

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY ♦ CELEBRATING 174 YEARS

Sunday, March 13, 2022 – 9:30 • *The Second Sunday in Lent*

Welcome & Response

Sister Veronica Mattingly, Saint Paul Versailles
Sister Wendy Young, Saint Matthew Midway

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor Wm Hale

Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!”

Call to Worship ♦ Based on the 91st Psalm, *Message Translation*

Stacey Granville & Caleb Grisby

Leader: *I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.*
(Psalm 122:1-2)

People: **For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
(Psalm 84:10)

One Voice: *You who sit down in the Most High God's presence, spend the night in the Almighty's shadow...*
vs.1-2

Many Voices: **I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"**

One Voice: *Yes, because GOD's your refuge, the Most High God your very own home... Evil can't get close to you, harm can't get through the door...*
vs.9-10

Many Voices: **I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"**

One Voice: *He ordered his angels to guard you wherever you go... If you stumble, they'll catch you; their job is to keep you from falling...*
vs.11-12

Many Voices: **I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"**

One Voice: *You'll walk unharmed among lions and snakes, and kick young lions and serpents from the path... "If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says GOD, "I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me"...*
vs.13-14

Many Voices: **I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"**

One Voice: *God says, "Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times; I'll rescue you, then throw you a party... I'll give you a long life, give you a long drink of salvation!" ...*
vs.15-16

Many Voices: **I say, "GOD, you are my refuge... I trust in you and I'm safe!"**
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow! AMEN!

Hymn Praise!

Minister Claude Carothers

Church Anniversary Prayer

Brother Bobby Mattingly

Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing us to celebrate another church anniversary. We thank You that we are all One in Christ, and we pray that as members of Your body, Your Holy Spirit would knit us together in the bonds of unity and love.

Lord, You have promised that You are the One that would build Your Church and we ask that You would continue to equip each of us, both individually and corporately, with the talents and gifts that may be used to Your praise and glory, for the edification of the rest of the saints of God.

Protect us from the enemies' deceptions that seek to destroy and cause divisions among Your people and Your Kingdom. Help us to be focused on You, self-controlled, modest, humble, hospitable, and gentle towards each other. Let us not be motivated by selfishness, but in humility may we seek to regard the needs and necessities of others before our own.

Give wisdom to our Church leaders at every level, clergy and lay, and give wisdom to those that teach and a teachable spirit to those that listen. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all this day and forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture Reading ♦ Psalm 27, Common English Bible

Brother Charlie Brown

Second Sunday in Lent — Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27 • Philippians 3:17-4:1 • Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?
The LORD is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?
- ² When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up— it’s they, my foes and my enemies, who stumble and fall!
- ³ If an army camps against me, my heart won’t be afraid. If war comes up against me, I will continue to trust in this:
- ⁴ I have asked one thing from the LORD— it’s all I seek:
to live in the LORD’s house all the days of my life, seeing the LORD’s beauty and constantly adoring his temple.
- ⁵ Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times;
he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock.
- ⁶ Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God’s tent
—sacrifices with shouts of joy! I will sing and praise the LORD.
- ⁷ LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out— have mercy on me and answer me!
- ⁸ Come, my heart says, seek God’s face. LORD, I do seek your face!
- ⁹ Please don’t hide it from me! Don’t push your servant aside angrily—you have been my help!
God who saves me, don’t neglect me! Don’t leave me all alone!
- ¹⁰ Even if my father and mother left me all alone, the LORD would take me in.
- ¹¹ LORD, teach me your way; because of my opponents, lead me on a good path.
- ¹² Don’t give me over to the desires of my enemies,
because false witnesses and violent accusers have taken their stand against me.
- ¹³ But I have sure faith that I will experience the LORD’s goodness in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ Hope in the LORD! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the LORD!

Introit

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Our Church Anniversary Litany – 174 Years!

Robert & Jevin Greenlee

One Voice: *The Versailles’ Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church began in 1848, and with great struggle and many sacrifices, has continued to raise the banner of Christ’s Kingdom!*

Many Voices: **We are the Saints of Saint Paul... Called to Be Disciples of Christ, Commissioned to make Disciples for Christ!**

One Voice: *The LORD took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are ...*
Deut. 4:20

Many Voices: **We are the Saints of Saint Paul... GOD IS OUR FATHER!**

One Voice: *And the LORD has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands ...*
Deut.26:18

Many Voices: **We are the Saints of Saint Paul... CHRIST IS OUR REDEEMER!**

One Voice: *Therefore... stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain ...*
1 Cor.15:58

Many Voices: **We are the Saints of Saint Paul... THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR COMFORTER!**

One Voice: *Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood ...*
Acts 20:28

Many Voices: **We are the Saints of Saint Paul... HUMANKIND IS OUR FAMILY!**

One Voice: *You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light*
1 Pet.2:9

Many Voices: **We are the Saints of Saint Paul... SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH! Blessed with 174 Years of Ministry & Service, and God is not through with us yet!!!**

The Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Sermonic Selection

Aaron Mason & Wendy Young
Saint Matthew Midway

The Word

Pastor Joshua C. Hale
Saint Matthew AME Church, Midway, KY

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship & Altar Call

Worship In Giving

“All Things Come of Thee, O Lord”

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Final Remarks

The Doxology & Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



— AME MOTTO —

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