

Invitation To Christian Discipleship

Join the Prayer Ministry every Tuesday from 5:15 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as we pray for our family & friends, our church, our church leaders, community, city, state and other prayer concerns. Heavenly Father, I come to you today asking for your healing hand to be upon our brothers and sisters: Pastor Cook's father: Fernando Cook, Rev. Linda Williams' mother: Birdia Williams, KatieDeloris Harrion, Anthony Rawls, Michael Russell, RC Anderson, Tamekia Ford, Norris Bishop, Denorris Skinner, Jesse Chambers, Clyde Adams, Clarence Blackmon, John Adams, Queen Jones, Sandra Bell, Flossie Jackson and Myrick Jackson.

Rev. Dr. Stephen T. Cook, Senior Pastor
Rev. Domini Henry, Associate Pastor Rev. Linda L. Williams, Associate Pastor
June 1, 2025

Order of Service		
Processional		
Gathering Music	“I Made It Out”	Anderson’s Sanctuary Choir
Call to Worship	Sis. Natalie Holmes	
Leader:	The roots of the Tree of Life run deep into the sacred soil.	
People:	The limbs of the Tree of Life reach out to embrace the goodness of all creation.	
Leader:	The trunk of the Tree of Life stands strong in the face of hatred and malice toward the least, the lonely, the left out.	
People:	The branches of the Tree of Life struggle toward the heavens, hoping to bring about God’s reign of justice and love for all.	
Leader:	The winds of the Spirit breathe through the Tree of Life, bringing renewal and hope.	
People:	May our worship this day be a worthy offering that supports the Tree of Life and brings the goodness of the Sacred to our world. .	
Congregational Song	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	
Cancer Survivors Recognition and MADD Drama Presentation	Sis. Felicia Brisco	
Opening Prayer	Rev. Domini Henry, Associate Pastor	
Invitation To The Table:	Sis. Natalie Holmes	
Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another, our faith and bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, and your undying life. Amen.		
Video Announcements and Women of Virtue Announcement by First Lady Erma Cook.		
Passing of the Peace		
Affirmation of the Christian Faith		
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 rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		

The Great Thanksgiving "I Know It Was The Blood" Rev. Dr. Stephen T. Cook, Senior Pastor
Rev. Linda Williams, Associate Pastor

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which He gave himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine make them to be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen