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Sunday, April 5, 2026 | The Sacrament of Holy Communion

RESURRECTION SUNDAY



The Rt. Rev. Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.

Presiding Bishop, First Episcopal District

Rev. Dr. C. Carlton Woodward

Presiding Elder, Newark District

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson

Pastor/Teacher

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Itinerant Elder

Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds, Itinerant Elder | Minister of Liturgical Arts & Youth

Rev. Leslie Wilson, Minister to Women

Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson, Local Elder

Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts, Local Elder

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We can park at 280 S. Harrison Street with a parking permit from 8:30 am – 11:30 am.

The Nursery for parents and children is located at the rear of the sanctuary. Also, there is a Sensory Room (with a monitor to see worship) for parents and children on the autism spectrum or with special needs. See the Greeters' Ministry located at the front table for directions.

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8:30 am: The Love Feast

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8:45 am: Pre-Worship Devotions

Setting the atmosphere for worship. If you need to talk, talk to God.

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The Order of Worship at 9:00 am

In-person worshipers may wear masks. Please be kind to those who choose to do so.

The Worship Leader – Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

*The Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*The Call to Worship

(No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!" (Psalm 122:1)

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

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. (Psalm 19:14)

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. (Psalm 98:1, 4)

*The Hymn of Praise AMEH #170 "They Crucified My Savior (He Arose)"

(Worshipers May Enter)

They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the cross, They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the cross, They crucified my Savior and nailed Him to the cross, And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

[Refrain]

Refrain: He 'rose, He 'rose, He 'rose from the dead, He 'rose, He 'rose, He 'rose from the dead,
He 'rose, He 'rose, He 'rose from the dead, And the Lord shall bear my spirit home.

2 And Joseph begged his body and laid it in the tomb, And Joseph begged his body and laid it in the
tomb, And Joseph begged his body and laid it in the tomb, And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

[Refrain]

3 Sister Mary, she came running, a-looking for my Lord, Sister Mary, she came running, a-looking
for my Lord, Sister Mary, she came running, a-looking for my Lord, And the Lord will bear my spirit
home. [Refrain]

4 An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away, An angel came from heaven and rolled
the stone away, An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away, And the Lord will bear my
spirit home. [Refrain]

THE GENERAL CONFSSION (In Unison)

(No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

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. **Let us sing together:** Amen.

THE FIRST COLLECT – Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of
sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to you, 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. **Let us sing together:** Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT – Rev. Dr. Jerome Stembridge

Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. **Let us sing together:** Amen.

The Worship Through Music

Mass Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION – Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we shall at all times, and in all places, give
thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and
archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your Holy Name,

evermore praising you and saying (together): **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION – Rev. Eyesha Marable

We do not presume to come to this your 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 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 our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by his death and washed through his blood, and that we may ever more dwell in him and he in us. **Let us sing together: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Apostle’s Creed (AKA The Affirmation of Faith)

Leader: Let us affirm our faith together.

People: 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, who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

The Welcome of Visitors

“13 Hugs”

Sis. Veronica Morton

“We’re so glad you came to worship, we’re “God’s Love for God’s people;” we welcome you with open arms with love that won’t go away. Welcome, oh welcome; welcome, oh welcome; welcome, oh welcome, to St. Matthew, to St. Matthew!



First-Time Visitors: WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW!

Please take a picture of this QR Code and complete the First-Time Visitors Information Form. Thank you. We are honored that you have joined us today. If you have a church home, return our greetings to your Pastor. If not, please consider St. Matthew as **“the end of your search for a loving church.”**

The Pastor’s Words

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

- April Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Worship Through Giving



You can give all tithes and offerings in all categories by text at (973) 272-4332, CashApp (\$StMthew), Zelle (973-280-7654), Givelify (Scan QR Code), mail, or at www.stmatthewame.org.

Please remember gifts to the Restoration Fund. Please pick up your Holy Communion when you come to give your tithes and offerings.

The Worship Through Scripture **Matthew 28:1-7 NIV** Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing
(Please Read In Unison – No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Leader: This is God's Word for God's people. It is already blessed. Amen.

