The Abyssinian Baptist Church
132 Odell Clark Place | New York, New York 10030
Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III – Pastor

Worship Service
November 16, 2014

Holy Communion and Mission Sunday
“To all those who enter here, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to others."

9 am  Reverend William B. Moore
Chairman - Foreign Mission Board, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Pastor, Tenth Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA

Prelude
9am  Dina Foster Osbourne, Organist
“When Morning Gilds the Skies” Laudes Domini
arr. Dennis R. Johnson

Call to Worship
Leader:  God, you have entrusted the treasure of your Gospel into our fragile hands.
People:  We give you thanks for the privilege to share your love with brothers and sisters around the world.
Leader:  In this hour of worship, we celebrate the work of our church across the globe—Ethiopia, Kenya, and Haiti.
People:  Lord, may we ever obey your call to unfamiliar places, both at home and abroad, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer
Processional
“When rejoiced, O Pure in Heart” #537

Prayer and Choral Response

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Anthem

9am
11 am

The Cathedral Choir

“But Thanks Be to God” from Messiah; Handel
Soloists: Patrice Eaton, Mezzo-Soprano; Gregory Robinson, Tenor

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Pastoral Emphasis

Offertory:
Offertory Sentences & Selections

9 am
11 am

The Cathedral Choir

“When the Lord Delivers Me” Charles Nicks

Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Meditation

9 am
11 am

“Rise Again” Dallas Holm
Soloist: Justin Austin, Baritone

Sermon and Invitation

Invitational

The Supper:
A) Hymn
B) New Members
C) Witnessing
D) Consecration
E) The Bread

“I Talked to God Last Night” David Guion
Soloist: Jeryl Cunningham-Fleming, Soprano

Last night, I was weary and lonely, the world seemed a desolate place;
So I wandered afar, fixed my eyes on a star in search of a friendly face.
The bells had just tolled midnight when the rustling wings the silence broke;
In the shadows I beheld a vision, and my lips trembled as I spoke.

I talked to God last night, high on the top of a hill.
His face shone bright with a holy light, and the world, like my heart, stood still.
I talked to God last night, through misty eyes I could see
The mark of thorns His brow still adorns, while pierced hands stretched out to me.

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I said, “Master, did you dot the world with trees?
Paint the rainbow, and the bluebird’s wing;
Do you bid the sun to rise, sprinkle stardust in the skies,
And to e’ry growing thing bring the magic kiss of spring?”

I talked to God last night, begged Him my doubts to relieve.
And as night turned to day I heard a voice say, “Believe.”

- John W. Bratton

F) The Cup

G) Hymn of Inspiration

Benediction and Amen

Postlude

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour; 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.

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.

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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.

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 Saviour 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.

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.

MISSION SUNDAY GUEST PREACHER
Reverend Dr. William B. Moore
Chairman, Foreign Mission Board, NBC, USA, INC. and Pastor, Tenth Memorial Baptist Church
Philadelphia, PA

Born in New Bern, North Carolina, and reared in greater North Carolina, Reverend William B. Moore is the son of the late Earl W. Sr. and Mamie H. Moore. He graduated from J. T. Barber High School of New Bern, NC, and received his B.A. from Fayetteville State University in 1965. He went on to earn a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1985, and did graduate work for a M.A. at North Carolina Central University in Durham. In 1998, Rev. Moore received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Geneva College of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

A teacher, evangelist, organizer and civic leader, Dr. Moore has been the esteemed pastor of Tenth Memorial Baptist Church in north Philadelphia since 1974.
As pastor, Dr. Moore utilizes his skills as a former school principal to maintain a balanced and responsive church program at Tenth Memorial Baptist Church. During his pastorate there, he led the church to build a $4.4 million, 60 unit senior citizens complex. The church also sponsored a $1.4 million town-house development for first time homeowners, and will soon build 151 additional homes as a part of the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative. In addition to serving as pastor, Reverend Moore was also Deputy Executive Director of the Parking Authority for the City of Philadelphia. He has since retired from the Parking Authority.

Dr. Moore is a leading voice in the community for change. He held the position as president of The Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity, and today is Chairman of the Board of the service delivery arm of the Black Clergy. While overseeing this organization, Dr. Moore was responsible for raising over $3.5 million in support of the five program areas of evangelism, economic development, housing, education and job development.

As a denominational leader, Moore is Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He is also the recipient of numerous awards including: The NAACP Humanitarian Award; National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award; and he is among the first to receive the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award presented by the Boy Scouts of America. Further, Dr. Moore was previously named one of The Philadelphia Tribune’s 10 Most Influential African Americans, as well as Philadelphia Magazine’s Powerful 100 (special Edition Issues). Additionally, Reverend Moore received several citations and awards from the City Council of Philadelphia, the House of Representatives and Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

He is married to the former Pauline Mills, and they are the proud parents of two children; Tamieka Nicole, and Justin Bernard.

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**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday Morning Praying Band** assembles Sunday mornings at 7:00 AM.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets at 8:45 AM.

**WE Youth Worship Experience** Sundays, 9:15 AM – 11:00AM.

**Monday Afternoon Bible Class** meets Mondays at 12:00 Noon.

**Mid-Week Manna Worship Service** - Wednesday evenings 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM