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“Therefore,  
the one  
who is to be born  
will be holy.  
He will be called  
God’s Son.”

Luke 1:35b



**Communion Sunday, December 3, 2023, 10:45 a.m.**

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**Mt. Pisgah**

**African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**428 North Forty-First Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104**

**Meeting at**

**Paul Robeson High School**

**4125 Ludlow Street, Philadelphia PA 19104**

**The Lord Jesus Christ – Savior and Lord of the Church**

**The Rt. Rev. Julius H. McAllister, Sr., Presiding Bishop**

**The Rev. Charles H. Lett, Sr., Presiding Elder**

**The Rev. Jay B. Broadnax, Pastor**



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**Mt. Pisgah Prayer Line: Mondays, 8:30 p.m. 267-807-9605, Code: 316-885#**

First District Prayer Call: Monday at 6:00 a.m., 605-313-4144, Code 6910909

(Callers are advised to use cell phones since long distance charges may apply.)

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Steward of The Week: Bro. Irvin Hopewell

Trustees of the Week: Sis. Catherine Brinkley, Sis. Tiffany Fautleroy

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Please make all CHECKS for tithes, offerings, Kingdom Dollar, speakers' plates or other contributions payable to MT. PISGAH AME CHURCH.

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## Give ONLINE

Remember that you can GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE. The online service is very handy when you're away or unable to attend service. Donations are securely sent, and you will be credited just as if you had written a check. Go to [www.mtpisgahamec.org](http://www.mtpisgahamec.org) and click the CONTRIBUTE tab. Also, to give by mobile phone, text 844-952-2552 and type GIVE in the message, then follow prompts. Cash App may also be used. Please use the identifier \$MountPisgahAMEC.

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## The Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church School

We invite all to join us every Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to study God's Word.

**This Year's Focus: The Bible in A Year.**

**NEXT WEEK – PROVERBS - "A TREASURE WORTH SEEKING"**

**(December 4 – December 10)**

**STUDY BIBLE GUIDE WEEK 15**

**LESSON TEXT: Proverbs 2:1-5; 3:1-6, 13-18**

Monday: 2 Samuel 16-18

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 19-21

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 22-24

Thursday: 1 Kings 1-2

Friday: 1 Kings 3-5

Saturday: 1 Kings 6-7

Sunday: 1 Kings 8-9

Join us in-person or by calling **267-807-9605**, Access Code 316885#

# Order of Worship

**DOXOLOGY** ..... The Rev. Phyllis Harris  
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... Rev. Harris

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God I- will seek thy good.

People: Those that are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, in the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Leader: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing praises.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** ..... #102 "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

O come O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears.

(Refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

Oh come Thou Dayspring come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

(repeat refrain)

O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

(repeat refrain)

**MORNING PRAYER** ..... Evangelist Bernadine DeVose Walls

**MUSIC MINISTRY** ..... The Excelsior Choir

**WELCOME VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**..... Rev. Harris

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE**.....Evangelist Angela Ryans

**WORSHIP IN GIVING** .....(To Text: Text the word "give" to the number 844-952-2552)

**OFFERTORY** ..... "All Things Come of Thee"

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER** ..... The Rev. Phyllis Harris

**MUSIC MINISTRY** ..... The Excelsior Choir  
**THE SERMON** ..... The Rev. Donna Minor

Associate Minister

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** ..... #243 “Down At The Cross“

Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,  
There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His Name!

Refrain:

Glory to His Name, Glory to His Name;  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Glory to His Name!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** 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 Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose 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 Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

**THE COMMUNION PREPARATION HYMN** ..... #321 “Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross“

Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
Free to all a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross, Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** ..... #798

The General Confession ..... Congregation

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 Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your 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 Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

The Service of Holy Communion ..... Rev. Harris

The Disciple's Prayer ..... Congregation

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

**FINAL PRAISE** ..... “O How Precious” (John P. Kee)

O how precious is The Name of Jesus, O how precious is the Lamb  
That was slain for my iniquity, the blood that set me free.