The Worship Through Music Mass Choir
(Worshippers May Enter)

The Preached Word Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher
Subject: "The Messages of the Resurrection"

*The Invitation to Salvation|Church Membership|Recommitment/Rededication
If you want to be Saved, join St. Matthew, St. Paul, Mt. Zion, or Recommit/Rededicate Your Life to Jesus Christ, you can identify yourself now or text the word JESUS to (973) 840-8874

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Elements Previously Consecrated)

***The Lord's Prayer (In Unison)**

*The Doxology & Benediction Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

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**\*Pentecostal Prayer Power at the Altar After the Benediction\***  
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Take Advantage of All the Opportunities For Prayer

1. **Daily Prayer Line** at 6:00 am & 9:30 pm, 7 days a week. Call-in number is (206) 806-9984.
2. **Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting** every 4th Monday at 6:30 pm online.
3. **Every Sunday**, a member of the Prayer Ministry will be available to pray with you individually after worship in the Chapel on the second floor.
4. **The Sanctuary & Second Floor Prayer Chapel** are open for Prayer whenever the church is open. The Chapel is open on Sundays from 8:15 am – 8:45 am and after 9 am worship for personal prayer.
5. **Request individual prayer.** Call (973) 678-1217 and press Option 7 to leave a confidential prayer request. You can also go to the church website, www.stmatthewame.org and click on the Prayer Request button. A member of the Prayer Ministry will return your call when you leave your contact information and pray with you directly regarding your confidential prayer request.
6. **Download "The Word for You Today"** app from the Apple Store or Google Play. After you have downloaded the app, click here to register: <https://app.wordforyou.com/churches/access-code/MVP/register>

April: Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month

April Birthdays– **4/1:** Wilma Marsh **4/4:** Harriet Renee Coleman **4/5:** Mary A. Harden, Neveah Morton **4/6:** Kyrie Sanders **4/7:** Eve Newton **4/8:** Jeanette Brummell **4/10:** Anita Dyer **4/13:** John London, Mamie Greene-Ross, Le’Niya Tulloch **4/14:** David Amoros **4/15:** Kimberly Mangum-Ross **4/16:** Shirley Suddoth-Lewis **4/17:** Darrielle Sanders, Victoria Sheppardson **4/18:** Arielle Hinds **4/19:** Lauren Burke **4/20:** Shanda Toler **4/23:** Earl Medina **4/24:** Adrian Broadnax, Tawauna Stukes **4/25:** Tavia Fisher-Watson **4/26:** Lawana Daye **4/27:** Jessica Roberson, Malachi Green-Mae **4/29:** Cheryl Rogers **4/30:** Robert McGinnis, II

April Anniversaries - **4/1:** Antone & Claire Stevens – 54 years; **4/9:** Tavia & Oliver Watson – 15 years; **4/30:** Jean & Stewart Spraggins – 60 years

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm. Friday, 9 am – 12 Noon

After worship, enjoy a piece of cake in the narthex courtesy of the Morton Family as they celebrate Neveah’s birthday with us. Also, energy-saving kits and a limited number of food boxes are available for free (information required).

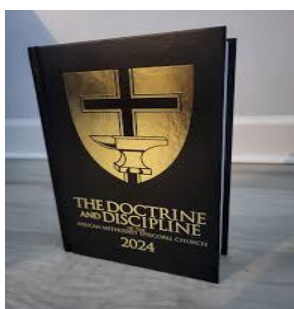
Monday 4/6 - Food Pantry at 11:30 am. **Last Week: 52 families served; 2,542 pounds of food distributed. YTD: 390 families served; 22,080 pounds of food distributed.** Mental Health Support Group at 6:30 pm. Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7 pm.

Tuesday 4/7 — Bible Study 6:30 PM.

Wednesday 4/8 – Angel Choir at 5:30 pm. Youth Choir at 6 pm. Baptism Class online at 6:30 pm. Dance Ministry 7 pm. Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7 pm.

