

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(First Sunday in Lent)

March 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

539

"O Spirit of the Living God"

*The Apostles' Creed

881

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

500

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Spirit Song"

Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

John 16:12-15

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

**Week # 10 of Christian To The Core – Faithful Stewardship -
The Gifts of The Holy Spirit**

*CLOSING HYMN

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"Breath on Me, Breath of God"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. Finance Meeting (Parlor)

11:00 a.m. Administrative Council Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

Thursday, March 13, 2025

1:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (Parlor)

Saturday, March 15, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship/Sunday School (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN MARCH 2025

Birthdays

6 Robin Patrick

9 Jim Funkhouser

10 Karen Zumbro

11 Joshua Onabanjo

14 Carolyn Cattran

14 Mary Chilcote

14 Janet Reynolds

Anniversaries

MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Jessica Thomas, Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Custodian: Jeff Byerly

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Gregg Witham

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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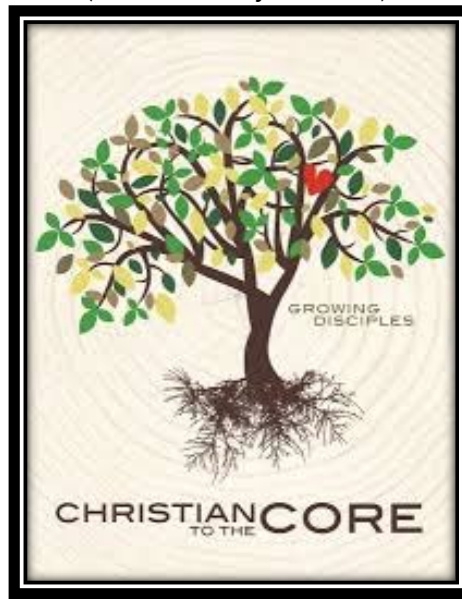
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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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Scripture Reading: John 14:15-26:1-13; Reflection Verses: John 14:25-26

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the role of the Advocate (Holy Spirit) in the life of a follower of Jesus?

Monday March 10

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8; Reflection Verse: Romans 12:6

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith;”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why is it important to identify and use our spiritual gift? How are you using yours?

Tuesday March 11

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Reflection Verses: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the significance of this passage to you? Do we have any right to complain about our spiritual gift (s)?

Wednesday March 12

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20; Reflection Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:20

“As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we use our spiritual gifts as part of the Body of Christ for the collective good?

Thursday March 13

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:21-31; Reflection Verses: 1 Corinthians 12:30-31

“Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What greater gifts is Apostle Paul pointing us to in this passage? (read 1 Corinthians 13)

Friday March 14

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16; Reflection Verses: Ephesians 4:11-13

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How did Christ bless His Church? What is the role of the various leaders identified? How are you helping your leaders to exercise their gifts?

Saturday March 15

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-14; Reflection Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6

“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What spiritual gift (s) lies dormant in you? Will you fan it into flame today?

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Concerning Spiritual Gifts

12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

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⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

John 16:12-15

¹²"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

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***The Apostles' Creed**

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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; he descended into hell, the third day he arose 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 holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN

MESSAGE NOTES – First Sunday in Lent (3/9/2025)
Christian To The Core – Week # 10: Faithful Stewardship –
The Gifts of The Holy Spirit
(1 Corinthians 12:1-11 & John 16:12-15)

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CORE VALUE: God looks for men and women who are faithful stewards of finances, time, and spiritual gifts in their personal lives and leadership with the result that people are reached with the Gospel.

Spiritual gifts result from God’s grace. Like salvation, spiritual gifts are freely given from God to enable us to live the Christian life.

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION - THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE GIFT - The gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifestations of the greater gift that was promised by Jesus in the Gospel and poured out fully on the disciples at Pentecost.
(see **Acts 2:38**).

Spiritual gifts are a result of God’s grace working in and through us. The most common Greek word used for spiritual gifts in the New Testament is “Charisma.” Broken down, this word is defined as:

“Charis” translates to “Grace”

“Ma” translates to “Result of”

There are four passages that are foundational for our understanding of the gifts (charismata) of the Spirit:

ROMANS 12:6-8; CORINTHIANS 12-14; EPHESIANS 4:11 & 1 PETER 4:8-11

Definition of Spiritual Gifts: Special and supernatural attributes of God’s grace that the Holy Spirit distributes to the members of the Church, entrusting specific gifts to individual believers, enabling them to serve in the Church and proclaim the Gospel in the world.

Every Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit. This means that, potentially, every spiritual gift is available to every Christian – we can use the following tools to identify our spiritual gifts:

Study the Scripture; Complete spiritual gifts profiles; Examine your life; Listen to advice from mature believers:

We Must DISCERN (DISCOVER) Our Spiritual Gifts – The 21 Spiritual Gifts identified in the New Testament are grouped in clusters below: :
COMMUNICATION GIFTS: Exhortation, Prophecy, Teaching & Evangelism.

LEADERSHIP GIFTS: Administration, Leadership, Apostle & Shepherd

PRACTICAL GIFTS: Giving, Mercy, Hospitality, Helps & Service

SIGN GIFTS: Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, Healing & Miracles

RESOURCING GIFTS: Discerning of Spirits, Knowledge, Faith & Wisdom.

GIFTS, TALENTS AND ROLES - Every person has particular talents and abilities, which can be natural, such as an ear for music, or learned, like the ability to play an instrument. Spiritual gifts are different than talents in that they are supernatural abilities imparted by the Holy Spirit to believers.

We Must DEVELOP Our Spiritual Gifts - Believers have a responsibility to develop their ability to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Paul wrote to Timothy, urging him “do not neglect your gift” (1 Timothy 4:14). In 2 Timothy 1:6, Paul exhorts Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God which is in you.”

We Must DEPLOY Our Spiritual Gifts - Our spiritual gifts are given by God to be used for bringing the Kingdom of God on earth in the power of the Holy Spirit. Scripture gives us clear principles on how to deploy our spiritual gifts. **Scripture gives us clear principles on how to deploy our spiritual gifts:**

SEEK OPPORTUNITIES; EXERCISE YOUR GIFTS IN LOVE; STAY ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT

Key Takeaway: Each believer has the responsibility to prayerfully: **Discern (Discover)** the unique gifts that God has entrusted to them. **Develop** their gifts with the Bible as the foundation, and lastly, **Deploy** their gifts in the context of the community of believers so that we will all reach maturity in Christ – our full potential (Ephesians 4:12-13).