

ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship Guide

LOCKED IN!



*Engaged to Grow,
Equipped to Go!*

2026 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
YOUTH & LEADERSHIP CONGRESS
(CEYLC)

JULY 13 – JULY 16, 2026

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EPISCOPAL



GREETING

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Greetings:

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I welcome each of you to the Eleventh Episcopal District AMEC Christian Education Youth Leadership Congress. We have come from across the District to deepen our faith, strengthen our leadership, and answer God's call with renewed commitment.

Our theme, "**Locked In: Engaged to Grow, Equipped to Go!**", reminds us that Christian discipleship is not passive but intentional. To be "locked in" is to be fully committed to Christ and His Kingdom. It is to engage wholeheartedly in spiritual growth through worship, prayer, the study of God's Word, and authentic fellowship. As we grow in faith, God equips us with the wisdom, gifts, and courage needed to serve the Church and impact the world for God's glory.

Throughout this Congress, I encourage every participant to embrace opportunities to learn, listen, and lead. Allow the Holy Spirit to challenge your thinking, strengthen your character, and ignite your passion for ministry. I am excited to welcome our guests; the Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglas Powe, Mr. Kevin Nickerson, the Rev. Stephen A. Green, the Rev. Dr. Nekeisha Harris, and the Rev. Kenneth Moales, Jr. who will be used of God to stretch us into our greater purpose. Whether you are just beginning your journey of faith or have served faithfully for many years, God has a purpose for your life and a place for your gifts in the work of the Kingdom.

Our churches and communities need leaders who are grounded in biblical truth, committed to Christian education, and willing to answer God's call with compassion, integrity, and excellence. Supervisor Winifred Houston Zanders joins me in praying that each of you will leave this Congress spiritually refreshed, intellectually enriched, and practically equipped to make disciples, build up the Body of Christ, and faithfully share the Gospel wherever God sends you.

I commend Dr. Paula Lake, the Christian Education Department, facilitators, volunteers, and every person whose dedication has made this gathering possible. May God richly bless your labor of love.

As we fellowship together, may we be inspired to remain locked in, engaged to grow, and equipped to go, fulfilling the Great Commission with boldness and faith.

May the Lord bless you, keep you, and guide you throughout this Congress and in every season of your ministry.

Peace, Power, and Progress

Marvin C. Zanders, II

The Right Rev. Marvin C. Zanders II

President - Council of Bishops AMEC

Presiding Bishop Eleventh Episcopal District AMEC



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DIRECTOR'S GREETING



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Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Christian Education Ministry, it is my joy to welcome you to this new season of growth, learning, and service. This year, we are **Locked In: Engaged to Grow, Equipped to Go.**

Being "locked in" means we are no longer casual observers of our faith. We are committed disciples, fully present and focused on what God is doing in our personal lives, churches, and communities. To be **engaged to grow** means we show up: church service, Bible study, Bible Discovery Hour, and other opportunities for enrichment, allowing the Word to stretch us, correct us, and mature us. But growth was never meant to stay inside these walls. We are also **equipped to go**, sent out with knowledge, purpose, and power to serve the present age for the glory of God.

This is more than a theme; it is our charge for the year. Every plenary, every lab, and every resource provided through our Christian Education Ministry is designed with this purpose in mind: to engage and equip you so that you can go out and impact the world. I know that all of our special guests, preachers, and presenters, along with the spirit-filled worship services, will be transformative.

I am deeply grateful for Bishop Marvin C. Zanders, II and Supervisor Winifred H. Zanders. Their vision and outstanding leadership are evident in the way they faithfully guide the Eleventh Episcopal District and support the Christian Education Ministry.

To my outstanding Christian Education Executive Board and Curriculum Team, thank you for your unwavering dedication and collaboration as you labor tirelessly year after year to bring CEYLC's vision to life. Your commitment does not go unnoticed, and I am deeply grateful for each of you. You have stood with me and supported me throughout this journey. As always, I am forever grateful for my partner in marriage and ministry, Reverend Eddie Lake. Thank you for being my constant support and encouragement, and walking with me through this journey.

Over the next few days, let's **Lock-In, Be Engaged to Grow and Equipped to GO!**

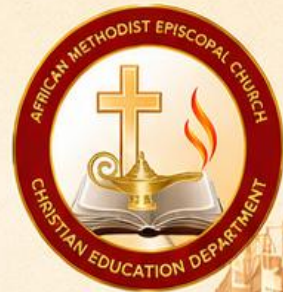


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The Reverend Stephen A. Green is the Senior Pastor of The Greater Allen AME Cathedral, a global faith movement dedicated to transforming the world through the power of God's Word.

As the creator and host of the podcast "The Pastor's Pod", he engages thought leaders and change agents on critical issues shaping society. From the pulpit to the public square, Pastor Green's leadership embodies a ministry rooted in courage, faith, and hope, inspiring believers to build the beloved community.

Rev. Green holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, a Master of Divinity from The University of Chicago, and a Master of Sacred Theology from Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies at Boston University School of Theology.

He is married to his partner in love and liberation, Mrs. Braea Tilford Green, who serves as First Lady and leads ministry to women and girls.



The Reverend
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Senior Pastor
The Greater Allen AME Cathedral

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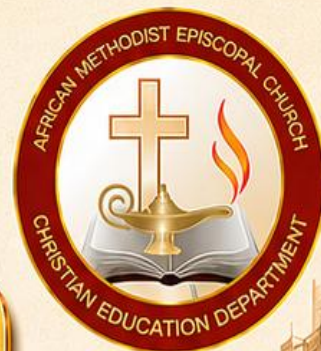
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The Reverend

F. DOUGLAS POWE JR., PhD

President
Phillips Theological Seminary
Tulsa, Oklahoma

The Rev. F. Douglas Powe Jr., PhD is President of Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Okla., where he leads the seminary in its work toward deep learning, faithful leadership and global impact.

An ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, Dr. Powe is a respected scholar, teacher, and author whose work explores congregational vitality, urban ministry, and innovative approaches to evangelism. Before leading Phillips, he served as Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership and James C. Logan Professor of Evangelism at Wesley Theological Seminary.

His books include *Sustaining While Disrupting*, *The Adept Church*, and *Transforming Evangelism*. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and Emory's Graduate Division of Religion, Dr. Powe is widely sought after for his insights on faith, leadership, and the changing ministry environment.

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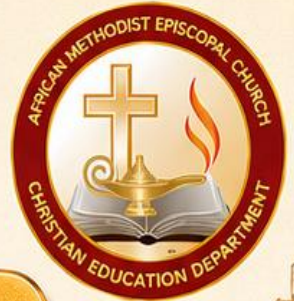
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The Reverend
KENNETH H. MOALES, JR.

Senior Pastor
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
Bridgeport, Connecticut

The Reverend Kenneth H. Moales, Jr. is the son of the late Bishop Kenneth H. Moales, Sr., and Lady Peggy Moales. A devoted husband to Lady Ena Moales, he is the proud father of four children, Damynique, Kenneth III, Shaka, and Simone, and the grandfather of Keith, Kiara, and Khalil.

A distinguished scholar, Reverend Moales graduated cum laude from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, earning Bachelor of Arts degrees in Accounting and Religion. During his undergraduate years, he was recognized as both a Benjamin E. Mays Scholar in Religion and an E.B. Williams Scholar in Accounting. His academic excellence earned him a scholarship to Yale Divinity School, where he pursued graduate studies toward the Master of Divinity degree.

Reverend Moales has successfully integrated excellence in ministry, business, education, and public service throughout his career. Before entering full-time pastoral leadership, he spent more than a decade in corporate finance and accounting with nationally recognized organizations, including Deloitte & Touche LLP, The New York Times, Mercedes-Benz USA, and Pepperidge Farm, where he served as Lead Tax Specialist. Drawing upon this extensive professional experience, he founded C.R.E.A.M. Enterprises, a financial consulting firm that provides strategic financial and organizational consulting to churches, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and municipal agencies.

His commitment to community leadership extends beyond the church. Reverend Moales has served on numerous educational and civic boards, most notably the Bridgeport Board of Education, where he held the offices of Treasurer, Vice President, and President/Chairman. He also served as Fairfield University's first Protestant Chaplain, providing spiritual leadership and pastoral care to the university community. A lifelong advocate for sacred music and youth development, he has served as National Youth President of the Thomas A. Dorsey National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, Inc. and currently serves as the organization's Fifth Vice President.

