

Saint Stephen AME Church

ADVENT

Worship Celebration

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | 10:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent



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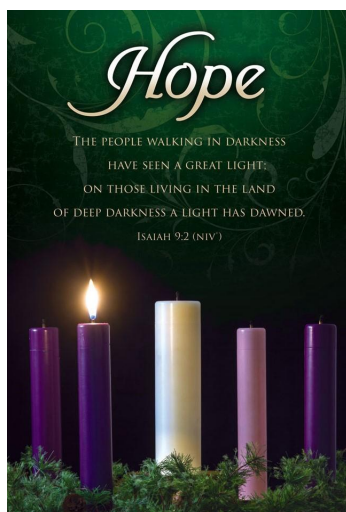
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The First Sunday of Advent

Sister Seyburn Rocker: *God has purposed, God has planned;*

Reverend Donald Rocker: *God's prophets have spoken and now fulfillment is at hand!*

Sister Rocker: *Today is the first Sunday of Advent*

Brother Rocker: *Advent - the season of expectation, the season of anticipation, the season of restoration!*

Sister Rocker: *For God has purposed that humanity shall have a redeemer, sent into the world as atonement for our sin of waywardness.*

Brother Rocker: *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have been a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son*

given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Sister Rocker: *Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, an unexpected liberator of the people, a vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, and a new name for God.*

People: **Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated, one filled with justice, righteousness, care, compassion and service both to, and before our God.**

Brother Rocker: **On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be; we light in exuberant "Expectation!"**

The Rockers in Unison: **Let Us Pray!**

The Rockers lead the People in Unison
May the Love and light of our Lord and Savior be ever a light in our hearts, minds, souls and bodies as a sign of our individual commitment, and symbol of our corporate allegiance to our God; and we, in faith, continue our sojourn in this foreign land. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Lighting of Candle: **Let us sing!**

Jesus, the Light of the World (Hymn #112)

*Hark the herald angels sing, Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn king, Jesus, the light of the world.*

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by day and by night;
Jesus, the light of the world.*

Order of Worship

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THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

THE CELEBRATION OF ADVENT

THE DOXOLOGY

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always.
Again, I say "rejoice!"
We come to worship and rejoice!
Let your gladness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near!
We come to worship and rejoice the One who is with us!

THE SONG OF PRAISE

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly songs?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

THE PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. **9** The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **10** Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. **12** The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. **13** Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension

and jealousy. **14** Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord to the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

THE SERMON

Reverend Dr. David W. Green, Sr.

"The Attitude of Gratitude"~Luke 17:11-19

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE BAPTISM

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

4 WAYS TO GIVE



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday | Wednesday | Friday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Prayer Changes Things

We all have difficult circumstances and situations that arise in our lives from time to time. And every now and then we need a little "extra" help in dealing with those issues. There is comfort in knowing that others are praying with and for us for victory in our life.

The Family of our former member,
Brother Roy Williams
who passed away in Augusta, GA

Sister Flossie Felton
Sister Jennifer Faye Wright
Sister Mary Ravnell

Sister Marion Miller
Mayo Clinic Hospital

Brother Alphonso Hodges
Lakeside Nursing and Rehab

Sister Zenobia Williams
Brother B. Maurice Jones
Sister Devena Neloms
Sister Margie Witherspoon
Sister Barbara Bacon
Sister Sarah Tatum

Brother Mel Walker

Brother Leon Morley
Former Member

Brother Johnathan Prime
Brother of Sister Jackie Thompson

Sister Lynne Cephus
Sister of Lady Kimberly Green

Roland and Connie Atkins, Eastern, MD
~ Family of Sister Carmen West ~

*Prayers for Comfort, Healing and Peace for the Victims, Families and all
who are affected by natural disasters and the continued violence.*

*Continued Prayers for the victims of Covid-19
and over 1,000,000 (US) bereaved Families who have lost loved ones.*

VISION 20/20 *It's Time to Move Up!!*

We are thankful for the dedicated and faithful members of Saint Stephen AME Church, who continued to give generously towards this effort. We also greatly appreciate those who have made a Monthly Commitment to give for the next year as we move forward:

Pastor David Green, Sr.	Rev. David Green, Jr.	Joshua McClain-Sapp
Lady Kimberly Green	Bishop Samuel Green	Matthew McClain
Charlene Taylor Hill	Elijah Griffin	Rev. Patricia
James Crawford	Erica Harvey	McGeathay
Ronald Stephens	Jimmy Henderson	Carolyn McIntosh
Hazel Agee	Juanita Henderson	Janice McIntosh
Gloria Arline	Marie Hightower	Stephanie Neloms
Darryl Atkins	Harriette Holland	Terri Newberry
Quincy Axson	Mary Blake-Holley	Cheryl Oglesby
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Patricia Conway	Reginald Lawrence, Sr.	Rev. Donald Rocker
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Denen McClain
Geneva McClain
Jaylon McClain-Sapp
Jeannetta McClain
Johnnetta McClain

Rose Simfukwe
Herman Stewart
Isabelle Tarver
Donna Thomas
Patricia Timmons
Claudia Tremble
Christian Turner
Carmen West
Zenobia Williams
Margie Witherspoon
Davis Wright
Le'mmon Wright
Patricia Wright

If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late to do so. In-person, ask the Usher for a Commitment Card and submit it today, or click the Image below to access the Commitment Card and return it to the church as soon as possible.

Saint Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church
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VISION 20/20
Phase One

BIBLE DISCOVERY/BIBLE STUDY NIGHT

Zoom! YOUTH & ADULT CLASSES

TUESDAY EVENINGS



6:00-7:00pm - Adult Class
6:30-7:00pm - Youth Classes

Meeting ID: 947 517 678

Passcode: 312539

Dial In Using Home or Cell Phone: 646-876-9923

TO JOIN THE CLASSES ON LINE:

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WEDNESDAY @ 6:00 am

Unity Prayer
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SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

Radio Broadcast

Every Thursday | 5:00-5:15pm
Every Friday | 5:45-6:00pm

Sermons of
Reverend Dr. David W. Green, Sr.

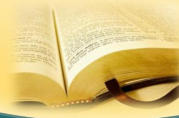


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Friday Conference Call SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

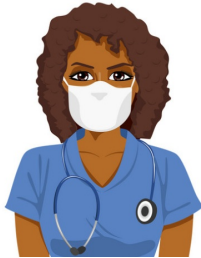
Every Friday

11am - 12noon



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HEALTH NOTES from the NURSING GUILD

RECAP OF COVID-19

This is especially not a time to let your guard down regarding Covid-19. It is still around. Gatherings and traveling have increased along with contact with more people in closed spaces. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PROTECT YOURSELF. If you feel sick (even light symptoms) and have a fever, see your Doctor asap or take a Covid-19 home test. Remember that our seniors are most vulnerable and our children catch colds from visiting other's homes and swimming.

Please, as much as possible, continue to abide by the Covid Protocol:

1. Wash your hands often, for 20 seconds
2. Properly wear your mask.
3. Observe social distancing of 3 feet and avoid large gatherings
4. Sanitize your hands, especially entering and exiting buildings and touching door handles.

Six THINGS TO REMEMBER

In-Person Worship Service

1 FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES

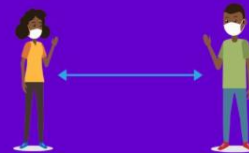


2 TEMPERATURE CHECKS PRIOR TO ENTERING SANCTUARY

3 WHEN ENTERING, EXITING AND BEING SEATED, PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIVES OF THE USHERS

4 NO CROSSING OVER OTHERS WHEN BEING SEATED

5 SOCIAL DISTANCING TO BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES



6 LIMIT PERSONAL ITEMS BROUGHT INTO SANCTUARY (Purses, Bibles, etc.)

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