The General Confession

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 Summary of the Decalogue

Hear what Christ our Savior saith, “Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The 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 a Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He arose from the dead; and 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 sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

1st Sunday in Advent

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Advent” is the anticipation of a person or an event. A time of preparation for our hearts and minds to remember the REAL meaning of CHRISTmas and celebrate the birth and the coming of the Christ, who comes continually in word and spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. We are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world that came to dispel the darkness.

Bible Reading

Isaiah 9:2-6

Lighting of the Candle (purple)

The first candle, the Prophet’s Candle, symbolizes hope. It represents the expectation felt in the anticipation of the coming Messiah. As we light this candle, we remember the prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, who waited for the Messiah’s arrival. And we continue to reflect upon and appreciate Christ’s return for His people, when we shall see Him face to face.

Prayer (In Unison)

Father God, we thank You for loving us. We ask You to help us prepare our hearts and our minds for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. Help us to remember that we dare not get so wrapped up in our gifts that we forget to unwrap the Greatest Gift of all!!!! Amen.

The flowers on the altar were given by Gloria Oakley in loving memory of her mother, Juanita Hart.

Church Nurture Activities December 1st – December 7th

SUNDAY

7:00am – 7:00am – Morning Worship [Fellowship Hall]
8:00am – 8:00am – Sunday School [Annex, Boardroom, Sanctuary]
9:00am – 9:00am – Morning Worship [Sanctuary]
9:00am – 9:00am – YES Program & Sunday School [Annex Lower Level]
11:00am – 11:00am – Daisy Jackson Homework Program [Fellowship Hall]
12:00pm – 12:00pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108]
1:30pm – 1:30pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108]
2:30pm – 2:30pm – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108]
3:45pm – 3:45pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Program [Bancroft]
5:30pm – 5:30pm – GriefShare Business Meeting [Lounge]
6:00pm – 6:00pm – King of Kings Rehearsal [Annex 103/104]
6:30pm – 6:30pm – GriefShare Support Group [Lounge]
6:30pm – 6:30pm – Liturgical Dance Ministry Sanctuary
7:00pm – 7:00pm – Steward Board I Meeting [Boardroom]

TUESDAY

10:00am – 10:00am – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108]
3:45pm – 3:45pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Program [Bancroft]
6:00pm – 6:00pm – Choir Rehearsal [Fellowship Hall]
6:30pm – 6:30pm – Liturgical Dance Ministry Rehearsal [Sanctuary]
7:00pm – 7:00pm – LAWA of All Committee Meet [Annex 103]
7:00pm – 7:00pm – Trustee Board Meeting [Boardroom]

WEDNESDAY

10:00am – 10:00am – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108]
10:45am – 10:45am – Mid-Morning Bible Study [Boardroom]
12:00pm – 12:00pm – Hour of Power [Sanctuary]
1:00pm – 1:00pm – The Connie Young Fellowship [Fellowship Hall]
3:45pm – 3:45pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Program [Bancroft]
5:30pm – 5:30pm – Body & Soul Exercise Class [Fellowship Hall]
5:30pm – 5:30pm – Brownies & Daisies [Annex 103/104]
6:00pm – 6:00pm – Intercessory Prayer [Sanctuary]; Multi-Media [Lounge]
7:00pm – 7:00pm – Faith Building Clinic [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

10:00am – 10:00am – Toiletries, and Beauty items 
3:45pm – 3:45pm – Daisy Jackson Homework Program [Bancroft]
6:00pm – 6:00pm – WMS Regular Meeting [Fellowship Hall]
6:00pm – 6:00pm – Worship Commission [Boardroom]
6:30pm – 6:30pm – Thursday Club [Lounge]
6:30pm – 6:30pm – Liturgical Dance Ministry Sanctuary
7:00pm – 7:00pm – Advent Service [Sanctuary]

FRIDAY

10:00am – 10:00am – Beautiful Gate Outreach [Annex 101, 103, 107, 108]
6:00pm – 6:00pm – Genesis Choir [Annex 108]; Children’s Choir [Annex 103]
7:00pm – 7:00pm – YPD [Annex 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, Fellowship Hall]

SATURDAY

9:00am – 9:00am – Sons of Allen Bible Study [Annex 103]
9:00am – 9:00am – Angel Tree [Fellowship Hall]
9:00am – 9:00am – Women’s Bible Study [Lounge]; CYM [Boardroom]
10:00am – 10:00am – Liturgical Dance Ministry Sanctuary
10:00am – 10:00am – Bethel Ensemble [Annex 108]
11:00am – 11:00am – Men’s Chorus Rehearsal [Annex 103]
12:00pm – 12:00pm – Horns of Gideon Rehearsal [Annex 108]
1:00pm – 1:00pm – Ministerial Staff [Boardroom]
4:00pm – 4:00pm – Wedding Reception [Fellowship Hall]

If you are sick, hospital bound, or have had death in your family, please notify the church office at 302-658-1676.

Dolores Bethia
Alfred Blackshear
Jackie Brown
Mary Mary

Sick and Shut-in

Alan Cephis
Edith Dickerson
Keith Dorfman, Sr.
Merl Hair

Marlene Hurt
Gladys Jenkins
Rubie Johnson
Mildred Jolley

Jeanette Mccallister
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Lillie Wisser

Announcements

The count team is looking for new count members. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Eric Umbles at jazecu@comcast.net.

Attention ALL Bethel Youth: You are cordially invited to participate in the First Episcopal District 2020 Founder’s Day competition. You may write an essay (7th-12th grades), submit a poster on 14”x22” poster board (1st-12th grade) and/or submit a 3 minute multi-media presentation. You may find the theme folder with information and guideline required poster board on the table next to the Lounge. The deadline for Bethel Church submissions are Sunday, December 1st. Meet Sister Nancy Guy in the Lounge after church with your poster, essay and multimedia videos. Should you decide to submit on your own, the competition postmark deadline is Tuesday, December 3rd. Mail your submission directly to Rev. Jay Broadnax (Mt. Pisgah AME Church, 428 North 41st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104).

Cantata Rehearsals: The Sanctuary Choir will present “JOY”, a soulful celebration of the season on Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. sharp. Come celebrate the reason for the season with us! Sister Gloria Oakley, Director of Church Music; Rev. Justin Powell, Assistant Director/Organist.

Loyalty Day is the Most Wonderful Time of the Year for me. I am so thankful for our 175 years of existence in the City of Wilmington. Thank you for honoring me with the Daniel P. Hamilton Award on this monumental day in our church’s history. I constantly say, “You know the Sheep by the Shepherd.” Pastor Beamon, Steward Boards and the entire congregation at Bethel AME Church, I am humbled and grateful to be a part of such an AMAZING House of Worship. Every Sunday, Pastor says, “You come to worship, now leave to serve.” I sincerely honor his charge to be a true Public Servant. Again, I thank you Bethel! Forever Grateful,

Sister Sherry Dorsey Walker

Thank you Bethel Family for your continued support in our fight against HIV/AIDS. We were blessed to have tested over 50 people on Reach Out Sunday. Your abundant donations of clothing, blankets, gift cards truly embody our mission of “reaching out and saving lives”. Words simply cannot express our appreciation of your patience, participation, involvement and love. Without each member’s kindness and fellowship, none of this would have been possible. Remember knowledge is power. Know your status and GET TESTED. Beautiful Gate Outreach Center Staff & Livingston N. Lee AIDS Task Force Volunteers

The ICUA of Delaware will have its Annual Coat and Toy Drive on Saturday, December 7th at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Unit 2, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Middletown, DE. The coat sizes and toys are for children 6 months to 17 years old. Please see Len or Loretta Legette or Marie Collins. Thank you for your support.

The Hildaman Chorale presents A Christmas Concert on Friday, December 13th at Zion Mount Carmel UMC (800 N. Walnut St., Wilmington, DE) 7:00 p.m. with guest Zion Mount Carmel Music Ministry and Mount Salem Church Choir. There will be a free will offering.

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**Worshippers may enter**

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| **The Pastoral Remarks** | Ushers |
| **The Sacrificial Offering** | "All Things Come of Thee" |
| **The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** | Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, Pastor |
| **The Offertory** | Sanctuary Choir |
| **The Praise Period II** | **The Praise Period II** |

**The Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, Pastor

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**The Celebration of Holy Communion**

**The Doxology**

**The Benediction**

**Worshippers enter quietly and reverently**

** Stand/no entering or leaving
** Stand/enter – Remain Standing
** No entering, please

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Medical Team on Duty

Gloria Walls
Margaret Custis

Greeters – December 8th 9:00am
Rob Adams, Fred Baynard
Gloria Mitchell, Betty Camper

A LOVING WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND FRIENDS
We are honored and grateful you took this opportunity to worship with us today. We invite you to come again and bring others with you. Our church family will always welcome you.

Sunday, December 1, 2019

1st SUNDAY in ADVENT

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