

Praise and Worship
The Morning Prayer
The Opening Hymn
Down at the Cross

#243

1. Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name!	2. I am so wondrously saved from sin, Jesus so sweetly abides within, There at the cross where He took me in; Glory to His name!	4. Come to this fountain so rich and sweet; Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet; Plunge in today and be made complete, Glory to His name!
<i>Refrain: Glory to His name, Glory to His name; There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His name!</i>		

The Word Read **Philippians 3:12-14** (NRSV)

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The Word of God for The People of God.

Congregation: Thanks Be to God!

The Decalogue

"From All That Dwell Below The Skies"

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.

Minister: Let us express our commitment to keep God's law.

Congregation: God our salvation, only You are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

My Soul be on thy guard. Ten thousand foes arise

And hosts of sin are pressing hard to draw thee from the skies.

Congregation: We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write these laws upon our hearts.

Nearer my God to Thee! Nearer to Thee.

Even though it be a cross that raiseth me.

Still all my song shall be nearer my God to Thee.

Nearer my God to Thee! Nearer to Thee.

Minister: Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.”

Congregation: Jesus also challenged us to live justly with a second commandment which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as ourselves! On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Gloria 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, Amen

Ministry in Music

The Preached Word

Presiding Elder Darlene Singer Smith

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Bringing of Tithes & Offerings

The Offertory Prayer

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

The Holy Communion

The General Confession

Benediction

St. James AME Church
Worship Experience
Sunday, August 6, 2023



The Reverend Charles Norris, Pastor