



UNION WESLEY AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE

WORSHIP • GROW • SERVE



Rev. Dr. Brian S. Relford, Sr., Pastor

THE ORDER OF SERVICE | SEPTEMBER 6, 2026| 10:00 AM

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE CALL TO COMMUNION AND WORSHIP

Rev. Demetros Benton

If any person sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. Wherefore ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy way; draw near with faith, and take the Holy Sacrament to your comfort and worship our God in spirit and in truth.

THE INVOCATION-THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE MORNING HYMN

“At the Cross”

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost. Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried: The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy catholic church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 13:10-17 (NIV)

Rev. Demetros Benton

THE MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Veronica Graves

THE PRAYER OF PARDON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE COLLECT (Unison): THE COLLECT (in unison): Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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THE MUSICAL SELECTION

***OUR GIFTS TO GOD** *The giving of Tithes, Offerings and the Ministry of Kindness Offering*

THE OFFERTORY *“All Things Come of Thee”*

THE MUSICAL SELECTION

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Relford, Sr.

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE HOLY COMMUNION THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your holy table, O merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may live and grow thereby, and that, being washed through his most precious blood we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

The prayer Of Consecration

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your tender mercy did give your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by giving of himself once, for all time, a full perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again; hear us, O merciful Father we humbly beg you and grant that we receiving these your elements of bread and wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion; may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood, who, in the same night He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks He broke it, gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying. Drink all of this! For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. Amen.

The Table Administration

The Sanctus With Preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

“The body of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ, which was given for you, to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving”.

The Minister that delivers the Cup shall say:

“The blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ, which was shed for you, to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful”.

THE BENEDICTION

UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPT 6 | Nurses Ministry RampItUp Feast For A Cause
SEPT 12 | Kickball Kickoff | UWC and Contee AME Zion | 10-12 pm
SEPT 13 | Senior Ministry Bake Sale
SEPT 19 | Philadelphia-Baltimore Confer. 1st Checkup Meeting
SEPT 20 | Christian Education Sunday
SEPT 26 | Life Members Stoling Ceremony | 11 AM | Union Wesley
SEPT 27 | Global Missions Sunday

OCT 3 | Family Field Day
OCT 4 | World Wide Communion
OCT 11 | 182nd Founder's Day
OCT 15-17 | Leadership Training Institute
OCT 18 | Connectional Lay Sunday
OCT 24 | Senior Ministry Brunch & Fashion Show
OCT 25 | Stewardess Board Ministry Annual Day
OCT 30 | CED Harvest Feast

NOV 5 | 2nd Quarterly Conference | 7pm
NOV 11 | Veteran's Day
NOV 22 | Greeters Ministry Ice Cream Social
NOV 22 | WD Joint Thanksgiving Service | 3 pm
NOV 26 | Happy Thanksgiving

DEC 5 | 2nd Cyber Checkup Meeting
DEC 6 | Class Leaders Sunday
DEC 20 | Christmas Worship Service
DEC 25 | Merry Christmas
DEC 31 | Watch Night Service



WEEKLY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intercessory Prayer

Tuesdays at **7:00 PM** via conference call.

Wednesday Bible Study

12:00 PM – In Person | 6:30 PM – Virtual Only

Thursday Morning Manna

Thursdays at **6:00 AM** via conference call.

Sunday School

Sundays at **9:00 AM** Join us as we learn, grow, and strengthen our walk together in Christ.

Children's Church

Ages **2–12** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at **10:00 AM**

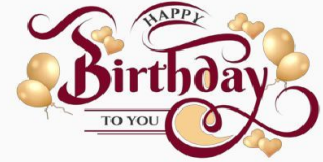
OCTOBER | CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

The Stewardess Board Ministry invites the Union Wesley Church Family to join us in celebrating and honoring our ministerial staff on Sunday, **October 25th**, in recognition of Clergy Appreciation Month.

As a gesture of love and gratitude for their faithful service, we encourage everyone who is able to share a small monetary gift or simply a card beginning Sunday, September 13th thru October 18th. Your kindness will help us express how much we appreciate their leadership, dedication, and spiritual care over the years.

You may give online (please indicate *Clergy Appreciation*) or see **Brenda Ruffin** or **Glenna Joyner** for in-person contributions.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



SEPTEMBER 1 Lateese Pixley
SEPTEMBER 3 J'von Winstead
SEPTEMBER 4 Torrey Burns
SEPTEMBER 6 Evangeline Johnson
SEPTEMBER 7 James Crawford, London Johnson
SEPTEMBER 9 Nia Berry, Vivienne Foster, Louise Prince
SEPTEMBER 9 Crystal Arnold, Kennedy Banks
SEPTEMBER 10 Jean Howie
SEPTEMBER 12 Elizabeth Byrd, Debbie E. Brown
SEPTEMBER 13 Carmen Faulkner, Cristina Gepty Wilson
SEPTEMBER 14 Melissa Carter
SEPTEMBER 15 Kathleen Barber
SEPTEMBER 16 Vernon Baker, Sr., Annie Carter, Kimberly Ellington, Ezinwa Onuegbu
SEPTEMBER 17 Beverly Valentine
SEPTEMBER 18 Sheldon Peart
SEPTEMBER 21 Barbara Chapman
SEPTEMBER 22 Brittney Peters, Deidre Peters, Judy Hill
SEPTEMBER 24 Regina Wilson
SEPTEMBER 25 Ryan Holliday
SEPTEMBER 26 Carzena Butler, Shirley Ramsey, Rachel Relford
SEPTEMBER 27 DeVyn Harris, Kristen Whitaker

HAPPY
Anniversary

SEPTEMBER 1 Presiding Elder Alvin and Brenda Durant
SEPTEMBER 12 James and Vivieca Simpson
SEPTEMBER 18 Calvin and Debra Beatty
SEPTEMBER 24 Bruce and Yvonne Speight, Sr.
SEPTEMBER 25 Nicole and Sowande Tichawonna
SEPTEMBER 27 Reggie and Karen Bookard

Let's keep our sick and shut-in members in our thoughts and prayers. Take a moment to reach out with a card, a call, or a heartfelt prayer to let them know they are not forgotten. Your kindness and support can make a world of difference to those who need it most.

“Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18 (CSB)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL | 9:00 AM

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Sunday Worship
www.unionwesleyamez.org
Facebook | **YouTube**

Tuesday Prayer | 7:00 p.m.
1-978-990-5000 Code: 791926

Wednesday Bible Study | 12pm and 6:30 PM
www.unionwesleyamez.org
Facebook | **YouTube**

Thursday Morning Manna (starting Sept.)
Dial-in: 1-267-807-9495 | Code: 355-119-736

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Sis. DeLores Guy, Sis. Adwoa Aggrey



The Reverend Dr. Alvin T. Durant, Presiding Elder, Washington District
The Rev. Felica R. Thompson, Missionary Supervisor, Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Area
The Right Reverend Brian R. Thompson, Sr., Presiding Prelate Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Area

OUR VISION

To be a growing church of faith that passionately models the life of Christ by equipping and training seekers and believers to do the work of ministry in the church and community.

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church to love God and one another, impact and improve our community and the world; and to proclaim and witness to the life changing message of Jesus Christ.



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