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**Sunday, January 26, 2025 | Third Sunday After Epiphany**



**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr.**  
Presiding Bishop, First Episcopal District

**Rev. Dr. C. Carlton Woodward**  
Presiding Elder, Newark District

**Rev. Melvin E. Wilson**  
Pastor/Teacher

**Ministerial Staff**

Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Itinerant Elder

Rev. Dr. Crystal Newby-Reynolds, Itinerant Elder | Minister of Liturgical Arts & Youth

Rev. Leslie Wilson, Minister to Women

Rev. Marian Sykes Johnson, Local Elder

Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts, Local Elder

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**For Tech/IT Support Before or During Worship, Dial (973) 678-1217, Press Option 8.**

**We can park at 280 S. Harrison Street from 8:30 am – 11:30 am.**

The Nursery for parents and children is located at the rear of the sanctuary. Also, there is a Sensory Room (with a monitor to see worship) for parents and children on the autism spectrum or with special needs. See the Greeters' Ministry located at the front table.

### **The Order of Worship at 9:00 am**

**In-person worshipers may wear masks. Please be kind to those who choose to do so.**

The Worship Leader – Bro. Terry Spicer

\*The Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*\*The Call to Worship Bro. Allan Laidlow

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

People: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

People: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

People: God is the light of our lives.

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

Together: Praise be to God, now and forevermore! Amen!

\*The Hymn of Praise AMEH #75 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"  
(Worshipers May Enter)

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean- depth of happy rest! Thou art Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

The Worship Through Prayer Bro. Michael Brown, Sr.  
(No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

## The Worship Through Music

Male Chorus

(Youth Dismissed to Youth Church Downstairs - Worshipers May Enter)

## The Welcome of Visitors

"13 Air Hugs"

Bro. Robert McGinniss, Sr.

"We're so glad you came to worship, we're "God's Love for God's people;" we welcome you with open arms with love that won't go away. Welcome, oh welcome; welcome, oh welcome; welcome, oh welcome, to St. Matthew, to St. Matthew!

### First-Time Visitors: WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW!

Please take a picture of this QR Code and complete the First-Time Visitors Information Form. Thank you. We are honored that you have joined us today. If you have a church home, return our greetings to your Pastor. If not, please consider St. Matthew as **"the end of your search for a loving church."**



## The Pastor's Words

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

### The Worship Through Giving

You can give all tithes and offerings in all categories by text at (973) 272-4332, CashApp (\$StMthew), Zelle (973-280-7654), Givelify (Use QR Code), mail, drop-off, or at

[www.stmatthewame.org](http://www.stmatthewame.org).

**Benevolent Offering today for California fire victims.**

**Those giving electronically, please bring your phone and tap the basket.**



## The Worship Through Scripture 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 NIV Bro. Jerry Roberts

(Please Read In Unison - No Walking, Entry, or Exit At This Time)

<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**This is God's Word for God's people. It is already blessed. Amen.**

## The Sermonic Selection

Male Chorus

(Worshippers May Enter)



The Preached Word

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

**Subject: "The Money You Give to the Church"**

\*The Invitation to Salvation|Church Membership|Recommitment

If you want to be Saved, join St. Matthew, St. Paul, Mt. Zion, or Recommit to Christ, you can identify yourself now or text the word JESUS to (973) 840-8874

\*The Benediction

Rev. Melvin E. Wilson, Pastor/Teacher

**\*Means Stand If You Are Able**

Rev. Crystal Newby-Reynolds is the Prayer Minister today. If you desire personal prayer, please meet her in the chapel after service or call (973) 600-4068.

**PLEASE DO NOT EAT FOOD OR DRINK COFFEE, SODA, OR JUICE IN THE SANCTUARY!!**

If you need to eat, drink, or feed your children, please do so outside of the sanctuary. **This is a sacred space.** Thank you.

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## **EXPERIENCE the POWER of PRAYER!**

### **Resources for Your Spirit and Soul**

**Sis. Karen Deas, President, Prayer Ministry**

**Rev. Dr. Donna Ho-Shing, Spiritual Advisor**

**Rev. Melvin E Wilson, Pastor/Teacher**

#### **Daily Prayer Line – Call In at (206) 806-9984**

Join us at 6 AM and 9:30 PM Sunday through Saturday- 7 Days a week. Our prayer call line is open to everyone. Invite your friends, family members, and colleagues from anywhere in the United States or internationally. All are welcome!

#### **Altar Prayer @ St. Matthew AME Church, 336 Oakwood Ave, Orange, NJ 07050**

The Sanctuary and 2nd floor Chapel are open for prayer, Monday through Friday when the church office is open.

