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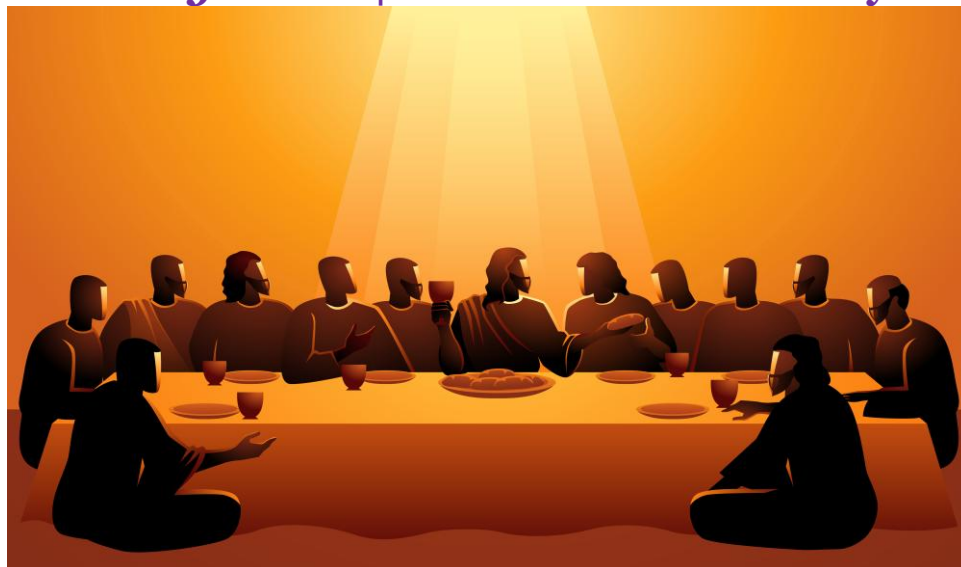
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Sunday, March 1, 2026 | 2nd Sunday of Lent
Women's History Month | The Sacrament of Holy Communion



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

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Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson, Local Elder

Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts, Local Elder

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For Tech/IT Support Before or During Worship, Dial (973) 678-1217, Press Option 8.

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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Members of **Class #11** Sitting Together Today

Class #10 Leader: Bro. Terry Spicer | **Assistant Leader:** Sis. Harriet Coleman

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 Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson
(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# 139 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"
(Worshipers May Enter)

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head, For sinners such as I? [Refrain]

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day.

2 Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree! [Refrain]

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut his glories in, When Christ the mighty Maker died For man, the creature's sin. [Refrain]

4 But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'Tis all that I can do. [Refrain]

THE GENERAL CONFESSION (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. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing

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. Donna Ho-Shing

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

Harmony Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION – Rev. Tamoya Buckley-David

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 Air 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

- March 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.



***The Offertory**

AMEH #644

"All Things Come of Thee"

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Worship Through Scripture

Rev. Tamoya Buckley-David

(Please Read In Unison – No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

Matthew 10:37-39 NIV

³⁷ "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

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

The Sermonic Selection

Harmony Choir

(Worshippers May Enter)

The Preached Word

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

Subject: "How You Can Lose and Still Win"

*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>



March: Women's History Month

March Birthdays: **3/1:** Veronica Morton, Raeemah Redd, Drewsilla Thorne **3/2:** Ernest "Tre" Roberts, III, **3/3:** Carla Denny-Johnson **3/4:** Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson **3/5:** Schermelle Wright, Sylvia Stukes **3/6:** Verna Leath-Young, Andrea McDaniel Wright, Heather Spencer **3/9:** Barbara Bennett, Cynthia Jefferson **3/10:** Pamela Brooks **3/18:** Eric Reynolds **3/19:** Brianna David **3/20:** Lucretia Partin, Bridgette Johnson, Sanaa Tulloch **3/21:** Christine Laurore **3/24:** Terry Spicer, Ethan Wyllie **3/25:** LeGail Morton, Merolyn Kelly, Wanda Hunter, Turhan "TAJ" Welch **3/26:** Robin C. Lewis, Da'Quon Graham **3/27:** James Johnson, Sophia Wyllie **3/28:** Malea Hawk **3/29:** Robert McGinnis, Sr. **3/30:** Stephyne Walker-Hill **3/31:** Karen Cooper, Jared Morton, Jennifer Peaks

March Anniversaries: **3/9:** Michele & Lawana Daye; **3/16:** Rev. Melvin & Rev. Leslie Wilson – 7 years

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

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

Today – Church School for all ages at 11 am. Coffee & tea available in the narthex.

Monday 3/2 – Food Pantry at 11:30 am. **Last Week:** Due to the snowstorm, our food was donated to a soup kitchen and a senior building. **YTD: 226 families served; 13,171 pounds of food distributed.** Mental Health Support Group at 6:30 pm. Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7 pm.

Tuesday 3/3 – Bible Study online at 6:30 pm. Focus word: Temptation.

Wednesday 3/4 – Angel Choir at 5:30 pm. Youth Choir at 6 pm. Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7 pm. Lenten Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Jerome Stembidge at 7 pm. Women's Day Choir at 7:15 pm.

Thursday 3/5 – Spiritual Movement Exercise online at 7 pm.

Friday 3/6 – Viewing (9 am) & Celebration of Life Homegoing (10 am) for Bro. Stanley V. Wade. Repast following interment.

Saturday 3/7 – Men's Bible Study at 8 am. Scheduled meetings with Roland David from 10 am– 1 pm. Usher's School at 10 am. NJ Conference Choir at 12:30 pm.

Sunday 3/8 – **3rd Sunday of Lent. Time springs forward 1 hour.** Divine Worship, Youth Sunday, & HBCU/Education Sunday at 9 am. Wilberforce University Choir and students from Howard University will be our guests. Church School at 11 am (No Tribe Class).

Counting down to Annual Conference...21 days! Did you register? Please do!



March is Women's History Month & Annual Conference Hosting Month

Weds. 3/11 – Women's Day Choir at 7:15 pm.
Sat. 3/14 – NJ Conference Choir at 12:30 pm.
Sun. 3/15 – **4th Sunday of Lent.** Divine Worship & Women's Day at 9 am. Rev. Brendolyn Boseman, Pastor of Williams Memorial CME Church, Augusta, GA, preaching. **Women's Day offering request for all adults is \$250.**

[The 154th Session of the NJ Annual Conference](#)

- **Mon. 3/23** – All volunteers & conference staff to meet **in person** for prayer at 6:30 pm.
- **Tues. 3/24** – Welcome Reception at 5 pm at the Monte Irvin Community Center. Ministry of Evangelism Service at 6:30 pm.
- **Weds. 3/25** – Missionary Day at 8 am. WMS Worship at 12 noon. Opening Business Session at 3 pm. Opening Worship, Annual Sermon, Holy Communion at 6:30 pm.
- **Thurs. 3/26** – All day business & worship.
- **Fri. 3/27** – All day business & worship. Conference Closing Worship & Reading of Appointments at 6:30 pm.
- **Sat. 3/28** – YPD Day. Clergy Family luncheon at Bella Italia at 12 noon.

Sun. 3/29 – **Palm Sunday** & Divine Worship at 9 am. Holy Week begins.

Fri. 4/3 – **Good Friday.** 7 Last Words of Christ at 12 noon. Place TBA.

Sun. 4/5 – **Resurrection Sunday.** Love Feast at 8:30 am. Divine Worship & Holy Communion at 9 am.

Weds. 4/8 – Baptism Class online at 6:30 pm.

Sun. 4/12 – Divine Worship, Youth Sunday, & Holy Baptism at 9 am.

Mon. 4/13 – Black Maternal health panel.

Thurs. 4/16 – Special election CD 11.

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 ststukes@stmatthewame.org. You are also invited to join the church's WhatsApp group



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.

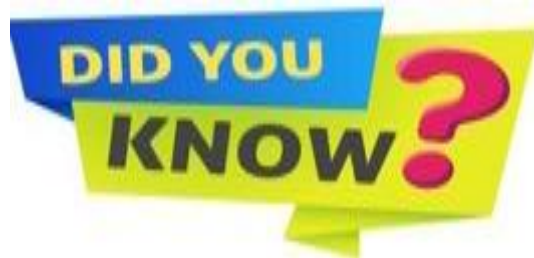
Prayer List

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr & Supervisor Phyllis Green, 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 Diane Worley, Sis Kori Cheatham, Sis Sarah Williams, Rev Marian Sykes Johnson & Bro James Johnson, Sis Drewsilla Thorne, Sis Christine Laurore, Sis Deborah Woody, Sis Theresa Pryor, Sis Elaine Pearson, Sis Barbara Copeland, Sis Beulah Sapp, Sis Christine "Roz" Samuels, Sis. Mary Hollingsworth, Sis Annette Benson, Bro Reginald Sims, Bro Russell Walker, Sis Tavia Fisher-Watson, Bro Saincilio Abraham

Recently Bereaved Families

Bro Sam Lemon & Family; The Family of Mother Laura Taylor; The Family of Mother Emma Rhymes; Sis Ruth Deas & Family; Sis Sherrill Austin & Family; Sis Lois, Sis Caitlin, & Bro Gregory Myers & Family; Sis Winnie Wade, Bro Stanley Wade, Jr., Sis Carla Denny-Johnson, Bro Harold Johnson & Family

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Health and Wellness Ministry Presents:

Women's History Month

Nutrition Class with Sister Beth

*Honoring Women's Strength,
Wellness & Heritage*

Join us as we celebrate
Women's History Month through
healthy living and nourishment.

Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Virtual Attendance Information

Zoom ID: 866 862 387

Passcode: 6781293

Or call: (929) 205-6066

Meeting ID: 866 862 387

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International Women's Day
March 8, 2026

Women's Day
March 15, 2026

Women's Retreat & Convocation
May 9, 2026

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EDUCATION SUNDAY
SUNDAY | MARCH 8TH, 2026 | 9AM
"Knowledge is the pathway from slavery to freedom." — Frederick Douglass, abolitionist and educator.

Featuring

 Wilberforce University Choir
 Special Guest - Students from
 Howard University Alternative Spring Break Program
 Meet Authors
 Dr. Lisa LaCom & Tracie Morrison

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**Lenten Season Bible Study Series:
Entering the Passion of Jesus**

Based on the book by Amy-Jill Levine.
A study of the history behind the stories of Holy Week
and the risks taken by Jesus and his followers.

Rev. Jerome Stembidge, DMin, Facilitator

7:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
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