Saturday 4/11 – Men’s Bible Study at 8 am. No Women’s Bible Study. Memorial Service for Sis. Teri Corum at 11 am.

Sunday 4/12 – Divine Worship, Youth Sunday, & Holy Baptism at 9 am. Lt. Governor Rev. Dr. Dale Caldwell, preaching. Church School classes resume after worship.



If you ordered the new 2024 Book of Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, **but have not paid for your order**, please do so immediately. The cost is \$35. We are not accepting any new orders. For those who did pay, we expect the Disciplines to be delivered any day now.



MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

General Zoom Information

Zoom Meeting ID 9736781217
Password - 6781293

Prayer Call

(206) 806-9984
6:00 am & 9:30 pm

Pastor's Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting ID 9736781217
Password - 6781293

Men's Bible Study

Every Saturday at 8 am for adult and young men
Zoom Meeting ID: 875 0243 0162
Passcode - 497743

Women's Bible Study

Every second Saturday at 9 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 786 035 380
Passcode - 6781293
Phone Dial-In Number: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 786 035 380

Nutrition Class

Every third Saturday at 10 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 866 862 387
Passcode - 6781293
Phone Dial-In Number: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 866 862 387

Exercise and Spiritual Movement Class

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 7 pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 860 4686 5587
Passcode - 6781293
Video class. No dial-in option

ASK Women's Ministry

Every fourth Saturday at 9 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 716 275 876
Passcode - 6781293
(929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 716275876

If you are not on the church's email list or text messaging list, please forward your name, cell number, and email address to Pastor Wilson at [sstukes@stmatthewame.org](mailto:ssstukes@stmatthewame.org). You are also invited to join the church's WhatsApp group

Weds. 4/15 – Income taxes due. Wednesday in the Word Bible Study at 12:00 pm. Generation One Senior Ministry at 1:15 pm. "Glows & Grows" meeting at 6:30 pm.

Thurs. 4/16 – Special election in US Congressional District 11.

Sat. 4/18 – Pastor Wilson preaches for Upper Room Ministry at 11 am.

Fri. 4/24 – Appreciation Celebration for Bro. Jerry Roberts at The Suite Spot in South Orange at 6 pm. Donation is \$100. RSVP by paying by April 19. See Sis. April Gaunt-Butler if you have questions.

Mon. 4/27 – Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.

Sat. 4/25 – Men's Bible Study at 8 am. ASK Monthly Study of Women in the Bible at 9 am. Sons of Allen Men's Fellowship.

Sun. 4/26 – Divine Worship & G4C Youth Church at 9 am.

Mon. 4/27 – Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.

Sat. 5/2 – St. Matthew is being honored as one of the "Jewels of the Community" by the St. James Social Service Organization at a luncheon at the Newark Airport Hilton at 11 am. Tickets are \$120.

Tues. 5/5 – Rev. Leslie's birthday.

Sat. 5/9 – Women's Bible Study & VASHTI Women's Ministry Retreat here at the church at 9 am.

Sun. 5/10 – **Mother's Day**. Divine Worship & Youth Sunday at 9 am.

Thurs. 5/14 – Wedding rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Sat. 5/16 – Wedding in the sanctuary at 11 am.

Mon. 5/18 – Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.

Weds. 5/20 – Wednesday in the Word Bible Study at 12:00 pm. Generation One Senior



Ministry at 1:15 pm.

Member	Class Number	Class Leader
Bro. Thomas Thornton	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Sis. Carol Goodson	8	Bro. Jonathan Ridley
Sis. Dorothy Dix	10	Sis. Sherrill Austin
Bro. Euistace Pryor	15	Sis. Verna Leath-Young
Sis. Mary Green	17	Sis. Shanda Johnson Toler
Sis. Karen Newkirk	19	Sis. Tamika Robinson
Evang. Eva Douglas	20	Sis. Marcie Johnson
Sis. Mary Gibson	24	Sis. Veronica Deveaux
Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin	25	Sis. Robyn Sorbino
Sis. Joyce Wooden	33	Sis. Mattie Crowley
Sis. Roxanne Blair	35	Sis. Valerie Tummings
Sis. Theresa Pryor	38	Sis. Michele Murchison
Sis. Arise Brown		

NOTE: Please inform the office if you want your name to appear on the weekly Prayer List.