#### **The St. Matthew Prayer Wall - <https://bit.ly/3b4V4U5>**

Request Prayer for an individual by placing their name on the Prayer Wall. Our Prayer Ministry partners pray over these requests daily. The wall is open to the public.

#### **Request Individual Prayer**

- **Dial** the Church office - (973) 678-1217; choose option 7 to leave a confidential prayer request.
- **Easy Tithe** - Click on the Request Prayer button and leave a confidential message.
- **Church Website** - <https://www.stmatthewame.org/> - Click on the Request Prayer button and leave a confidential message.

A prayer partner will return your call or email when you leave your contact information and pray with you directly regarding your confidential request. If no contact information is left, the prayer partner will pray as you requested.

#### **Monthly Congregational Prayer Service**

Prayer service is held every month on the **4th Monday** at 6:30 PM on the general Zoom connection and in the sanctuary quarterly. Streaming is available on our website, FaceBook, and YouTube every month.

#### **Want to grow in prayer?**

We encourage everyone to participate in all prayer opportunities. You are invited to pray on the prayer call and the congregational Prayer services. Let anyone from the Prayer Ministry know that you are interested or call the church office, choose option 7, and leave a message. Additionally, our Ministry is open to all St. Matthew members. Join our ministry, learn about prayer and intercession, and become a prayer partner. All are welcome!

**Do you have the St. Matthew Daily Devotional App? Download "The Word for You Today" app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. After you have downloaded the app, click here to register:**

**<https://app.wordforyou.com/churches/access-code/MVP/register>.**

**You can also share this link with anyone and the link is available on our website.**

**The Sanctuary & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chapel are open for Prayer whenever the church is open. The Chapel is open on Sundays from 8:15 am – 8:45 am and after 9 am worship for prayer.**



**January: The Month of New Beginnings**

**January Birthdays** – **1/1:** Evonne Fields **1/2:** Barbara Copeland **1/3:** Beth Ludd, Evan Reynolds **1/5:** Nancy Smith, Dakota Johnson **1/6:** Nia Sorbino **1/9:** Brenda Clarke **1/10:** Jacqueline Herran **1/13:** Joy Mills **1/15:** Tency Eason, Michael Brown, Sr., Pamela Cuff **1/16:** Alvin James Lindsey **1/17:** Paulette Jennings, Jennifer Ransom **1/19:** Dr. Sharon Boyd-Jackson, Jerry Mosley **1/20:** Rose Tilus **1/22:** C. Claire Stevens **1/24:** Annie Golden **1/30:** Lauren Wilson **1/31:** Cathleen Robinson

**January Anniversaries** – **1/14:** Darnell & Paquita Mason – 26 years; **1/27:** John & Miriam (Mippi) Clark – 52 years



**Bulletin Announcements Due Into The Office By Wednesday**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH**

Today: G4C Youth Church. Youth Church School classes will meet immediately following worship. Women's Retreat & Convocation registration in the narthex. All adults are asked to go to the Fellowship Hall downstairs for our Q&A session with NJ gubernatorial candidate Jack Ciattarelli. Missionary Blessing Table at 12 noon.

Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm. Friday, 9 am – 12 Noon.

**Monday 1/27** – MFH Food Pantry at 11 am. Last week: **63 people were served, and 3,391 pounds of food were given away. YTD: 288 people served, 15,272 pounds of food given.** Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm. Joint Class meeting with Class #5 & Class 9 at 7:30 pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 954 2998 5640, Passcode: 6781293. Missionary election at 8 pm.

**Tuesday 1/28** – Trustee Board election. Bible Study at 6:30 pm. Mass Choir election at 7:45 pm.

**Wednesday 1/29** – Pastor Wilson leads Induction Ceremony at Oakwood Avenue School at 1 pm. Development Team at 2 pm. Virtual Narcan training at 6:30 pm. Class #32 (youth) at 6:45 pm. Harmony Choir, Spiritual Movement Exercise, Newark District Prayer Service for California at 7 pm.

**Thursday 1/30** - **2025 Annual Meeting online at 6:30 pm.**

**Saturday 2/1**– **Black History Month begins.** Men's Bible Study at 8 am. Viewing (9 am) & Homegoing Service (10 am) for Sis. Kathleen Brantley, mother of Bro. Ike King.

