

Morning Worship Service

January 8, 2023

(First Sunday after the Epiphany)

PRAISE & WORSHIPThe Simon Temple Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP Presider

Presider: Arise, shine; for your light has come. We have chased the star across the sky. We have journeyed far to worship a crying child. The glory of God has risen upon you! We have opened our treasures before the babe: our wealth, our hopes, our very lives. Joy to the world arise from your bed; the light of the ages has come!

*HYMN....."Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"#45

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER.....Minister

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:.....Minister

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose faith let us now reverently and sincerely declare. What do we believe?

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost. Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried, the third day He rose from the dead He 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen. (Holy catholic church means the church universal not the Roman Catholic Church.)

LITURGICAL PRESENTATION.....Dance Ministry

INTRODUCTION OF OFFERING.....Minister

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Minister

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS.....WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

*OFFERTORY....."All Things Come of Thee O Lord"

VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME.....A/V Ministry

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS.....Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Pastor

PRE-MESSAGE SELECTION.....Male Chorus

THE MESSAGE..... Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Pastor

*CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

BENEDICTION

Flowers Placed in the Sanctuary by

Bro. Connie and Sis. Delores McLaughlin
In Honor of Their 24th Wedding Anniversary.

Additional Flowers Placed in the Sanctuary by

Bro. Miguel and Sis. Gracie Montanez
In Honor of Their 38th Wedding Anniversary.
Happy Anniversary to the Lovely Couples!

Business of the Week

"Brinkley's Landscaping and Cleaning Services"
"The place to go for your landscaping and corporate cleaning needs." Mowing, tree-planting, pruning, corporate building, and office cleaning done at competitive prices • Licensed, insured, and bonded.
For more information, please call Bro. Paul Brinkley at (301) 793-0491

Announcements

Attention: If you want to sponsor the flowers in the chapel baskets in the Sanctuary "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, please contact the church office at (910) 867-1182. Cost: \$100.

Join us today as Simon Temple hosts the District's Re-Igniting the Fire Worship Service at 4:00 pm.

First Fruits: (Proverbs 3:9-10) – The principle of First Fruits tells us that all our firsts belong to God. In January, the first month, we are admonished to honor the Lord with the first of our wages in the amount of a day, week, or month of salary. (For complete information on First Fruits, go to simontemple.com).

If you would like to receive your 2022 tax contribution statement, please sign up by sending an email to info@simontemple.com. Please include your full name, address & telephone number to identify your contribution account correctly.

The Christian Education Department is seeking volunteers to teach at Children's Church. If you are interested or have questions regarding this ministry, please notify Sis. Sarah Wilson.

In-person Children's Church is now in effect. We encourage children ages 3 - 12 to attend Children's Church at 8:30 and 11:00 am each Sunday. POC: Sis. Sarah Wilson.

Youth Worship Services at 8:30 am & 11:00 am each Sunday in the Youth Center at Kingdom Plaza. Youth, please join us for fun-filled rap sessions concerning our Savior, Jesus Christ. POC: Dr. Vanessa Alford.

Jan 10— The Cancer Support Group will resume at 6:30 p.m. in the Bishop Brian R. Thompson Sr. Fellowship Center. We encourage Cancer Survivors & Caregivers to meet with us on the 2nd Tuesday of Each Month. POC: Bro. Darryl Patrick.

Jan 14—Greeters, please plan to meet in Kingdom Plaza at 9:00 a.m. POC: Sis. Ann Alston.

Jan 16 - The Ministerial Council invites you to attend their Annual MLK Prayer Brunch at the Crown Exposition Center. Tickets are available in the Simon Temple Bookstore, costing \$25.00 each.

SERMON NOTES

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Email addresses: info@simontemple.com or pastortillett@simontemple.com

If you have concerns or constructive observations about your experience today,
please email them to: memberconcerns@simontemple.com or
howarewedding@simontemple.com. We appreciate and welcome your input.

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Corporate Prayer: 7:00 am every Monday – 1-267-807-9611; access code 471857

Communion Service: 1st Sunday of each month

Sunday School: 09:45 a.m.

Children's Church 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesday 12 Noon/6:45 p.m.

Wives Empowerment: 10:00 a.m. (Each Saturday Bi-Weekly)

Men's Empowerment: 7:00 p.m. (Each Tuesday Following the 2nd Sunday Monthly)

Women's Empowerment: 10:00 a.m. (4th Saturday Monthly)

WHOMS 7:00 p.m. (2nd Thursday Monthly)

Men of Zion: 8 a.m. (2nd Saturday Monthly)

Good Samaritan Outreach Ministry: 6:45 a.m. (Each Saturday Monthly)

Ministry House – Food Pantry & Clothing Closet: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Tuesday/Thursday)

The Simon Temple Book Club on Zoom: 6:30 pm. (2nd & 4th Monday Monthly)

Drive-Thru Prayer 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (2nd Thursday after 2nd Sunday Monthly)

New Members Class via ZOOM 1:30 pm (1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays)

Youth New Members via ZOOM 1:30 pm (2nd Sundays)

To schedule appointments, please call the church office at (910) 867-1182.

Emergency Support After Hours: Please notify your Class Leader concerning critical incidents, hospitalizations, or death notifications. POC: Rev. Ronnie Vandyke & Dr. Leon Newton.

Minister on Call after Office Hours for Emergencies concerning "critical incidents, hospitalizations, or death notifications only." (910) 391-2998

"I was sick, and ye visited me"

Pray for the Sick

Sis. Pamela Morgan (910) 354-0706

Sis. Deborah Murphy (910) 425-9505

Sis. Camish Martin (910) 867-6242

Sis. Mary Wright (910) 868-449

Sis. Angela Murry (910) 273-8543

Bro. Raeshaun Poe (910) 322-7310

Sis. Ann Hardy (910) 709-5794

Sis. Denise Hoskins-Exum (910) 263-4143

Sis. Vandora McDowell (910) 822-2654

Bro. Joseph Heath (910) 797-0494

Bro. James Elder (571) 331-9834

Sis. Mary B. Ray (910) 488-3784

Sis. Lutisha Ray McNeill (910) 635-2376

Sis. Grace Greene (910) 248-6545

Sis. Velicia McLaurin (910) 624-4431

Sis. Frances McKay (910) 835-1406

Sis. Betty Manuel (910) 670-5381

Bro. Charles Collins (910) 425-2059

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Sis. Margaret Darrell (Haymount Rehabilitation & Nursing Center Room 401) • (910) 689-0150