Having faithfully served alongside his father in ministry for more than seventeen years, Reverend Moales was installed as Senior Pastor of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 2011, following the passing of Bishop Kenneth H. Moales, Sr. Under his visionary leadership, the congregation continues to advance the ministry established by its founder while expanding its community impact through Cathedral Square, an 89,000-square-foot mixed-use commercial and ministry development situated on nearly four acres. This transformative project stands as a testament to his commitment to holistic ministry, community revitalization, and economic empowerment.

A nationally sought-after preacher and teacher, Reverend Moales is widely respected for his dynamic proclamation of the Gospel and his faithful exposition of Scripture. His ministry is grounded in the conviction that God's Word is both timeless and transformative, calling people to lives of faith, purpose, and redemption through Jesus Christ. Above all else, he is a servant of God who is passionately committed to advancing the Kingdom of Christ. His personal creed, inherited from a legacy of faith and perseverance, remains: "Shun not the struggle; 'tis God's gift."

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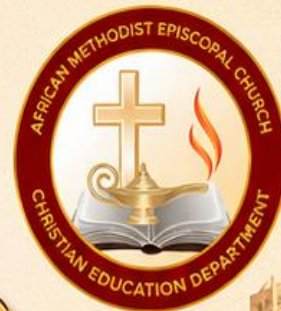
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The Reverend Dr.

NEKESHIA SHARELL HARRIS

Pastor, Bethel AME Church
Bellville Community, Jennings, Florida

The Reverend Dr. Nekeshia Sharell Harris is a devoted pastor, educator, scholar, and community advocate whose ministry reflects a steadfast commitment to spiritual leadership, academic excellence, and community transformation. A native of Quincy, Florida, she is the daughter of the late James and Hazel Mae Gunn Hicks and the proud mother of Kynadi, Harmony, and Ryan.

Dr. Harris currently serves as Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Bellville community of Jennings, Florida. Her ministerial journey began in 2015 at Greater Tanner Chapel AME Church under the leadership of the Rev. Sterling Barkley and continued at New Mt. Zion AME Church in Tallahassee under the mentorship of the Rev. Dr. Anton G. Elwood. She was ordained an Itinerant Deacon in 2018 by Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr., and an Itinerant Elder in 2022 by Bishop Frank Madison Reid III.

A lifelong learner, Dr. Harris earned the Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Leadership and Community Engagement from Payne Theological Seminary, the Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center, the Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in Administration and Supervision from the University of Phoenix, and the Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. She also holds professional certification in Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship.

For more than eighteen years, Dr. Harris faithfully served the Gadsden County School System, teaching intensive reading, journalism, and English before expanding her impact through CareerSource Capital Region as a career development facilitator and youth advisor. She currently serves as a third-grade teacher at Kingdom Life Preparatory Academy, where she continues to nurture both the academic and personal growth of young learners.

Committed to empowering future generations beyond the classroom, Dr. Harris is the founder of Closing the Achievement Gap, Inc., a nonprofit organization providing academic tutoring, mentoring, and life coaching to youth throughout Gadsden and Leon Counties. Through every facet of her ministry and vocation, she remains dedicated to equipping individuals, strengthening communities, and advancing the Kingdom of God through faith, education, and servant leadership.

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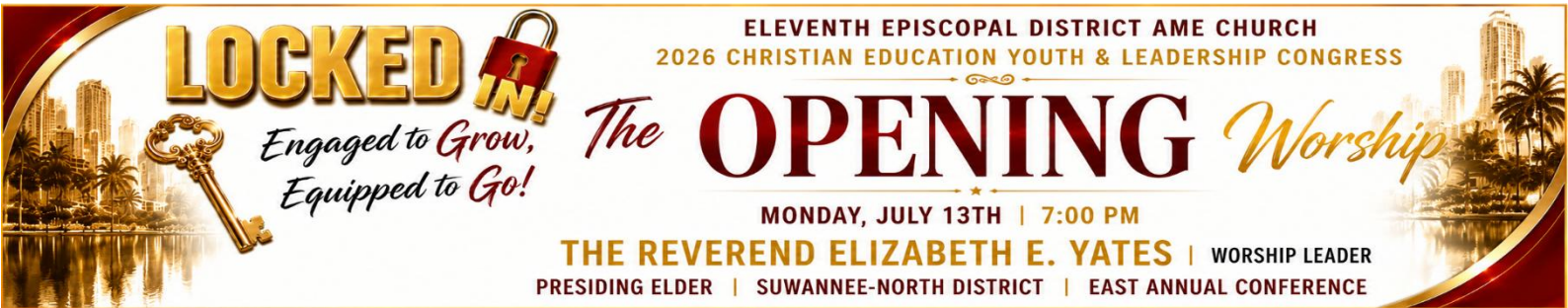
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The Praise & Worship