**Sunday 2/2** – Divine Worship, Holy Communion, & Installation of Officers at 9 am. We will have a Black History Moment each Sunday in February. **Feel free to wear African or culturally relevant attire each Sunday in February.**



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# MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

**Men's Bible Study**  
Every Saturday at 8 am for adult and young men  
Zoom Meeting ID: 875 0243 0162  
Passcode - 497743

**Women's Bible Study**  
Every second Saturday at 9 am  
Zoom Meeting ID: 786 035 380  
Passcode - 6781293  
Phone Dial-In Number: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 786 035 380

**Nutrition Class**  
Every third Saturday at 10 am  
Zoom Meeting ID: 866 862 387  
Passcode - 6781293  
Phone Dial-In Number: (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 866 862 387

**Exercise and Spiritual Movement Class**  
Thursday at 7 pm.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 860 4686 5587  
Passcode - 6781293  
Video class. No dial-in option.

**ASK Women's Ministry**  
Every fourth Saturday at 9 am  
Zoom Meeting ID: 716 275 876  
Passcode - 6781293  
(929) 205-6099, Meeting ID 716275876

If you are not on the church's email list or text messaging list, please forward your name, cell number, and email address to Pastor Wilson at [sstukes@stmatthewame.org](mailto:sstukes@stmatthewame.org). You are also invited to join the church's WhatsApp group

- Mon. 2/3** – Mental Health Support Group at 6:30 pm.  
**Weds. 2/5** – Joint Steward & Trustee Board at 6:30 pm.  
**Thurs. 2/6 – Sat. 2/8** – 1<sup>st</sup> District Founder's Day Celebration in Philadelphia.  
**Sat. 2/8** – Men's Bible Study at 8 am. Women's Bible Study at 9 am. NJ Usher's State meeting here at 9:30 am. Missionaries at 10:30 am.  
**Sun. 2/9** – Youth Sunday & AME Founder's Day worldwide. Sons of Allen sponsors Super Bowl Tailgate Party **for all** beginning at 5:30 pm.  
**Sun. 2/16** – **D9 Sunday**. Black History presentation after worship by youth from Cicely Tyson School.  
**Mon. 2/17** – **President's Day**. Church closed. No food pantry.  
**Tues. 2/18** – Food pantry at 11 am. Bible Study at 6:30 pm.  
**Sun. 2/23** – Candidate Q&A after worship with Mayor Ras Baraka. Missionary Blessing Table at 12 noon.  
**Mon. 2/24** - Monthly Congregational Prayer Meeting online at 6:30 pm.  
**Weds. 2/26** – Wednesday in the Word at 12 noon. Generation One Senior Ministry at 1:15 pm (**Note new date**). Book Club at 7:30 pm.  
**Sat. 3/1** – Domestic Violence workshop from 9 am – 12 noon.  
**Sun. 3/2** – Divine Worship, Holy Communion & Holy Baptism at 9 am.  
**Weds. 3/5** – **Ash Wednesday**. **We begin the Daniel Fast**. Newark District Ash Wednesday Service in-person at 7 pm (Place TBD)  
**Fri. 3/7 – Sun. 3/9** - We host Eastern Region Usher's Association Conference. Usher's concert here on Saturday 3/8 at 7 pm. Pastor Wilson preaches for Ushers on Sunday 3/9 at 2:30 pm.  
**Fri. 3/14 - Sun. 3/16** – **Women's Weekend**.





Member	Class Number	Class Leader
Bro. Herman Williams	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Sis. Andrea Williams	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Bro. Thomas Thornton	4	Bro. Durwin Coppock
Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts	5	Sis. Karen Taylor
Sis. Carol Goodson	8	Bro. Jonathan Ridley
Sis. Carol Wright	8	Bro. Jonathan Ridley
Sis. Dorothy Dix	10	Sis. Sherrill Austin
Bro. Chris Thorne	11	Bro. Terry Spicer
Bro. Euistace Pryor	15	Sis. Verna Leath-Young
Sis. Cheryl Gordor	17	Sis. Shanda Toler
Sis. Sylvia Hunter	16	Sis. Kathleen Turpin-Merritt
Evang. Eva Douglas	20	Sis. Marcie Johnson
Sis. Janie Scott	23	Sis. Infalease Murray
Sis. Mary Gibson	24	Sis. Veronica Deveaux
Sis. Laurie Crowley-Martin	25	Sis. Robyn Sorbino
Sis. Michele Barbara Davis	26	Sis. Brenda Clarke
Sis. Ann Hill	31	Sis. Gloria Diane Brown
Sis. Norma Davis	33	Sis. Mattie Crowley
Sis. Joyce Wooden	33	Sis. Mattie Crowley
Sis. Roxanne Blair	35	Sis. Valerie Tummings
Sis. Veatrice Long	35	Sis. Valerie Tummings

