ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OPENING HYMN** .............................................. (On Screen) – “O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

**INVOCATION** ........................................................................................................ Deacon Board

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** ...................................................................................... Music Ministry

* Ushers Seat Worshippers

**RESPONSIVE READING** ............“Church Covenant” ................................................. Deacon Board

Leader: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

Congregation: We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.
Leader: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

Congregation: We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other’s reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other’s joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another’s burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

ALL TOGETHER: When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s word.

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WELCOMING OF GUESTS ...........................................................................................................Pulpit
MUSIC MINISTRY ......................................................................................................................Mass Choir
CORPORATE PRAYER OF PETITION ......................................................................................Pulpit
MUSIC MINISTRY ......................................................................................................................Mass Choir

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THE MESSAGE .......... “There is NO Box Part 30: ..............................................Pastor Todd C. Davidson
What’s on Your Mind?” Philippians 2:5 (NKJ)
INVITATIONAL HYMN ....................................................................................................................
OFFERTORY PRAYER ..............................................................................................................Deacon Board
SERVICE OF COMMUNION ......................................................................................................Pulpit & Deacon Board
CLOSING REFRAIN ..................................................................................................................Mass Choir
CLOSING PRAYER .....................................................................................................................Pulpit
CLOSING INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION ...............................................................................Musicians
TODAY

YOUNG DISCIPLES MINISTRY: TODAY at 11:00 a.m. in the Junior Church area and next Sunday, December 9 at 11:00 a.m. We will not meet again until the new year. Children’s Ministry Team

SACRED SPACE WORSHIP SERVICE AT CEDARWOOD PLAZA: The Sacred Space worship service is TODAY from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Cedarwood Plaza, 12503 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland 44106 led by the Burroughs-Malekebu Circle. If you would like to serve in the Nursing Home Ministry, please see/contact Rev. Waite.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Stefan & Pamela Holmes .................................................. December 13th ...... Celebrating 37 Years of Marriage
Dea. William & Dcn. Curtiss Moon ...................................... December 16th .... Celebrating 18 Years of Marriage
Dennis & Elaine Banks ...................................................... December 19th .... Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage
Alexander & Renee Hardwick ............................................. December 27th .... Celebrating 29 Years of Marriage
Dwight & Dcn. Ernestine Alexander .................................... December 31st .... Celebrating 37 Years of Marriage
Julius & June Wynn .......................................................... December 31st .... Celebrating 58 Years of Marriage

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Brooklyn Cole ............................................................... December 1
Betty W. Thompson .......................................................... December 1
Alexis Walter ................................................................. December 1
Elfreda Walter ............................................................... December 1
Luran Martin ................................................................. December 2
Emily Jones ................................................................. December 3
Maidyn Williams ............................................................ December 3
Yvonne Boyd ................................................................. December 4
Synetia Brazil ............................................................... December 4
Brian Kimball ............................................................... December 4
Dcn. Doris McCollum ....................................................... December 4
Savannah Clark .............................................................. December 5
Marjorie Wilson ............................................................. December 5
Jonathan Agnew ............................................................ December 6
Myrna Branche ............................................................ December 7
Min. Angela McKinney ..................................................... December 7
Moreno Miller ............................................................... December 7
Christian Clark ............................................................. December 8
Eli Stacy ...................................................................... December 9
Sheryle Anderson .......................................................... December 10
Arthur Childress, Jr. ......................................................... December 10
Jasmine Harris ............................................................... December 10
Brenda Turner ............................................................. December 10
Janell Zimmerman .......................................................... December 10
Lula Jackson ................................................................. December 11
Tonya Johnson-Jackson ..................................................... December 11
Lula Jackson ................................................................. December 11

Worship at 11:00 a.m.  Sunday ♦ December 2, 2018
Antioch Baptist Church
Jill Richburg .................................. December 24
Dcn. Denise Thigpen .................... December 24
Dcn. Courtney Dixon ..................... December 25
Brian Heppner .............................. December 25
Dea. Joyce Jones .......................... December 25
M. Helen McCoy ........................... December 25
Raymond Jefferson ....................... December 26
Janice Kay Smith .......................... December 26
Thomas Boyd ................................December 27
Patricia Deal-Walker ..................... December 27
Sybil Jones ................................December 27
Laverne Settles ........................... December 27
Dcn. Bonita Cleveland .................... December 28
Leroy Daugherty ........................... December 28
Yvette Wilson ............................. December 28
Justin Berry ............................... December 30
Linda Gay .................................. December 31
Jesse LeGrande ............................ December 31