11th District Praise Team

The Doxology

The Choir/Congregation

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (#647)

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(Words by Thomas Ken; Tune Attr. to Louis Bourgeois c. 1510 – c. 1561)

The Call to Worship

The Reverend Dr. Rhella Murdaugh

Pastor, Mount Zion AMEC, Ocala

“Locked In: Engaged to Grow, Equipped to Go”

Leader: Come, people of God! Come from every generation and every place. Come, children whose wonder reflects the **Kin-dom**. Come, youth whose dreams awaken tomorrow. Come, adults whose labor has strengthened the Church. Come, elders whose wisdom has become our testimony. Come, saints and seekers alike. For the One who called light out of darkness, who led Israel through the Red Sea, who raised Jesus from the dead, and who poured out the Holy Spirit upon the Church, is calling us again into holy convocation.

People: We come with joy. We come with expectation. We come to worship the Lord!

Leader: Hear now the Word of the Lord: "I am the Vine; you are the branches." Apart from Christ we wither, but in Christ we flourish. Apart from Christ our striving is empty, but in Christ every faithful act bears fruit that shall remain. His life flows through us. His Spirit dwells within us. His grace holds us fast.

People: We are Locked In; abiding in Christ, anchored in His Word, rooted in His love, and upheld by His unfailing grace.

Leader: Those who abide in Christ cannot remain unchanged. The Spirit plants us beside living waters. The Word becomes our daily bread. Faith stretches deeper than our fears. Hope rises higher than our circumstances. Love transcends every boundary, bearing witness to the reconciling power of Christ.

People: We are Engaged to Grow; rooted in faith, grounded in love, strengthened by grace, and growing into the fullness of Christ.

Leader: God never grows us for ourselves alone. The Creator blesses us that we may become a blessing. The Son teaches us that we may teach others. The Spirit empowers us that we may bear witness. Christ forms disciples who make disciples, servants who serve, leaders who lift others, and saints who shine as lights in a darkened world.

People: Lord, grow us until our lives proclaim Your Gospel, our hands reveal Your compassion, our words speak Your truth, and our hearts reflect Your glory.

Leader: Now hear the holy sending: Go into your churches. Go into your classrooms. Go into your neighborhoods. Go into your homes. Go wherever children need hope, where families need healing, where communities need justice, where hearts long for peace, and where the Gospel has yet to be heard. Go, not trusting in your own wisdom, but in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the One who sends you also goes before you.

People: We are Equipped to Go; serving with humility, leading with courage, loving without condition, teaching with wisdom, and witnessing without fear.

Leader: We are *Locked In*, for Christ is our life, and we abide in His unfailing love. We are *Engaged to Grow*, for the Holy Spirit is transforming us into the image of Christ. We are *Equipped to Go*, for God sends us into the world to bear witness to God's ***Kin-dom***.

All: With grateful hearts, joyful voices, and expectant spirits, we offer to God the worship that belongs to God's holy name. To the Creator who calls us, to the Son who holds us, and to the Holy Spirit who empowers us, be all glory, all honor, all dominion, and all praise, now and forever. Come, let us worship the Lord our God! Amen.

(Written by The Reverend Dr. Missiouri McPhee)

The Hymn of Praise

Brother Joshua Black

St. Paul AMEC, Apopka

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (AMECH #77)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Steams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnets, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to save my soul from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above. A-men.

(Text by Robert Robinson; Tune: Nettleton)

The Prayer of Invocation

The Reverend Josie Deamus

Saint Mark AMEC, Orlando

The Choral Response

"I Trust in God"

(Recorded by Elevation Worship)

The Choir/Congregation

The Scripture Lessons

Joshua 1:1-9

The Reverend Dr. Santarvis Brown, Sr.
Pastor, Mount Pleasant AMEC, Hollywood

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Sister Raven Gainous-Bowers
New Bethel AMEC, Lakeland

