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Rev. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones, PhD, Senior Pastor

Pastor Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr,

Homecoming Revival Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh God, You are my God; early will I seek you. My soul thirsts for you in a dry and thirsty land where there is no living water.

Congregation: I have looked for you in the sanctuary, to see your power and your glory.

Leader: Because your loving kindness is constant, my lips will praise you.

Congregation: I will bless you while I live; I will lift up my hands in your name.

Leader: My soul shall be satisfied and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips.

All: Because you have been my help, therefore do I rejoice in your faithfulness.

Praise and Worship

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones

Offering

Introduction of Speaker

Music Ministry

The Message

Rev. Leslie D. Callahan, Ph.D.

Call to Discipleship

Benediction



Guest Preacher Rev. Leslie D. Callahan, Ph.D.

On May 17, 2009, the congregation of the historic 119-year-old St. Paul's Baptist Church, located in the heart of Philadelphia, called the Reverend Dr. Leslie D. Callahan as the church's first female pastor. Dr. Callahan delivered her first sermon as St. Paul's pastor titled "It's Time" on May 31 to an excited congregation of St. Paul's members and friends. After a series of pre-installation celebrations, St. Paul's installed Dr. Callahan as their 5th Pastor on September 27, 2009.

A native of Gary, West Virginia, Dr. Callahan experienced her first Christian education and formation at Apostolic Temple Church where she developed an enduring love for Jesus Christ and for Christ's body, the Church. Having experienced her call to ministry at an early age, Dr. Callahan began the public proclamation of the gospel at age 19.

Committed to education, Dr. Callahan earned the Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Harvard University/Radcliffe, the Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Religion from Princeton University. Her research interests include religious history in the United States, particularly independent African American Christianity and Pentecostal studies.

Dr. Callahan was ordained in 1997 at Judson Memorial Church and served as Minister of Christian Education at the First Baptist Church of Princeton, New Jersey. She also served as interim pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Callahan currently serves as a Commissioner for the Philadelphia Housing Authority. She is also an active member of the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In addition to her ministry and scholarly pursuits, Dr. Callahan enjoys traveling, golfing, reading, movies, and sports.

Dr. Callahan's favorite scripture is Psalm 27:4: One thing have I desired of the LORD; that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in God's temple.

Dr. Callahan's chief joy is being the proud mother of Annabelle Inez Callahan.