RECUPERATING MEMBERS … (Contact Church Office for address information)

George Askew                      Alvin Hill
Miloirene Baker                   Lula Jackson
Henry Bolden                     Charlene Lawrence
Irene Coleman                    Shirley Lawrence
Eugene Crockett                  Bess Lee
Nathaniel Dashield               Zekila Le’na
Julius Davis, Sr.                George Mason
Adele Hall                       Kenneth Mischal
Major Harris                     Mattie Nellems
Greg Pettis                      Doretathea Pettus
Marjorie Robinson                Patricia Roberts
Anne Hunter Rosemond             Howard Sims, Jr.
Nikiya Taylor                    Josephine Wall
Alvin Hill                       Yvonne Ware

…PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED…” James 5:16

Antioch Congregation               Dcn. Ruth Stewart and
Antioch Deacons                    family
Rev. Davidson and family           Dea. Sandra Fain and
Julius Davis, Sr.                  Family
Charlene and Shirley               Dea. Greta Rice
Lawrence                          Cheryl and Nancy
Harriet Banks                     Denise and Crystal
Willa Morgan                      Jayla and Janiyah
Edrice Clark                      Jacques Smith
Dea. and Dcn. Paul Holland       Rodney Caldwell
Dea. Steve and Dcn. Doris         Sister Juanita Shealey
Bullock                          Nicholson Family
Mr. Jesse and Dea. Viola          Jamar and Donnetta
LeGrande                         Pennyman Family
Dea. William & Dcn. Curtiss       Stallworth Family
Moon                             The Ruff Family
Sam Jelks                        The Clark Family
James Haynes                     Kori
E. Veasey                        Charles Townsend
April Jordon                     Charles Veasey Jr.
Joyce Williams                   Donna Warner
Yolanda Veasey                   Gearld Veasey
Carolyn Veasey and
family                           Pre Term Clinic
Desire and Destiny               The Craig, Rambo and
Agnew Families                  The Kinds Family

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

PRAYER: Would you like to have someone pray for you and with you? If so, come and join us for prayer at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday in the sanctuary.

READ THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT THIS YEAR! New Testament calendar reading schedule for the month of December are in the McMickle Chapel and also the front and back of the sanctuary.

125th Anniversary Spiritual Growth Committee

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Sunday School is rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant scheduled for Sunday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Every child of Antioch is invited to take part in this wonderful presentation. Parents and guardians, please contact Gloria Webb, or see her after service. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Join the Nursing Home Ministry for a joyful evening of Christmas Caroling at the Cedarwood Nursing Home, 12504 Cedar Rd., 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18. All ages, all voices are welcome! Song sheets and light refreshments will be provided. Please sign up in Branch Hall after service today.

Rev. Mylion Waite

ANTIOCH/FAIRFAX ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT: The Antioch Adopt a Family is now underway. We are grateful for the participation of the Women’s Ministries Mission Circles. All gifts must be gift wrapped and the name of the recipient placed on each gift, with the name of “Antioch Women’s Ministries” placed on the tag also. Gifts must be dropped off by Wednesday, December 12 between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the McKinney Library. If you are representing your Circle and would like to attend the Adopt a Family luncheon on Monday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m., please contact Dcn. Gerrye McCarley or Sheila Fantroy.

THE SOUVENIR JOURNAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PICTURES: The 125TH Anniversary Committee is now looking to collect pictures of past activities at Antioch, and, the older, the better! This souvenir journal is being compiled and will be ready to be distributed in December. Please send information via email to Barbara McCollum. Thank you for your continued support.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Members of Antioch: The Bereavement Ministry would like to grow its ranks with your participation. We are in search of additional members with the following characteristics: compassionate heart for helping people through grief, good listener, non-judgmental, prayerful, readily accessible, and a hard worker. If you feel that God has blessed you with the above list of characteristics, please send a letter of interest and contact information to Dea. Anthony Lockhart, 8869 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 by December 1.

REV. MYLION WAITE

THE ANTIOCH BOOK CLUB: Reading selection is MR. INSIDE by T. L. James. Mr. Inside is a fictional, fast-paced suspense documentary of how one man, through circumstances beyond his control, comes face-to-face with his interior enemy. The “Inside” is a metaphor pointing to that bitter place in our hearts where we live in fear and anger, holding the sovereign God responsible for life’s unjust events. Join us Mondays for spirited conversations in the lower level of the McKinney Center at 6:45 p.m. Books can be purchased at your favorite bookseller. Rev. Mylionic Waite

DECEMBER 9                 COME JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL! 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This quarter’s study begins with God’s demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in passages from Deuteronomy and Psalms. It proceeds with our response to God’s love in the advent of Christ, and the
Epistles’ interpretations of the nature and extent of our responses to God’s love in Christ. It concludes with passages from three of the epistles expressing glorification of God. **God Commands Our Love, Respect, and Obedience.** The Deuteronomy passage contains a presentation of God’s demand for total love and devotion. The session from Joshua contains his faithful statement of love and reverence for a liberating God. In Psalm 103, David expresses love and glorification of God for God’s creative, sustaining, and protective actions. Luke portrays the advent of Christ and human response to God’s act of fulfillment of God’s promise. We are challenged in Matthew to love God through compassionate works. **THIS WEEK’S LESSON, “Choose to Love and Serve God,”** Bible Background EXODUS 20:1-11; JOSHUA 24 | Printed Text JOSHUA 24:1-3, 13-15, 21-24 | Devotional Reading PSALM 81. At critical junctures in life, people are forced to make life-changing decisions. How do they decide which paths to take? When challenged by Joshua to serve God or other gods, the Israelites definitively chose to love and serve God. **Sunday School Department**

**DECEMBER 9**  
**MINISTRY AWARDS RECOGNITION DINNER:** The Board of Evangelism Ministry Awards Recognition Dinner is next Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. in Branch Hall. This dinner is in recognition of individuals and community ministry partners that have co-labored in the field of Prison Ministry. **The Inaugural Deacon Leroy Brown and Deacon Kenneth Combs Service Award** will be presented to an individual or organization who has demonstrated service to others, especially those promoting second chances to returning citizens, their families, and our community. The Inaugural Distinguished Evangelist of the Year Award will also be presented. There are a limited number of tickets available at $15.00. Contact **Margaret Peacock**, (216) 280-6958 or see her in Branch Hall after the worship service in Branch Hall. **The Rev. Mark Olds**, author of *Not Without Scars* will be the keynote speaker.

**DECEMBER 14**  
**WOMEN’S MINISTRIES SOCIAL:** Friday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Branch Hall. Potluck dinner assignments: A – F Bread, Rice, Potatoes (starches); G – K Drinks; L – T Vegetables; U – Z Desserts. Devotion: **AB Girls.** Bring your 15 hygiene bags for Oriana House. Christmas Theme: “Unwrapping the Greatest Gift – JESUS.” (Isaiah 9:6) “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.”

**DECEMBER 15**  
**CLEVELAND TUSKEGEE FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON:** The Cleveland Tuskegee Alumni Club invites you to attend its Annual Christmas Fundraising Luncheon on Saturday, December 15 at the Mediterranean Party Center, 25021 Rockside Road, Bedford, Ohio. Donation is $35.00. The keynote speaker is the **Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.**, Pastor Emeritus of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church. For tickets, contact **Mrs. Arvell Toles, Dcn. Lena Agnew, or Dea. Dorothy Rambo.**

**DECEMBER 23**  
**BLACK NATIVITY:** An afternoon at The Karamu Theater with the **Vera O. Bouie Circle** to see **Black Nativity** on Saturday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are $35.00. Please see **Linda Laster, Sheila Fantroy** or **Jarmellia Armwwod** after the morning worship service in Branch Hall.

**DECEMBER 23**  
**A FAMILY CHRISTMAS:** Sunday, December 23, 11:00 a.m. service. All former members of any choir and those looking to join the Mass choir are most welcome and encouraged to sing with us on this Sunday. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Let’s fill the pews. The family with the most members and friends in attendance will receive something special. So, come be uplifted in music and hear a message of hope.
DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DINNER AT ORIANA HOUSE: The Antioch Prison Ministry invites our church family to share some Christmas love with the residents of Oriana House by supporting our annual Christmas Ministry. We will serve dinner at Oriana House on Christmas Day. The meal is cooked in Antioch’s kitchen. We also give each resident a gift bag of hygiene products. Please come to Branch Hall after worship service today to volunteer your services. Contact Margaret Peacock.

SERMON NOTES