

Welcome

A Moment to Feel God’s Presence

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Song: “O, come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him. Christ, the Lord.”
One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
One: Our Advent journey is now complete. The darkness is gone. The Light of the World is here!
All: Our hope has been met. Our peace is beyond understanding. Our joy has been made perfect. The love of God has come to live within and among us. And so, today, we light the candle of Christ.
One: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. The long-awaited Christ has come!
All: Celebrating the birth of our Savior, we light this candle. Together, we will shine with the radiant light of Christ!
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Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7

Processional “Emmanuel” Imani MCC Choir

Our Response to “The Greatest Gift of All”
Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *
“Jesus, Jesus, Oh what a wonderful child
Jesus, Jesus, So lowly meek and mild
New life, new hope, new joy He brings
Won’t you listen to the angels sing
Glory, glory, glory, To the new born King.”

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-20

“Glory to God in the Highest: We Share Our Christmas Prayers”
❖ Hope “Breath of Heaven”
❖ Peace “You Are My Peace”
❖ Joy “Joy to the World”
❖ Love “Silver and Gold”

Holy Communion
At Imani MCC, and at MCCs throughout the world, we serve an open communion. Everyone is welcome at the Table of God.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy ...
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices ...

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord, God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

The Mystery of Faith:
Christ has died. Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

The Consecration (Blessing of the Elements)
Invitation to the Table
Distribution of the Elements
We use a small wafer & grape juice.
Please respect those around you and engage in silent meditation.
-- Thank You --

If you would like someone to pray with you following the service,
please let your server know at the time of communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Focusing on the Faithful and Congregational Life

“Silent Night” “Sharing the Light of Christ” Imani MCC Choir
and Congregation

Christmas Blessing Rev. Phil Mathews

Parting Song * “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
* Please rise as you are able.

Congregation

“Emmanuel – Come, Let Us Adore Him” (Opening Song)

Come, come let us adore Him,
Kneel down before Him, worship and adore Him. (Repeat)

Chorus: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel
We worship You, We worship You.

“Breath of Heaven” (Song of Hope)
Chorus: Breath of heaven, Hold me together,
Be forever near me, Breath of heaven.
Breath of heaven, Lighten my darkness,
Pour over me your holiness, For you are holy. Breath of heaven.

“You Are My Peace” (Song of Peace)
You are my peace. You are my peace. You are my peace.
And I worship thee. (repeat)

You have delivered my soul, When the battle was against me,
And Your promises You kept, That Your Word will set me free,
(If I just) keep my mind on thee, You’ll keep me in perfect peace.

You have delivered my soul, (From the snare of the enemy),
In the midst of my storm, You held and protected me,
(If I just) keep my mind on thee, You’ll keep me in perfect peace.
(repeats)

“Joy to the World” (Song of Joy)
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love.

“Silver and Gold” (Song of Love)
Chorus: Silver and gold, Silver and gold,
I’d rather have Jesus than silver and gold,
No fame or fortune, Nor riches untold
I’d rather have Jesus than silver and gold.

Don’t give me a mansion, on top of the hill,
Don’t give me the world, with a shallow thrill,
But just give me a savior, My life He can hold,
I’d rather have Jesus than silver and gold. **Chorus**

I woke up this morning, Feeling kind of down,
I called on my best friend, She could not be found,
But I called on Jesus, My life He can hold,
I’d rather have Jesus than silver and gold. **Chorus**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Closing Song)

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth.

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

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Let’s remember to “keep first things first” this week!
“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or
‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’
But seek first [God’s] kingdom and [God’s] righteousness, and all
these things will be added to you.”
Matthew 6:31, 33 (NASB)

	Needed	Actual	Var. +/-
Dec 23, 2012 Offering:	\$1,868.80	\$854.00	(\$ -1,014.80)
Year to date:	\$97,177.60	\$78,432.00	(\$ -18,745.60)
	Offering	Yr to Date	Total Given
Building Fund Giving	\$40.00	\$3,379.00	\$164,824.93
Attendance: 14		Updated Weekly	

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.” - Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- Tuesday: 7:00pm-8:30pm - Choir rehearsal
- Saturday: 10am-11:00am – Prayer Service

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worship, word, oneness, wonder and witness.

Imani, a church where, through faith, all can experience and express God’s irresistible love through

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Imaní MCC

Christmastide
Sunday, December 30, 2012
10:00 am
Imani MCC Ministry Center

WE WELCOME YOU TO IMANI MCC.
YOU MAY BE NEW TO US, BUT
YOU ARE KNOWN AND LOVED BY GOD.