

ORDER OF SERVICE April 11, 2021 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We celebrate the loving presence of God

in our life.

People: May God's loving presence be a strong

influence in our life.

Leader: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to

worship you.

People: We rejoice that God teaches us about love

and forgiveness.

Leader: As we grow in faith, trust and love for God;

All: may our worship, witness and service

bring honor to God's Holy Name.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
GLORIA PATRI

READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Because He Lives"

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

OFFERING

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

ALTAR PRAYER

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

SERMON

(Re)Create Us Part 1 – "Something Out of Nothing" Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
BENEDICTION

Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us toward its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of differences of opinion in the Church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the Word of God; to educate our children in matters of faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will toward humanity, to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and to stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and, with tender sympathy, bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior set forth in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Should we remove from this place, we shall unite as soon as possible with another church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

JESUS CHRIST HIS RESURRECTION

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In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

John 14:19



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

* All services are currently streamed online on YouTube

Sunday School

The Contemporary Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Children Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
The Traditional Sunday School following 8:00 a.m. Services
Teen Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bethany Bible Institute 7:00 p.m. Refuge for Teens 7:00 p.m.

<u>THANK YOU</u> – To my Bethany family and friends thank you for your expressions of sympathy given to me and my family at the passing of my mother Sister Estelle Foust. Sister Beverly Foust

<u>VIRTUAL MEETINGS</u> – The Men's Fellowship will hold a virtual meeting on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Please check your email inbox for communication with further details.

The Black College Committee will hold a virtual meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Please check your email inbox for communication with further details.

<u>COVID VACCINE REGISTRATION</u> – New Jersey has an online portal https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/ that enables you to register for a vaccine. Once you are eligible to receive the vaccine, you will be notified and can then find a vaccination site, pre-register, and schedule an appointment. Some vaccination sites may offer walk-up/on-site registration as well when doses are more readily available.

<u>DEVOTIONALS</u> – Due to COVID-19, Our Daily Bread devotions shipment have been slightly delayed. We apologize for the inconvenience! To see all the other ways you can read Our Daily Bread devotions, go to the following website https://odb.org/US/2021/03/01/never-give-up-3. The Secret Place devotions are available for pickup.

TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL – Teen Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting information: Meeting ID: 976 8350 1447 Passcode: 830242 or type in the following, tinyurl.com/bbcteensundayschool.

<u>LITTLE SAINTS SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> – Children 12 years old and younger Zoom Meeting information: Meeting ID: 975 9579 0040 Passcode: 296496 or type in the following, tinyurl.com/bbclittlesaintssundayschool.

MATTHEW 6:9 WEEKDAY PRAYER CALL – The Matthew 6:9 prayer call continues on weekday evenings at 6:09 pm. To join the prayer call, as well as to listen to our Sunday morning worship services, you may dial 1-425-436-6372, and when asked, enter 146003 as the access code. "In this manner, therefore, pray: "Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name." - Matt. 6:9, NKJV

Special Prayer List April 2021

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Members in Hospitals or Nursing Homes

Sister Catherine Banks (07017) Sister Beulah Brent (14901) Deacon Dorothy Jenkins (07039) Sister Iralena Maxwell (07018) Brother James Miller, III (07107) Sister Wilma Turner (07102)

Members Who Are Sick & Shut-in

Sister Peggy Edgerton (07104)

Sister Ann Foster (07017)

Sister Lenora Golden (07052)

Sister Elaine Green (07017)

Sister Sarah Hayes (07083)

Sister Martha Kennedy (07205)

Sister Carolyn Lee (08816)

Sister Debra O' Neil (07108)

Brother Marcellus Robinson (07106)

Sister Geraldine Reeves (08854)

Sister Joyce Ruffin (07076)

Sister Hattie Schenck (07018)

Sister Mary Scruggs (07018)

Sister Emily Smith (07017)

Sister Marjorie Thurman (08540)

Sister Carol Timmons (07050)

Sister Harriette Waltz (07018)

Sister Harriette Washington-Williams (07018)

Members Requesting Prayer

Sister Colleen Anderson (07103)

Sister Jennifer Arnold (08844)

Sister Mary Atkinson (07018)

Sister Bertha Bell (07017)

Sister Peggy Crawley (07017)

Deacon Louise Ellis (07083)

Deacon Jerry Ellis (07083)

Brother Mark Epps, III (07102)

Deacon Linda Epps (07102)

Brother Fredrick Gilbert (07017)

Brother Rudolph Graddy Jr. (07940)

Sister Janet James (07017)

Deacon Alice Johnson (07205)

Brother Larry Johnson (07003)

Deacon Emily Jukes (07050)

Sister Vivian Lampkin (07009)

Deacon Marvin Mack (07853)

Brother Glenn Miller (07106)

Sister Tracey Moore Peters (07921)

Sister Linda Preston (08852)

Sister Frances Rhodes (07601)

Deacon Marlene Roper (07040)

Sister Frances Thomas (07205)

Sister Cheryl Thompson-Martin (07028)

Sister Thelma Vannoy (07050)

Sister Willie Mae Warnick (34473)

Sister Shirley Way (07202)

Sister Davida Williams-McCloud (07106)

Brother Warren Williams (07102)

Sister Maude Young (07018)

In the event of hospitalization, home-confinement, or an extended illness, please call, or have a family member or the hospital staff contact the church office at 973-623-8161.

^{*} The zip codes are listed and intended for Fellowship Circle purposes.



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Henrietta Parker (07042) Warren Williams (07102)

Happy Birthday April 2021



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ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS
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THE ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY
AT 12:00 NOON

