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Sunday, July 19, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.

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Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District
Dr. Phyllis N. Green, Episcopal Supervisor, First Episcopal District
Rev. Dr. Faye Banks-Taylor, Presiding Elder, Albany-Kingston District
Sis. Marion D. Smart, District Consultant, Albany-Kingston District
Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, Pastor

Liturgical Color: Green

Liturgical Season: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

Sunday, July 19 2026 | 9:30 a.m. Service

INTROIT “[Let's Have Church](#)”

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me; let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: **For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

People: **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord. I love Thy habitation, the place where Thy glory dwells.

People: **For the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him.**

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.

People: **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Let all the earth sing His praises.**

SONG OF PRAISE “[We Praise Thee, O God](#)” Hymn #97

INVOCATION

Prayer Response: “[Lord I Lift Your Name on High](#)”

SELECTION Music Ministry

SCRIPTURE READING [Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering Song: “[Great Things](#)”

Offertory prayer: “*All things come of Thee, O, Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*”

ALTAR CALL	<i>“I Need Thee Every Hour”</i>	Hymn #327
SERMONIC SELECTION		Music Ministry
SERMON		Rev. Kevin T. Taylor
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	<i>“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”</i>	Hymn #325
BENEDICTION		Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

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The Ice Cream

One day, a father took his children to a restaurant. His six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As the family bowed their heads, he said, “God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!”

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, woman remarked, “That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!”



Hearing this, the son burst into tears and asked, “Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?” As the father held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

The man winked at the boy and said, “I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer.” “Really?” the boy asked. “Cross my heart.” Then, in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), “Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes.”

Naturally, the bought the kids ice cream at the end of the meal. The boy stared at his for a moment and then did something unforgettable. He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile, he told her, “Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes.”

– Author Unknown

July Birthdays

1	Bro. Phillip E. Jackson	17	Sis. Patricia L. Johnson
2	Bro. Albert D. Johnson, Jr.	18	Sis. Carolyn L. Williams
3	Sis. Mia F. Moore	20	Sis. Lynn Canton
8	Bro. Dennis J. Holder	20	Sis. Elaine Griffin
11	Sis. Ionasia Santos-Williams	20	Bro. Jabari O. Holder
13	Bro. Salim Holder	21	Sis. LaTanya M. Coleman
14	Sis. Georgette Jackson	25	Sis. Bridgette H. Miller
16	Bro. Lorenzo W. Hodges	26	Bro. Cameron Walker
16	Bro. Antwan Morrison		

July Anniversaries

14	Bro. Craig A. & Sis. Flonzina Moore, Sr.	20	Bro. Benjamin F. & Sis. Ethel Mackey
18	Bro. Walter & Rev. Dr. Faye Taylor	27	Bro. Raymond & Sis. Donna Mackey-Walker

Upcoming Events

July

- 20 Weekly First District Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Zoom ID: 484 639 2641 or by phone at (301) 715-8592
- 21 Virtual Sermon Talk-Back – 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Virtual Bible Study – 6 p.m.
- 22 Virtual 1st Quarterly Conference – 8 p.m.
- 23 Weekly “Prayer Changes Things” Prayer Call – 6:30 a.m.; Dial (516) 259-9554 (no access code)
- 23 Summer Financial Literacy Challenge Begins – 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Virtual Monthly Official Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Presiding Elder’s Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Dial (605) 313-5111, Access Code: 824029
- 26 Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers – 9:30 a.m.
- 27-31 Virtual Bible Study – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; *see Dr. Sharon L. Holder for more information*
- 30 Albany-Kingston District Virtual Steward & Trustee Training – 7 p.m.
- 31 Payment deadline for Albany-Kingston District Church School Convention

August

- 9 Virtual Adult Church School – 4:30 p.m. – *See Sis. Sharon Van Houter for more information*
- 10 Virtual Steward Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Virtual Jr. Steward Board Meeting – 8:30 p.m.
- 11 Virtual Trustee Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Sick & Homebound Members

Please keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers this week:

- **Sis. Patricia Allyne**, 24 Dowling Rd., Albany, NY 12205-1910
- **Sis. Carrie Gamble**, 100 Heritage Ln., Case #126, Albany, NY 12211-1106
- **Sis. Elaine Griffin**, 1519 Union St., Schenectady, NY 12309-6003
- **Sis. Nora Harder**, 2476 Poersch Ct., Schenectady, NY 12309-2417
- **Sis. Sadie Harper**, 2 Tanglewood Rd., Albany, NY 12205-5022
- **Bro. Bennie Mackey**, 275 Livingston Ave., Albany, NY 12210-1512
- **Sis. Loretta Myers**, 526 Altamont Ave., Rm. #623A, Schenectady, NY 12303-1039
- **Sis. Everette Walters**, 24A Dowling Rd., Albany, NY 12205-1910
- **Bro. Patrick Walters**, 24A Dowling Rd., Albany, NY 12205-1910
- **Sis. Betty L. Williams**, 2 Amy Ln., Albany, NY 12205-3702

