

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

November 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

[Hebrews 10:24-25]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Towards the end of His first advent, Christ prepared His disciples for the signs that would herald His second advent.

P: *When we hear of wars and rumors of wars, we will not be alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is still to come.*

L: "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;"

P: *Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.*

*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

79

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

*The Apostles Creed

881

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-25

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

301

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

"The Beginning of the End"

*CLOSING HYMN

731

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Sunday, November 17, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

1pm Charge Conference (@ Mt. Zion GMC)

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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

Saturday, November 23, 2024

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

CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER 2024

Birthdays

6 Richard Sanders
7 Thomas Eblin
8 Anthony Wallis
9 Barbara Peters
9 Sarah Witham
11 Billie Stebelton
12 Cindy Smith
16 Keith Kern
19 Ken Disbennet
24 Nancy Strosnider
25 Sue Griffin
29 Paula Boetcher



Anniversaries

10 Lloyd & Diann Helber
12 Jeff & Sharon Byerly



MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Phyllis Flowers & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Greg Howard
Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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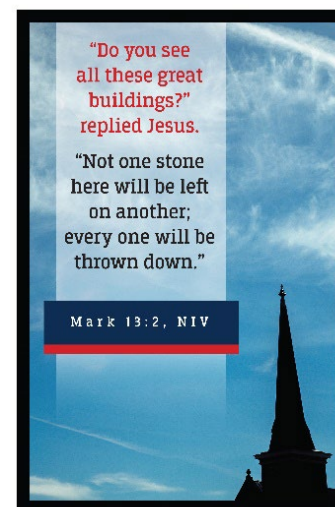
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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

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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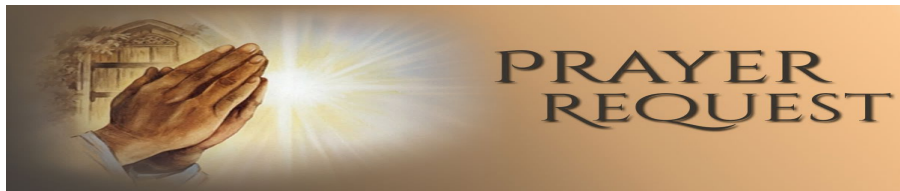
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (November 17, 2024 – November 23, 2024):

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Sunday November 17

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:1-8; Reflection Verses: Genesis 6:5-6

“The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What similarities do we see between the world now and that before the flood?

Monday November 18

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:9-22; Reflection Verse: Genesis 6:9

“This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we emulate the virtues of Noah in this generation?

Tuesday November 19

Scripture Reading: Genesis 7:1-10; Reflection Verse: Genesis 7:5

“And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why is it important to do all that the Lord commands us to do?

Wednesday November 20

Scripture Reading: Genesis 7:11-24; Reflection Verse: Genesis 7:23

“Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What can we learn about God’s justice from the story of Noah and the flood?

Thursday November 21

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:20-33; Reflection Verse: Genesis 18:26

“The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we like Abraham intercede for our community and nation? What do we learn about God’s mercy and justice from this reading?

Friday November 22

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-10; Reflection Verse: Jonah 3:10

“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Does it make sense to presume on the mercy and kindness of God?

Saturday November 23

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:1-18; Reflection Verses: 2 Peter 3:6-7

“By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Do you believe the destruction of the present heaven and earth will happen? Why?

Hebrews 10:19-25

New International Version

A Call to Persevere in Faith

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13:1-8

New International Version

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

² “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

⁵ Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom

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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.

The Breakthrough Prayer

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.