

ORDER OF SERVICE
8:00 A.M.

The Prelude
* Call to Worship Minister Ross Upshaw
Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
People: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.
All: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek Your good.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

The Gloria Patri

*** Worshippers May Enter ***

* Congregational Hymn "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"
#82

*** Worshippers May Enter ***

Words of Welcome Sister Patricia Way
Travel Club Presentation Sister Martha Washington

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

Scripture ~ Luke 3:1-6 ~
Jones

Rev.

Sermon "Baaaah Humbug" Rev. Jones

* Invitation to Discipleship

The Service of Holy Communion

* Benediction

* CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

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11:00 A.M.

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* Call to Worship Rev. Porsha Williams
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Musical Selection Mass
Choir

Words of Welcome Sister Brenda
Jackson

Travel Club Presentation Sister Gloria Curry-Williams

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BETHANY NEWS

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP – Brothers Hopeton Jones and Darrel Gunter will receive the Right Hand of Fellowship today.

THANK YOU – The Black College Committee would like to thank the **Women's League** for their generous donation of \$500.00 to use towards college tours. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless your ministry. Respectfully submitted by the **Black College Committee**.

Hurray! Thanks to the dedication and contributions from **Rev. Jones, Deacons, Trustees** and special Bethany family members. The bake sale was a tremendous success!! Looking forward to 2018. We love you, The **GROP Committee**.

A great big thanks to **Rev. Jones**, Brenda Galarza and Alice Turner for supporting us throughout the whole year, Suzette Jones for keeping our records up to date and cutting our checks to visiting churches and also Brenda for doing our program. Thanks to the maintenance staff and the Bethany family for supporting our 114th Anniversary. To God be the glory, The Joint Usher Board.

Thank you Deacons Cosby, Frager, Dobbins and Epps for your spiritual visits to my son. He and the family are always pleased, happy and honored. The song enhances the soul. God Bless, Sister "Bert" Miller.

REV. JONES' PREACHING – **Rev. Jones** will be preaching at St. James AME Church's Celebration of Jesus Christ's Birthday on Friday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. Come and join the celebration with St. James' United Voices of Praise, Elmwood United Presbyterian Church Liturgical Dancers, and St. James AME's Male Chorus/Jubilairs. There will be refreshments from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For further information, call Brother Ike Thomas at 973-202-3171.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR – BLACK LIVES MATTER! TONY'S LIFE MATTERED! The flowers on the altar today are given to mark the 14th anniversary of the untimely death of **Lewis Sanks King, Sr.** (Tony), who was tasered to death on December 9, 2003, in St. Augustine, Florida. **Lewis** was the son of Gerard L. King and **Sister Vivian Sanks King, Esq.**, father of **Brother Lewis Sanks King, Jr.**, and nephew of **Sister Elmira "Cookie" Yancey**, Deborah Moses Sanks and **Sister Jacquelyn King**. We acknowledge his death and celebrate his life!

ALL CHECK REQUESTS – Suzette Jones will be on vacation starting December 15th through December 22nd and the Church office will be closed from December 25th through January 1st. All check requests for those periods must be submitted by Tuesday, December 12th.

CONGRATULATIONS – **Brother Anthony Edwards** has won The 2017 ASCAP Foundation Lyric Award for "Best Song" in the Rhythm & Soul Category. Anthony will receive his Award at Lincoln Center on December 14th.

2018 ELECTION OF OFFICERS – All church organizations are reminded to elect their officers for the New Year. Your Deacon Advisor must be present for the election, and your new officers, your organization's anniversary date, and club authorization forms must be submitted to the Administrative Office. The deadline to submit your elected officers and your anniversary date is January 7, 2018. The officers of the Church are the Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, Church Clerk and Assistant Church Clerk(s). No officer of the Church may hold an office in any auxiliary or club.

MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORM – In order to maintain the upkeep of the church, maintenance request forms have been created. If you see something that needs to be repaired, please fill out the form and submit the form to Willie Prescott or Deacon Franklin Dobbins. The forms have been placed in the Narthex, Church Office and the Church Clerks' office.

BBCFP/CC ANNUAL TOY DRIVE – Please consider donating your 'gently used' toys, books, games, etc. to the Pantry and Closet to help make the holidays more joyful to the

community that we serve. They will be distributed on Saturday, December 23rd. Thank you for your continued support.

BETHANY ANGELS – We will be collecting donations after the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on December 10th for underprivileged children residing in a shelter. You may donate monetarily, or buy a present for a child. Please stop by our table outside the Seminar Room and lend whatever assistance you can. Thank you, Bethany Angels Committee (formerly Angel Tree).

THE PROCESS – The Process Young Adult Ministry is an inter-generational war cry for discipleship, aimed specifically at millennials and individuals from generation X. The Talk Gospel Worship Experience on Tuesday, December 19 kicks off with Lounge Time starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Talk at 7:45 p.m. in the Lounge. This month's discussion topic: A Blue Christmas: Handling The Holiday Blues. For more information or if you are interested in becoming a part of what God is doing in our ministry, contact us at 862-955-2018 or email us at theprocessbbc@gmail.com. Connect with us on social media via Twitter, Facebook, & Instagram @theprocessbbc

AIDS/HEALTH MINISTRY – There is a national health observance for almost every day/week/month of the year. December 4 through 10 is National Hand Washing Awareness Week. Washing your hands properly is one of the most important things you can do to help prevent and control the spread of many illnesses. Good hand hygiene will reduce the risk of things like flu, food poisoning and healthcare associated infections being passed from person to person. You can "Google" the proper methods using soap and water, as well as waterless antimicrobial or non-antimicrobial agents.

THE COLOR ON THE ALTAR (BLUE) – Today is the start of Advent, and the color on the altar is blue. Blue is the color of royalty to welcome the coming of a King. It can symbolize the night sky in which the star appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. Purple has traditionally been the color for Advent and the Lenten season. However, blue is increasingly used for Advent, especially in Protestant churches, to distinguish it from Lent.

DEACON'S CORNER

PRAYER SERVICE – Please join us for Prayer Service, which is being led by **Deacon Patricia Fullilove** on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Bible Study follows immediately thereafter, led by **Rev. Jones**.

TRUSTEES' CORNER

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS TO BETHANY – Please be aware that two convenient methods of donating to the church electronically are available to members and guests. For 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. Please remember to include your full name on your envelope, especially if you are including cash, so that the Trustees can accurately apply your contribution. If you do not remember your envelope number, you may check with the Church Clerk or refer to your contribution statement. Also, online donations can be made at any time via PayPal on Bethany's website.

DONATE TO THE CHURCH VIA PAYPAL ON BETHANY'S WEBSITE – Donations are now available via PayPal on the front page of 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Dance Ministry, each Monday at 6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal, each Monday at 7:15 p.m.
NA Meeting, each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
The Process, each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Yoga, each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Noon Day Service, each Wednesday
Line Dancing, each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Pickup with the Pastor, each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Service and Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

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Joint Ushers – 7:00 p.m.
Trustees – 7:00 p.m.

12/8

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m.

12/9

Book Club – 10:00 a.m.
Youth Leaders – 10:00 a.m.
Women's League – 11:00 a.m.

12/10

S.O.C. – 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 1:00 p.m.
Flower Club
Nominating Committee
Nurses' Unit

The church's calendar is available on the website, www.bethany-newark.org or you can drop by the Clerk's Office to get a copy.

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.

PLEASE RESPECT THIS TIME OF QUIETNESS **April 27, 2011**

The Worship Committee has asked our musicians to provide soft music prior to each service so that we might quieten our spirits from the noise of our daily living with the anticipation of being in the presence of our Lord.

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December 3, 2017



On the first Sunday in Advent
The "Hope" candle is lit

Rev. Porsha D. Williams, Youth Minister
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Pastors Emeriti:
Rev. Dr. James A. Scott
Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr.

Established In 1871