ORDER OF WORSHIP
This service is subject to change by the movement of God’s spirit.

OPENING HYMN ........................................ (On Screen) #279 – “Standing on the Promises”

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

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

* Ushers Seat Worshippers

RESPONSIVE READING ...........“Unity & Maturity in the Body of Christ” ..........Deacon Board
Leader: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Congregation: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Leader: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Congregation: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

Leader: one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

All: one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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WELCOMING OF GUESTS ................................................................................................................. Pulpit
MUSIC MINISTRY ................................................................................................................................. Male Chorus
CORPORATE PRAYER OF PETITION ............................................................................................... Pulpit
MUSIC MINISTRY ................................................................................................................................. Male Chorus
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THE MESSAGE .......... “Aspire to Acquire a Desire for the Lord” ................. Rev. Ruby Holland
Acts 8:25-35 and Psalm 37:4 (NKJV)
INVITATIONAL HYMN .........................................................................................................................
OFFERTORY PRAYER ......................................................................................................................... Deacon Board
RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP ........................................................................................................ Pulpit & Deacon Board
CLOSING REFRAIN .............................................................................................................................. Male Chorus
CLOSING PRAYER ................................................................................................................................. Pulpit
CLOSING INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION ............................................................................................... Musicians

T O D A Y

SECOND CANDLE LIGHTING OF ADVENT: “LOVE was born in Bethlehem. And the Word became
flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:14, KJV)

YOUNG DISCIPLES MINISTRY: TODAY at 11:00 a.m. in the Junior Church. We will not meet again
until the new year. 

Children’s Ministry Team

JOINT BOARD MEETING: The next Joint Board meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, December
15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the McMickle Chapel.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: The next church business meeting has been scheduled for
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Ministry reports are due into the church
office by Monday, December 17.

BEREAVEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Valerie and Terea Harrison whose brother/uncle, Bruce Jeffrey was called from labor to reward on
Saturday, December 1, 2018. Visitation is on Monday, December 10, 2018 at Calhoun Funeral Home,
23000 Rockside Road, Bedford, OH 44146 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Homegoing service is Tuesday,
December 11, 2018 at Lane Metropolitan CME Church, 2131 East 46th Street, Cleveland, OH 44103.
Wake: 10:00 a.m. Service: 10:30 a.m.
Drs. Deborah and Jon Freeman, Kara and Kristen Freeman whose father/father-in-law/grandfather, Isaac Lane was called from labor to reward on Sunday, November 25, 2018. Memorial service is Saturday, December 15, 2018 at St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church, 22111 Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, OH 44122. Family Hour: 10:30 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

THANK YOU
A big “THANK YOU” to all the Vera O. Bouie Circle sisters who provided boxes, treats, encouraging notes, helped pack boxes, and for praying over the boxes for our college students. Lynne Carr

RECUPERATING MEMBERS … (Contact Church Office for address information)
George Askew Alvin Hill Greg Pettis
Milocene Baker Lula Jackson Doreathea Pettus
Henry Bolden Charlene Lawrence Patricia Roberts
Irene Coleman Shirley Lawrence Marjorie Robinson
Eugene Crockett Bess Lee Anne Hunter Rosemond
Nathaniel Dashield Zekila Le’na Howard Sims, Jr.
Julius Davis, Sr. George Mason Nikiya Taylor
Adele Hall Kenneth Mischal Josephine Wall
Major Harris Mattie Nellems Yvonne Ware

…PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED…” James 5:16
Antioch Congregation Min. N. Rudd and family Alma Locke
Antioch Deacons Patricia Ann Howell Stallworth Family
Rev. Davidson and family The Family of Alma The Ruff Family
Julius Davis, Sr. Williams Bea Walker
Charles and Shirley The Family of Eugene Shaker Heights School
Lawrence Shelton District
Harriet Banks Amber Keene Keith Rainey Family
Willa Morgan Caprecia Keene Satura Gabriel
Edrice Clark McClonnell Ervin McPherson
Dea. Paul and Dcn. Andrea Sharon K. Williams United States of America
Holland Jama R. Haynes George Bush Family
Dea. Steve and Dcn. Doris Nancy and Crystal Othella Bradley
Bullock Denise and Crystal Theophilus Jones
Mr. Jesse and Dea. Viola Jayla and Janiyah Tijuan White
LeGrande Jacques Smith Bonnie Adams
Moon Nicholson Family Barbara Fairfax
Dea. Sandra Fain and Jamar and Donnetta Mary Hill
Family Pennyman Family Lillie Fomby
Dcn. Ruth Stewart and Shelton Family
family Sanders 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.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

125th Anniv. Spiritual Growth Comm.
VOICES OF PRAISE/CHERUB CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER: We will rehearse TODAY after the morning worship service. Our schedule is as follows:

Sat., 12/15……1:30 p.m. McKinney Ctr. L L
Sun., 12/16……11:00a.m. service. We are on duty to sing, and we will be rehearsing after service.
Sun., 12/23……11:00 a.m. Family Christmas service. We will participate in the service.

If you have any questions, please see/contact June Wynn.

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

POINSETTIA DELIVERY: Church family, we need your help! Please consider delivering a Christmas poinsettia to one of our sick and shut-in members. The poinsettias will be ready for pick-up on next Sunday, December 16. Please see Dcn. Liz Gooden and Dcn. Linda Sowell in the McMickle Chapel next Sunday.

‘TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE: The Senior Adult Ministry is collecting hats, gloves/mittens and socks for children of the Fatima Family Center on Lexington Avenue. If you would like to help, please drop off your donation in the "Donation Barrel" next to the coat rack in the back of the church. The deadline is next Sunday, December 16 for donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

NO MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AND BOOK CLUB: We will not meet on Monday, December 10. We will resume meeting until Monday, January 7, 2019.

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.

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.
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 this month. Please send information to Barbara McCollum. Thank you for your continued support.

CHURCH CALENDAR AND RESERVING SPACE: To reserve space in the church for meetings, events, programs, celebrations, etc., please contact Karen Edwards-Johnson, church secretary, (216) 421-1516. (Thank you for your cooperation.)

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. Mylion Waite

DECEMBER 15

AB GIRLS MEETING: AB Girls will meet on Saturday, December 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Branch Hall. AB Girls will make cookies from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Branch Hall. The baked cookies and a Christmas Card will be distributed to the children and staff at the Sterling Branch Library. Parents, please text me to confirm your daughter’s attendance. Additionally, the AB girls will lead devotion for the Women’s Ministry on Friday, December 14, 5:30 pm in Branch Hall.

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 15

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 Armwood after the morning worship service in Branch Hall.

DECEMBER 16

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

Sunday School Department

**DECEMBER 16**  
**FAMILY SUNDAY:** Family Sunday is next Sunday, December 16. Please wear red, black and green to celebrate Kwanzaa.

**DECEMBER 16**  
**BURROUGHS-MALEKEBU CIRCLE MEETING:** Sunday, December 16 at Frederick’s, 22005 Emery Road, Warrensville Heights, OH 44128 at 1:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 23**  
**“A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM”:** Sunday, December 23 at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. A group of children are spending Christmas Eve in their new foster home. One of the girls reads a familiar poem, and before long anxieties begin to surface. Then, a wonderful woman shares the Gospel and tells the story of Jesus' birth. Reserved seating for children.  

Sunday School Department

**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 kitchens. 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**