

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

321 North South Street, Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

121ST Church Anniversary
December 1, 2019

Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 5:18 - "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

Theme Song: *"Every Praise is to Our God"*

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

The Right Reverend James Levert Davis, Presiding Prelate
Mother Arelis Beevers Davis, Episcopal Supervisor of Missions
Rev. Dr. Conrad K. Pridgen, Presiding Elder, Western District
Rev. Dr. Shirley W. Hines, Pastor
Rev. Anita M. Thompson, Eastern District Presiding Elder, Guest Minister

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Be with us, O God, as we celebrate this day and the years of Christian fellowship that we shared as a congregation.

For such a time as this, you have called the church to be at its best.

Quicken our memories of those whose wisdom and love established this church and whose faith and steadfastness glorified you through its life.

For those who laid the foundation of this household of faith, we give thanks.

Make vivid to us the glorious victories that we have won in your name and the continuing fellowship, which has revealed your Spirit through these years.

For this rich inheritance of the Church of Jesus Christ, we give thanks.

Crown our joy in this hour with a fresh awareness of the vast company of Christians who share our celebration and who urge us to yet greater achievements in Christ's name.

For those who make common cause with us, we give thanks.

May we be worthy of the faith of our ancestors and eager to win new victories for righteousness' sake.

For the "invisible institution" of black slaves we give you thanks. For the emergence of the Black Church, solidified by shared suffering and deliverance, we give thanks.

We remember with gratitude and awe their creative appropriation of the Bible, and their centuries-long struggle for freedom all alone.

For the Quakers who took a firm stand against slavery in 1688, we give thanks.

Fill us with an ever-increasing knowledge of truth, and with an ever-growing awareness of need. Give us a more generous spirit.

For the assurance of new opportunities to serve you better, we give thanks.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, renew our faith and increase our strength. May we be worthy recipients of past blessings and ready helpers in the tasks that lie ahead.

Come, Lord Jesus, empower and hold our church to your heart.

Unite us in commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, that the world may see our dedication to follow your teachings and to fulfill your will for this church.

May your kingdom come and your will be done in splendid, perfect fellowship. Continue to guide us as in the future, as you have in the past.

ST. PAUL A.M.E. CHURCH, MT. AIRY, NC
ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 – 11:00 A.M.

10:50 – 11:00 Praise and Worship Steward Board

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye Heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Call to Worship

Minister: 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 court is better than a thousand. I had rather be a Doorkeeper in the House of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: 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.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy House, Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: 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, all the earth sing praises.

The Hymn No.

The Invocation

Choral Response

Scripture

Leader: The word of God for the children of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise. Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

The Decalogue in its Entirety:

Glori Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Hymn No.

Recognition of Visitors and Announcements

Missionary Offering/Tithes/Offerings.....Ushers and Officers

Offertory Sentence (Please Stand):

All things come of Thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

Altar Prayer/Meditation

Sermonic Hymn No.

Sermon.....Rev. Dr. Shirley W. Hines
Pastor

Invitation to Discipleship

Holy Communion

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH (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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into Heaven and sits 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 Spirit, the Church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

The Benediction

The Recessional

ST. PAUL AME CHURCH
121ST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
DECEMBER 1, 2019 - 3:00 P.M.
REV. DR. SHIRLEY W. HINES, PASTOR - PRESIDING

Devotion: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Call to Worship

Opening Selection

Prayer.....Guest

Selection

Scripture

2 Peter 1: 1-10
"There's Power in your
Faith"

Welcome and the Occasion

History of St. Paul AME Church

Selection

Memorial Tribute to Deceased Members

Offering.....Ushers and Officers

The Offertory: All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Introduction/Presentation of Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Shirley Hines

Sermonic Selection(s)

The Anniversary Sermon.....Rev. Anita M. Thompson
Eastern District Presiding Elder

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Remarks Rev. Dr. Shirley Hines

Closing Remarks/Benediction.....Rev. Thompson

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL AME CHURCH

In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone;
for part of us went with you
The day God called you Home.

You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.

Our Church Family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same
but as God calls us one by one
the chains will link again.