**BENEDICTION** .....Rev. Minor

**POSTLUDE** ..... Bro. Robert Ladson

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXPANDING OUR



We trust that you have made your pledge to our new stewardship campaign in celebration of our 190th Church Anniversary. The program, known as “Expanding our R.E.A.C.H. (Relevance, Excellence, Accessibility, Capacity, and Holistic Approach), is designed to increase our capacity to do effective 21st Century ministry by providing needed resources to bring current projects to completion. We are asking each Mount Pisgah Disciple, Friend, or Partner to pray, and to consider making a commitment to contribute at one of the designated levels over the next six months so that we can reach our goal of raising \$112,500 by March 2024. Please review the attached brochure and consider making a pledge! You can also use this link: [Expanding our Reach Contribution Link](#) or use the QR Code.



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### SHARE FOOD PROGRAM INFORMATION

Senior SHARE Boxes are still being distributed. Contact the church office for information.

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### SOCIAL ACTION AGENDA MEETING

Join on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm and stay informed about current events. Connect at: [Social Action Agenda](#) or by calling 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID 215 386 6181. Agenda: Results of Municipal Election, Mayor Elect Cherelle Parker’s 2024 Agenda

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### WEST MAINLINE DISTRICT VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Presiding Elder Charles H. Lett Senior invites the West Mainline District to a Virtual Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 1 p.m. at St. John A.M.E. Church of Rosemont (formerly Wayne), 930 Conestoga Road, Rosemont PA 19010.

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### OUR CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION!!

Join the Mt. Pisgah Church School on Sunday, December 17, **STARTING AT 8:50 a.m.** for a special Christmas presentation entitled “Perspectives on Christmas.” As in previous years, this will be a HYBRID production with some participants in- person (at Robeson School) and some on ZOOM (<https://zoom.us/j/2153866181>). All are invited to attend.

## **CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR A LOCAL SHELTER**

The Class Leaders will again lead us in blessing needy mothers and their children at the People's Emergency Center (PEC) by collecting new and unwrapped gifts. Please bring your gift on or before Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be picked up that day.

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## **PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE ADVENT SERVICE**

The Philadelphia Conference Advent Service will take place **on** Sunday, December 17, 7 pm at Bethel AME Church in Harrisburg. Come and celebrate the season. Hosted by the AME Ministerial Alliance, Rev. Albert Johnson, President. If any are interested in attending, please let the Pastor know. The host church would like to get an idea of numbers. A chartered bus from Philadelphia will be considered if there is sufficient interest.

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## **THIS WEEK AT MT. PISGAH**

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

1:30 p.m. – Teen Church Sch (Z)

### Monday, December 4, 2023

7:00 a.m. – New Disciple's Class

8:30 p.m. – Prayer Call (CC)

### Tuesday, December 5, 2023

No Meetings Scheduled

### Wednesday December 6, 2023

12 Noon – Bible Study (Z)

7:00 p.m. – Bible Study (Z)

### Thursday, December 7, 2023

7:00 -Social Action Meeting (Z)

8:00 p.m.- Faith & Hope Bible Study

### Friday, December 8, 2023

11:00 a.m. – Turkey Distribution

6:00 p.m. -Ushers Meeting (Z)

### Saturday December 9, 2023

No Meetings Scheduled

### Sunday, December 10, 2023

9:30 a.m. – Church School (CC)

10:45 a.m. – Worship Service at Robeson School

(Z)=Zoom ID 215 386 6181, Dial In 929-205-6099,

(CC)=Conf. Call 267-807-9605, Code 316885#

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# SICK AND HOMEBOUND

## HOME

Robert Brown	1420 Clearview Street, Apt H110 (32)
Billy Cash	1118 E. Sydney St. (50)
Elizabeth Cason Kamara	4928 N. Camac St (41)
Phyllis Covington	418 No. 53 <sup>rd</sup> Street (39)
Brian Durkson	2763 N. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street (32)
Jackie Gardner	1765 Hunters Trail, Rock Hill, SC 29732
Vivian H. Gee	3600 Conshohocken Avenue, Unit 513 (31)
Claudie Hammond	2001 S. 59 <sup>th</sup> Street, Apt 406 (43)
Willie Holloway	4912 Osage Ave. (43)
Syreetta Jeter	411 N. 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street (04)
Kathy Johnson	201 Seminole Trail, Apt. I, Danville, VA 24540
Elizabeth Kamara	2100 N. 49 <sup>th</sup> St. Apt. 103 (31)
Elizabeth E. Lavender	5917 Washington Ave. (43)
Corine McKeithan	4239 Pennsgrove St. (04)
Mildred McNeil	3901 Market Street, Apt. 607 (04)
Vincent Mercer	1345 71 <sup>st</sup> Avenue (26)
Eunice Patterson	1843 N. 72 <sup>nd</sup> St. (51)
Joyce Patterson	6213 Walnut St. (45)
Arletha Pierce	7207 Hazel Avenue, Upper Darby PA 19082
Ida Pierce	5458 Locust Street (39)
Maryetta Reid	4511 Walnut Street, Apt 220 (39)
Catherine Thompson	4400 Fairmount Avenue, Apt. 102 (04)
Dominique Thompson	69 Iroquois Ct., Chesterbrook, Wayne PA 19087
Audrey Washington	6213 Carpenter Street (43)
Australia Weaver	6241 Beechwood Street (38)
Marlene Winfield	3939 Conshohocken Ave. Apt 521, (31)
Mamie Young	4342 Pine Street (04)

## NURSING CARE, ASSISTED LIVING

Willie Hamwright	The Watermark Logan Sq., Apt. 812, 2 Franklin Town Blvd. (03)
Therion Hudson	Ecumenical Nursing Home, 624 Wilhelm Road, Bldg. 2, Rm 118 Harrisburg, PA 17111
Madeline Logan	Manor Care, Rm, 24A, 14 Lincoln Ave., Yeadon, PA., 19050
Rev. Isaac N. Patterson, IV	Centennial Nursing Home, 4400 W. Girard Avenue (04)
Henrietta Stukes	Simpson House, Olde Main Building, 2101 Belmont Ave (31)
Alonzo Walls, Jr.	Germantown Home, 6950 Germantown Ave. Rm #227 (19)

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# Our Ministry Leadership

## Ministerial Staff

The Rev. Isaac N. Patterson, IV, The Rev. Lisa A. Richardson

The Rev. Phyllis A. Harris, The Rev. Donna M. Minor

## Evangelists

Evang. Sandra Geathers, Evang. Angela Ryans, Evang. Bernadine DeVose-Walls,

Board of Stewards: Bro. Keith Arrington, Vice Chair

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Sis. Shirley Harris, Chair

The Rev. Phyllis A. Harris, Director

Sis. Valerie Ives, Church School Supt.

Bro. Keith Arrington, Lay President

## Evangelism

Evang. Bernadine DeVose-Walls, Chair

## Facility Scheduling

Sis. Dolores M. Clinton, Coordinator

## Finance

Bro. Kim Jordan, Treasurer

Sis. Gwen Burnett, Assistant Treasurer

Sis. Carrie Yon, Trustee Treasurer

## Health

Rev. Lisa Richardson, Coordinator

## Hospitality

Bro. Irvin Hopewell, Chair

Sis. Patti Layne, Spice of Life Coordinator

Sis. Adrienne Bailey, Hospitality Ministry

## Membership

Bro Wade Fauntleroy, Co-Chair

Sis. Evangelist Angela Ryans, Co-Chair

## Missions & Welfare

Sis. Arthean Wicks, Chair

Sis. Darlene Foreman, WMS President

Sis. Gwen Burnett, Greater Works President

## Prayer Ministry

Evang. Bernadine DeVose-Walls, Chair

## Public Relations

Bro. Keith Arrington, Chair

Bro. Wade Fauntleroy, Co-Chair

## Security

Sis. Cherie Q. Ryans, Coordinator

Bro. Rick McCarter, Security Officer

## Social Action

Rev. Phyllis Harris, P.O.W.E.R. Coordinator

## Transportation

Sis. Tiffany Fauntleroy, Coordinator

## Worship

Bro. Kim Jordan Chair

Bro. Robert Ladson, Minister of Music

Sis. Gwen Burnett, Stewardess President