November Birthdays

2	Sis. Renee Williams Hodges	17	Sis. Jalynn Walker
3	Dr. Sharon L. Holder	18	Bro. Kerry Warner
4	Sis. Sadie Harper	23	Sis. Alexandra Carver-Noi
5	Sis. Valrene E. Vives	23	Sis. Maxine Smalling
8	Sis. CaSonya Young	29	Bro. James A. Dandles
11	Bro. Israel Holder		

November Anniversaries

15	Bro. Lorenzo & Sis. Renee W. Hodges	15	Rev. Kevin T. & Sis. Emily Taylor

Upcoming Events

November

22	Book Club Discussion – immediately after morning worship; Come prepared to discuss *Pray & Go: Your Invitation to Become a Great Commission Christian* by Thom Rainer
23	Weekly First District Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Zoom ID: 484 639 2641 or by phone at (301) 715-8592
24	Virtual Albany-Kingston District Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.
25	Weekly Soup Kitchen – 12-1 p.m.
25	No Bible Study – 6 p.m.
26	Weekly "Prayer Changes Things" Prayer Call – 6:30 a.m.; Dial (516) 259-9554 (no access code)
26	Thanksgiving Day – *Reflect on Psalm 107*
28	Presiding Elder's Prayer Call – 6 a.m.; Dial (605) 313-5111, Access Code: 824029 | Read *The Power of Jesus' Names* by Tony Evans
29	First Sunday of Advent/Word AIDS Day Observance – 9:30 a.m.; *wear a shade of red*
29	**Deadline for names and pictures of loved ones who passed in 2026 to be emailed to revkttaylor@hotmail.com for inclusion in memorial tribute on December 13**

December

1	Virtual Trustee Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
4	WNY Conference Advent Service – 7 p.m.; Host Church: Bethel AMEC – Buffalo
7	Virtual Steward Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
7	Virtual Jr. Steward Board Meeting – 8:30 p.m.
12-13	Mary Halicus WMS/Local YPD Bottles for Blessings & Cans for Caring Collection Days
13	Remembrance Sunday/Steward Board Annual Day – 9:30 a.m.
15	Speaking Truth to Power Tuesday – Call to Action: Sign Petition to Declare November 2027 Black Media Month: https://c.org/HjDP9HXYNv
17	Monthly Food Pantry – 12-3 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. Benjamin F. 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



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Sunday, November 22, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP .....

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Father, from whom every good and perfect gift comes, for mercies seen and unseen and blessings freely bestowed upon us.

People: For your goodness and steadfast love, we thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of creation, for earth and sky and sea, for the gift of life, and for creating us in your image and likeness,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For minds to think, hearts to love, hands to serve, strength to labor, and time to rest and rejoice,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For every act of kindness, courage, mercy, and truth that reveals something of the character of Christ in the lives of your people,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For your abiding love, for the gift of Jesus Christ, for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and for making yourself known to us,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For the Church, for the sacraments that draw us nearer to you, for Holy Communion that sustains us, and for faithful clergy, teachers, and saints whose witness strengthens our own,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For families who love us, friendships that nourish us, homes that shelter us, food that sustains us, and communities in which we are known and cared for,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For meaningful work, opportunities to do good, seekers of truth, defenders of liberty, laborers for justice, and all whose courage enlarges the possibilities of human dignity,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For peace found in your presence, joy discovered in your praise, and grace that meets us in hardship, adversity, sorrow, uncertainty, and inconvenience,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For those who remain courageous in suffering, faithful in adversity, generous in scarcity, and hopeful when the road is difficult,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For every opportunity to do your will with joy, to serve our neighbors with compassion, and to use our gifts for the good of others and the building of your Kingdom,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For the communion of saints in every time and place, for those whose faith prepared the way for us, and for the generations who will follow after us,

People: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we have grace, redemption, abundant life, and everlasting hope.

ALL: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be praise, honor, glory, and thanksgiving, now and forever. For all that you have done, for all that you are doing, and for all that you shall yet do, we thank you, O Lord. Amen.

Source: Adapted from "A Litany Thanksgiving," https://sacredheartbolivar.org/litany-of-thanksgiving/

Liturgical Color: Green | Liturgical Season: Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Order of Worship

Thanksgiving Sunday
Sunday, November 22, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. Service

INTROIT ..... *"Let's Have Church"* .....

We have come to sing our praises, We have come to pray our prayers
And we hail from different places, And we carry different cares
We are rich and poor, young and old, From all around the world
Come on everybody, Let's have church

Can anyone read a scripture, Did anyone bring a song?
Can someone give a testimony, Pray they don't talk too long
Preacher gonna preach a sermon, And revival's gonna come
We invite you, Holy Spirit, Have your way in us

It is more than just religion, It is more than brick and stone
It is more than just a feeling, It is more than just a song
We're the house of God, on Christ the Rock
His Kingdom on the earth, Come everybody, Let's have church

Let all of God's people say, Amen, Amen. It's good to be here today, Amen, Amen

DOXOLOGY .....

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Refer to Bulletin Insert

SONG OF PRAISE ..... *"We Gather Together"* ..... Hymn #576

INVOCATION .....

Prayer Response: "Just Want to Praise You"

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... Praise Team

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Matthew 25:31-46 .....

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."

SELECTION ..... Praise Team

ALTAR CALL ..... *"How Great Thou Art"* ..... Hymn #68

SERMON ..... Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP ..... "Thank You Lord" .....

BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Kevin T. Taylor

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