### Our Prayer List

Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr & Supervisor Phyllis Green, Rev Dr C Carlton & Rev Blanche Woodward, Rev Melvin E Wilson & Family, Sis Linda Callahan, All Persons on Sick & Shut-In List, All Bereaved Families, All Elected Officials, All Persons & Situations on Our Prayer Wall, The Unjustly Imprisoned, Domestic Violence Survivors, Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors, Cancer Patients & Survivors, All Pastors & Churches of the First Episcopal District AME Church, Churches & Houses of Faith of All Denominations, All Veterans, Gov Phil & Tammy Murphy, All Candidates in Public Office, Sis Karen Newkirk, Sis Tracee Baker, Sis Amelia Robinson, Sis Dorothy Dix, Bro Anthony Williams, Sis Karen Gibson, Sis Emma Rhymes, Sis Katrice Mitchell-Tanlire, Sis Eve Newton, Sis Pamela Brooks, Sis Aleksandra Scott, Sis Mary Gibson, Sis Andrea Carmichael, Sis Mary Green, Sis Thresa Davenport, Sis Cathleen Robinson, Sis Theresa Pryor, Rev Dr Donna Ho-Shing, Sis Deborah Odom, Bro Tayshaun Ware, Sis Bertha Stokes, Rev Dr Shirley Roberts, Sis Cheryl Gordor, Sis Tamika Robinson, Bro John London, Sis Dawn Rodrigues-Glenn, Bro Christopher Glenn, Bro Antone Stevens, Sis Shana Richardson, Sis Carol Wright, Sis Alzada Gatling, Sis Laura Taylor

**Recently Bereaved Families:** Dr. Sharon Boyd-Jackson & Family, Bro Anthony Williams & Family, Sis Karen Cooper & Family, Bishop Reginald T. Jackson & Family, Bro Ike King & Family, The Family of Sis. Norma Royal, Sis Corinne, Bro Joseph, & Sis Carol Tyree & Family, Sis Hawaiian Thompson-Epps & Family, Sis Doretha Simpson & Family, Sis Veronica Devaux & Family, Bro Jerry & Sis Cynthia Mosley & Family, Bro Turhan Welch & Family

**Want to know more about the ministry of St. Matthew? Scan this QR code.**



**Setting New Year's Resolutions**  
Steps on how to make and keep your goals

Give your resolution time to become a habit

New routines don't just become a habit overnight. [A 2009 study](#) found that on average, it takes 66 days to form a new habit. Be patient with yourself. If you have minor setbacks or don't hit your goal one week, pick it back up the next week. Just keep working at your goal and eventually it can become second nature.

James Clear who wrote **Atomic Habits** suggests that although it takes 66 days to form a habit, the most important aspect is to consistently repeat the desired behavior over time. It's not a finish line to cross but rather a process to maintain. We recommend the book if this is an area of interest.

*From the St. Matthew Health & Wellness Ministry*

**Medical Debt Outreach Balance - \$11,541 77% of our \$15,000 goal.**

St. Matthew is doing its part to eliminate medical debt for the community.

**MEDICAL DEBT**



**ELIMINATION FUND**

We are saving towards the next \$15,000 Donation. Each member is asked to give \$5- \$10 weekly towards our medical elimination fund.



# NEWARK DISTRICT

# Prayer Night

FOR THE  
**5<sup>th</sup>** EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Join us as we gather to intercede in prayer for those impacted by the Southern California wildfires

"AND PRAY IN THE SPIRIT ON ALL OCCASIONS WITH ALL KINDS OF PRAYERS AND REQUESTS. WITH THIS IN MIND, BE ALERT AND ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING FOR ALL THE LORD'S PEOPLE."

-EPHESIANS 6:18

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025  
7:00PM

REV. DR. CARLTON C. WOODWARD, PRESIDING ELDER  
REV. BLANCHE G. WOODWARD, CONSULTANT



ZOOM: 895 8931 6485  
PASSCODE: 649641



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Come Worship With Us

# Divine 9 Sunday

Sunday, February 16, 2025  
9:00AM

Come Support & Rep Your Organization



Committed to Serving Their Communities

336 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Facebook Live - @stmatthewamechurch  
<http://youtube.com/user/stmatthew336>

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## Main Core Value Of Our Congregation



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988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. If you need to call, CALL!  
You can also text 988 or text 741741.



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**St. Matthew is in the fight against Dementia & Alzheimer's!**



Alzheimer's Association helpline # **800-272-3900**.

This is a free live service, available 24/7 in over 200 languages and dialects, to support individuals and families who are navigating dementia. The Alzheimer's Association website also has a wealth of resources: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). It includes a valuable [community resource finder](#), where a person can search for any service that they may need, across the entire country, by simply providing their zip code. For those with a memory loss diagnosis, their [TrialMatch](#) web page allows you to research available clinical trials to discuss with their family and their care team.