

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016

*Worship Coordinator
Sound Engineer*

Saturday • 10:00 am

*Renée Knight-Tate
Deacon Marcus Davis*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Marilyn Bowens

Opening Songs of Praise & Worship

Toddie, Terri, and Jackie

The First Noël

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Passing of the Peace

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering.

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, All that we hope to be

We give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You.

We are an offering, we are an offering.

Song of Peace

Toddie

“Welcome to Our World” by Chris Rice

Scripture Reading

Song of Hope

Toddie and Terri

“Mary, Did You Know?” by Mark Lowery & Buddy Greene

Sermon

Rev. Marilyn Bowens

Song of Love

Terri

“Holy Is the Lamb” by Oleta Adams and Fred White

Holy Communion

Rev. Marilyn Bowens

*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

Rev. Annie Ross

Closing Blessing *

“We now go forth in faith with this intention:

- To **Worship** wherever we are
- By being **God’s Word** made flesh,
- Living the **Oneness** that we are,
- Celebrating **Wonder** everywhere,
- And bearing **Witness** through love.

And so it is. And so it shall be. Amen. ”

Closing Songs of Joy

Toddie, Terri, and Jackie

Program Subject to Change

* Please rise as you are able.

“The First Noël”(Opening Songs of Praise & Worship)

The First Noël, the angels did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep

On a cold winter’s night that was so deep

Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star

Shining in the East beyond them far

And to the earth it gave great light

And so it continued both day and night

Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels!

O come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord.

Sing, alleluia, All ye choirs of angels;

O sing, all ye blissful ones of heav’n above.

Glory to God, In the highest glory!

O come, let us adore Him ... Christ the Lord.

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Angels we have heard on high, Singing sweetly o’er the plains,

And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo....

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo....



"Away in a Manger" (Closing Songs of Joy)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Away in a manger No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus Lay down his sweet head
I love Thee Lord Jesus Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing...
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy...
Repeat, 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...
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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 Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.
Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born
And God send us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.
Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

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	Attendance	Worship Offering	PayPal Giving	Total Offering
Dec 18 2016	43	\$1,278.00	\$175.00	\$1,453.00
December Above-the-Tithe Giving Challenge Raised				\$4,252.00
Budget Target <u>Still Needed</u> for 2016 thru Last Sunday				\$5,832.41
Total Unpaid Obligations				\$8,041.70

*"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

- Wednesday: 7:00pm-8:15pm - Bible Study
- Thursday: 1:00pm-5:00 pm - Open Office Hours
- Thursday: 6:30pm-8:30pm - Voices of Imani rehearsal

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

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