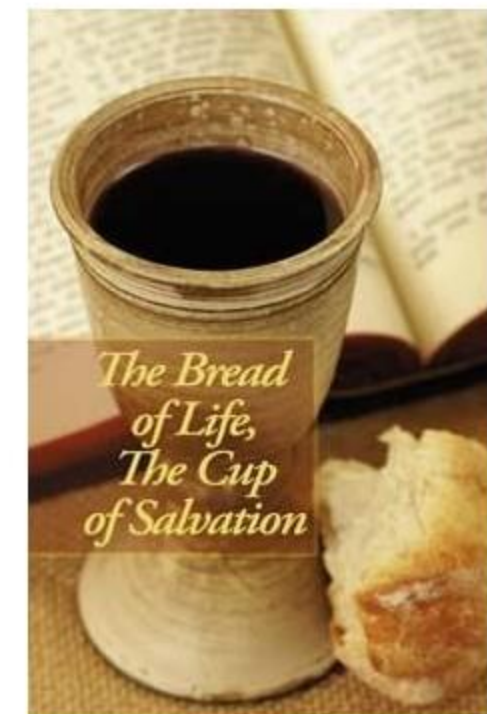
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January 6, 2019



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Pastors Emeriti:

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Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr.

Established In 1871