



## The Order of Worship

\*The Introit

\*The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*The Call to Worship

Minister: I was glad when they said unto 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)

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.** (Psalm 92:13)

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. (Psalm 26:8)

People: **For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.** (Habakkuk 2:20)

Minister: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord; all the earth sing praises.** (Psalm 98:1, 4)

The Opening Prayer

The Choral Response

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Love

\*The Scripture Lesson

Romans 1:1-7 (RSV)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God

<sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,

<sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

<sup>4</sup> and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

<sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

<sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;

<sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

\*The Abridged Decalogue

***From all that dwell below the skies, Let thy Creator's praise arise; Let thy Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.***

Minister: And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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

***Nearer my God, to thee! Nearer to thee, E'en 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: Hear what Christ our Savior saith. Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments, hang all the law and the prophets.

\*The 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.***

The Musical Selection

The Sermon

Pastor Henry F Curtis, IV

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Ministry of Giving (Givelify digital giving is on the link below).

- <https://www.givelify.com/givenow/1.0/NDA2NDY=/selection>
- You may also send your offering via US Mail to the church office.

\*The Offertory Response

“All Things Come of Thee, O Lord”

***All things come of Thee, O Lord; And of Thine own, have  
we given Thee. Amen.***

The Announcements

\*The Closing Song

\*The Benediction

\*The Three-Fold Amen

## St. John at Work

### Online Digital Campus

- Website: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>
- Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-AME-Church-Cleveland-Rev-Henry-F-Curtis-IV-Pastor-106276354347644/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJn8D4TS5L-COJBjt6C0RaA>
- Conference Line: (267) 807-9659; Access Code:843047#
- Church School, Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in person and on phone.
- Bible Study, Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. via conference call line.

### 2023 Calendar Requests

- Please turn in all calendar requests for 2023 to Pastor Curtis.
- They are due TODAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Hard copies of the forms are available in the Overflow and digital versions are available electronically via email.

### Midweek Prayer and Meditation (Virtual)

- Wednesday, December 21, 2022
- The premiere will air at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube and Facebook.
- Access video on our website: <http://stjohnnamechurchcle.org/>.

### GCMMA Advent Worship Service

- Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- St. John will be the host church for this service.
- St. John's ushers will be on duty and our choir will sing.

### Christmas Day Worship

- Sunday, December 25, 2022, worship will be VIRTUAL ONLY via St. John's Facebook and YouTube channels at 10:00 a.m.
- There will be no in-person gathering on Christmas Day.

### GCC Dues Campaign

- We're almost there! Pitch in now!
- Through our membership with GCC, St. John has expanded our capacity to advance our social action mission.
- We ask everyone to pay \$20.
- You can:

