

When the merchant found a pearl
of great value, he went away and
sold everything
he had and bought it.

MATTHEW 13:45-46

Parable of the Pearl



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Sunday, July 26, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.

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Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding Prelate, First Episcopal District

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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: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers
Sunday, July 26 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. 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 “[*Joys are Flowing Like a River*](#)” Hymn #200

INVOCATION

Prayer Response: “[*Here I am to Worship*](#)”

MUSICAL SELECTIONPraise Team

SCRIPTURE READING [*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*](#)

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 Once Was Lost in Sin*](#)” Hymn #351

SERMONIC SELECTIONPraise Team

SERMON Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

**INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** “[*All to Jesus, I Surrender*](#)” Hymn #251

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED

AND APPOINTED OFFICERS Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

Pastor: You have accepted the office to which you have been elected or appointed. Do you promise, with the Lord as your helper, to faithfully fulfill its duties?

Officers: **We do, and we ask all members to receive us as fellow laborers with God.**

Pastor: Pray now for the faith and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the boldness of Peter, for the evangelistic zeal of Philip, for the administrative insight of Priscilla and Aquila, and for the wisdom of Paul.

Officers: **Jethro counseled Moses that the task before him was too enormous for him alone. We acknowledge the same. We ask for your prayers, support, encouragement, and cooperation.**

Pastor: God has endowed each of us with unique gifts and talents for the edification of the church and the work of ministry. Will you accept this church office in proportion to your faith to minister, to teach, exhort, to give liberally, to lead with diligence, and to show mercy with cheerfulness?

Officers: **We accept our offices with every intention to use our talents to lead God's people according to our discernment of God's will.**

Pastor: Remember those who were judges in Israel and leaders in the New Testament church. Remember our mothers and fathers in the faith, our ancestors who built and carried the church. They accomplished much, for they were rich in faith, wisdom, and courage.

Officers: **We give thanks for their example, their competence, and their steadfast commitment.**

Pastor: Do you covenant and promise that you will walk together in love for one another, and exercise affectionate watchfulness over all those given to your charge?

Officers: **We will faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. We will strive to maintain the high standards of our offices so that the ministries of our church may be strengthened.**

Pastor: Will you, according to your abilities and opportunities, show good to all, especially in helping to extend the gospel in its purity and power to the whole human family? Will you regularly support the work of the church by systematic contributions both spiritual and financial?

Officers: **We will support our church amid good and ill report. We will humbly and earnestly seek to live to the glory of God, and to be directed by the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: May God uphold you and direct you as you go forth!

All: **Praise be to God!**

BENEDICTION Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

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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

- 27 Weekly First District Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Zoom ID: 484 639 2641 or by phone at (301) 715-8592
- 27-31 Virtual Bible Study – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; *see Dr. Sharon L. Holder for more information*
- 28 Virtual Sermon Talk-Back – 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Virtual Bible Study – 6 p.m.
- 30 Weekly “Prayer Changes Things” Prayer Call – 6:30 a.m.; Dial (516) 259-9554 (no access code)
- 30 Virtual Summer Financial Literacy Challenge – 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Albany-Kingston District Virtual Steward & Trustee Training – 7 p.m.
- 31 Payment deadline for Albany-Kingston District Church School Convention

August

- 1 Presiding Elder’s Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Dial (605) 313-5111, Access Code: 824029
- 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.
- 15 Albany-Kingston District Church School Convention – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Holiday Hill Outings and Events – Prospect, CT
- 17-21 57th Tri-Cities Revival – 7 p.m. nightly; Metropolitan NTMB Church
- 30 Educators’ and Administrators’ Recognition Sunday – 9:30 a.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. Everett 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