John 15:1-8

Sister Natasha Gibson
Mother Bethel AMEC, Eleuthera

The Worship Through Music

11th District Youth & Young Adult Choir

The Gifts for Ministry & Expansion

The Reverend Terrell Blair
Pastor, Allen Chapel AMEC, Live Oak

The Presentation of the Bishop

Sister Loren Drayton
St. Paul AMEC, Ocala

The Introduction of Preacher

Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders II
Presiding Prelate | Eleventh Episcopal District

The Worship Through Music

11th District Youth & Young Adult Choir

The Sermon

The Reverend Stephen A. Green
Greater Allen Cathedral AMEC,
Jamaica, NY

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Reverend Roger Williams
Pastor, Phillip R. Cousin AMEC, Jacksonville

The Worship Through Giving

Presiding Elder Dr. David W. Green, Sr. &
11th Episcopal District Finance Committee

The Announcements

The Reverend Dr. Paula Lake
11th Episcopal District Christian Education Director

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The Benediction

The Reverend Stephen A. Green

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The HOUR of POWER

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH | 11:45 AM

THE REVEREND DR. KIMBERLY STOCKTON | WORSHIP LEADER
PASTOR, SHILOH AMEC, MIMS

The Praise & Worship

11th District Praise Team

The Prayer

The Reverend Tan Moss
Presiding Elder | Marianna District

The Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:11-16 **Sister Danielle Woodard**
Greater Mount Zion AMEC, West Hollywood

The Worship Through Song

11th District Youth & Young Adult Choir

The Introduction of the Speaker

Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders II
Presiding Prelate | Eleventh Episcopal District

The Worship Through Music

11th District Youth & Young Adult Choir

The Word Proclaimed

The Reverend F. Douglas Powe Jr., PhD
President | Phillips Theological Seminary
Tulsa, Oklahoma

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Reverend Kenneth Bryant
Pastor, New Mount Olive AMEC, Avon Park

The Worship Through Giving

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The Reverend Kennetta Carter
Pastor, Payne Chapel AMEC, Jacksonville

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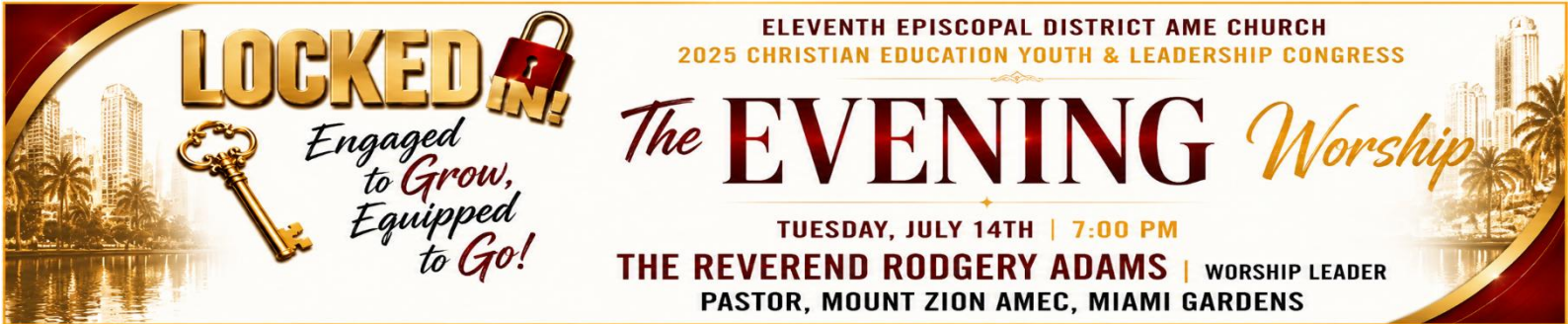
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The Benediction

The Reverend F. Douglas Powe Jr., PhD



Praise & Worship

11th District Praise Team

The Prayer

The Reverend Richard King
Pastor, St. James AMEC, Eustis

The Choral Response

“Praise Is What I Do”
(Text & Tune by William H. Murphy III)

The Choir/Congregation

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The Reverend Sharon Hobbs
Pastor, Hurst Chapel AMEC, Rivera

The Worship Through Music

11th District Youth & Young Adult Choir

The Gifts for Ministry & Expansion

The Reverend Eric Grayer
Pastor, Friendship AMEC, Tallahassee

The Introduction of Speaker

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Presiding Prelate | Eleventh Episcopal District

The Worship Through Music

11th District Youth & Young Adult Choir

The Sermon

The Reverend Kenneth Moales, Jr.
Pastor, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bridgeport, CT

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Reverend Nathaniel Robinson III
Pastor, Mount Hermon AMEC, Miami Gardens

The Worship Through Giving

Presiding Elder Dr. David Green, Sr. &
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The Reverend Lynnette Daughtry
West Coast Conference Christian Education Director

The Doxology

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The Benediction

The Reverend Kenneth Moales, Jr.



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THE REVEREND DR. ANGELA BESS | WORSHIP LEADER
PASTOR, ST. PAUL AMEC, WEST PALM BEACH

The Praise & Worship

11th District Praise Team

The Prayer

The Reverend Jonathan Wade
Collins-St. Mark AMEC, Clearwater

The Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Miss Maylia McIntyre
New Bethel AMEC, Altamonte Springs

The Liturgical Dance Selection

11th District Liturgical Dancers

The Gifts for Mission

Sister Nicole Surjit
Allen Chaple AMEC, Sanford

The Introduction of the Speaker

Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders II
Presiding Prelate | Eleventh Episcopal District

The Worship Through Music

11th District Youth & Young Adult Choir

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Nekeshia Harris
Pastor, Bethel AMEC, Belleville

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Reverend Debra Isom
Pastor, St. James AMEC, Inverness

The Worship Through Giving

Presiding Elder Dr. David Green, Sr. &
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The Reverend Michael Clark, Jr.
South Conference Christian Education Director

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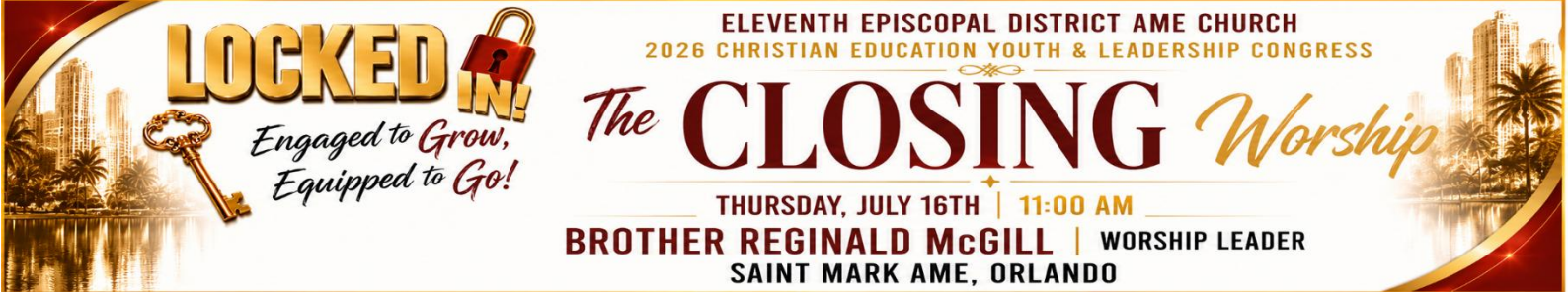
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The Benediction

The Reverend Dr. Nekeshia Harris



The Praise & Worship

11th District Praise Team

The Prayer

The Reverend Lori Snell
Pastor, St. Paul AMEC, Fort Pierce

The Choral Response

The Choir/Congregation

“Zion Is Calling Me” (TPH #579)

Zion is calling us to a higher place of praise.
Stand upon the mountain and magnify His name.
Tell all the people in ev’ry nation that He reigns.
Zion is calling us to a higher place of praise.
(Text & Tune by Stephen Hurd)

The Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Sister Laurastine King
11th Episcopal District WMS President

The Gifts for Ministry & Expansion

Brother John Love
11th Episcopal District Lay President

The Presentation of the Bishop

The Reverend Ella Edwards
Mount Olive AMEC, Bealsville

The Selection

11th District Youth & Young Adult Choir

The Message Proclaimed

Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders II
Presiding Prelate | Eleventh Episcopal District

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Worship Through Giving

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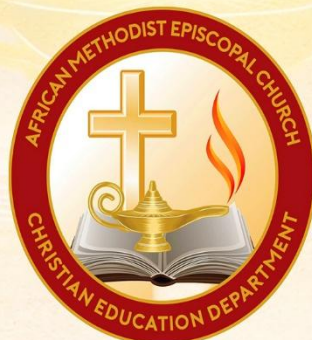
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The Closing Remarks & Benediction

Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders II

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