Prayer List

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr, Dr Phyllis Green, Episcopal Supervisor, Rev Dr C Carlton & Rev Blanche Woodward, Rev Melvin E & Rev Leslie Wilson & Family, All Persons on Sick & Shut-In List, All Bereaved Families, All Elected Officials, All Persons & Situations On Our Prayer Wall, The Unjustly Imprisoned, Domestic Violence Survivors, Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors, Cancer Patients & Survivors, All Pastors & Churches of the First Episcopal District AME Church, Churches & Houses of Faith of All Denominations, All Veterans, Gov Mikie Sherrill & Family, Lt Governor Rev Dr Dale Caldwell & Family, All Candidates In Public Office, Rev Dr Ronald Slaughter & his Episcopal Campaign, Sis Kori Cheatham, Rev Marian Sykes Johnson & Bro James Johnson, Sis Christine Laureore, Sis Deborah Woody, Sis Theresa Pryor, Sis Barbara Copeland, Sis Beulah Sapp, Sis Christine "Roz" Samuels, Sis. Mary Hollingsworth, Bro Russell Walker, Sis Tavia Fisher-Watson, Bro Saincilio Abraham, Sis Harriet Patrick, Sis Pamela Brooks, Sis Lorrie Ball-Arsenec, Sis Wanda Warren, Sis Princess Jessie

Recently Bereaved Families

Sis Lois, Sis Caitlin, & Bro Gregory Myers & Family; Sis Winnie Wade, Bro Stanley Wade, Jr., Sis Carla Denny-Johnson, Bro Harold Johnson & Family; The Family of Sis Virdell Moore; Bro DyShawn McClish & Family; Sis Daisy Terry & Family; The Family of Sis Teri Corum; Sis Anita Dyer & Family; Sis Jaylen Wright, Sis Schermelle Wright, Sis Zina Williams, Sis. Joy Mills-Davis, Sis. Donnette Davis & Family

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April is Nutrition Health Month

Building a healthy plate is easy when you make half your plate fruits and vegetables. It's also a great way to add color, flavor, and texture, plus vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber. Make 2 cups of fruit and 2 ½ cups of vegetables your daily goal. Try the following tips to enjoy more fruits and vegetables every day.

- Variety abounds when using vegetables as a pizza topping. Try broccoli, spinach, green peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms, and zucchini.
- Mix up a breakfast smoothie made with low-fat milk and frozen fruit - try strawberries and banana, or mango with pineapple or peach.
- Make a veggie wrap with roasted vegetables and low-fat cheese rolled in a whole-wheat tortilla.
- Try crunchy vegetables instead of chips with your favorite low-fat salad dressing for dipping.
- Grill colorful vegetable kabobs packed with tomatoes, green and red peppers, mushrooms and onions.
- Add color to salads with baby carrots, grape tomatoes, spinach leaves, or mandarin oranges.
- Keep cut vegetables handy for mid-afternoon snacks, side dishes, lunch box additions or a quick nibble while waiting for dinner. Ready To-eat favorites: red, green or yellow peppers, broccoli or cauliflower florets, carrots, celery sticks, cucumbers, snap peas or whole radishes.
- Get saucy with fruit. Puree apples, berries, peaches or pears in a blender for a thick, sweet sauce on grilled or broiled seafood or poultry, or on pancakes, French toast or waffles.
- Stuff an omelet with vegetables. Turn any omelet into a hearty meal with broccoli, squash, carrots, peppers, tomatoes or onions with low fat sharp cheddar cheese.

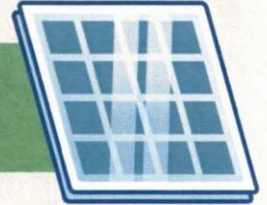
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