



Sunday morning at 10:00 am
Sunday, August 24, 2025

Sound Engineer Audio Visual Team
Ushers DIT Sam Johnson Phillips and Cynthia Kornegay
Welcome Pam Byrd Jarvis
A Moment to Feel God’s Presence Silent Reflection
Opening Prayer MIT Dee Johnson Phillips
Statement of Faith * (please rise as you are able) Del Abdullah
Imani, a church where, through faith, all can experience and express
God’s irresistible love through worship, word, oneness, wonder and
witness.
Congregational Hymn * led by Imani Praise Team
MIT Johnika Johnson Perry, Director
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Annie Ross
Praise and Worship Imani Praise Team
Announcements MIT First Lady Priscilla Ross
Passing of the Peace
Collection of Tithes and Offerings Cynthia Kornegay
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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.
Purpose “Sails of Faith” Pastor Annie Ross
Prophetic Pen Charge Khalisa Rae
New Author Spotlight Desheen Phillips

Tribute “We Are the Fruit of their Pens”
Honoring Audre Lorde, Octavia Butler, James Baldwin and Katie Cannon
Musical Offering Part I: “Glory” Dasan Ahanu
Sacred Writing Moment Crystal Simone Smith
“The Pen as Prayer / The Page as Altar”
Musical Offering Part II: “One of these Days” Dasan Ahanu
Reflection Soft Music Musician
Holy Communion Pastor Annie Ross
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 right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God,
Creator of Heaven and Earth ... And so, with your people on Earth and
all the company of Heaven, we join in their unending hymn, saying ...”
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.
Benediction for Those Worshipping Online..... Pastor Annie Ross
Praise Reports and Prayer Requests
Community/Pastoral Prayer
If private intercessory prayer is desired, please see one of our
ministers immediately after worship.
Parting Song *
“Yes, Lord, Yes”
I’ll say, “Yes, Lord, yes,” To Your will and to your way,
I’ll say, “Yes, Lord, yes,” I will trust You and obey.
When your Spirit speaks to me
With my whole heart I’ll agree,
And my answer will be, “Yes, Lord, Yes!”

* Please rise as you are able.

Program Subject to Change



Focus Verse and Scripture - August 24 - Sept 7, 2025

Topic - Steadfast 'til He Comes

Focus Thought: The strength to hold steadfastly to the traditions of the Gospel is accomplished through the Word, Prayer, Obedience, and genuine trust in Christ Jesus.

Focus Verse: II Timothy 1:9

He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

The Week Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:9, 11, I Corinthians 10:13, II Thessalonians 3:10-18 and II Timothy 1:9, 12

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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)

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

	Attendance		Giving				
	In-Person	Online	In-Person	Cash App	PayPal	Total Reg. Offering	Other
August 3	32	43	\$182.00	\$338.00	\$25.00	\$545.00	\$395.00
August 10	31	41	\$110.00	\$347.00	\$0.00	\$457.00	\$315.00
August 17	28	64	\$135.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$285.00	\$370.00
Required Weekly to meet the 2025 Austerity Budget						\$756.32	
Required Monthly to meet the 2025 Austerity Budget						\$3,007.20	

August 24, 2025
 Sunday Morning
 10:00 am

Imani Metropolitan Community Church
 Ministry Center: 3602 C-View Street • Durham NC
 Mailing Address: PO Box 13172 • Durham NC 27709-3172

Church Announcements

- The Imani Praise Team will rehearse on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come, participate and fellowship.
- Please sign up for Worship Participation on the clipboard located on the Usher's Table in the back. There are slots open for the month of Sept/Oct that need to be filled. Thank you very much.
- Join our Bi-Weekly In-Person Bible Study on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Church or on Imani's Facebook page, focusing on Worldshifter Principle #9 "Walking in Spiritual Authority."
- There will be an Ushers and Greeters Meeting after service on Sunday, September 7th immediately after service.
- Can you commit to one Sunday a month to join Imani's Global Impact Ministry? No experience necessary. This ministry is looking for 1 more individual to commit to just one Sunday. Please see Josiah Mitchell or DIT Cindy Johnson Perry if interested.
- Our quarterly community "A Night of Hope" will be hosted by A Place Called Hope, 139 W. Main Street, Garner, NC 27529 on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Pastor Annie will be one of the speakers on Friday. This is also their revival so feel free to attend on Thursday as well.
- Save the Date: Durham Pride is Saturday, September 27, 2025. Imani MCC plans to participate so please consider coming to support the church's outreach to the larger community by volunteering at our booth and/or walking with the church in the parade.
- Imani MCC presents a transformative Women's Weekend, November 14-16, 2025, centered around "Sisterhood: Growing in Grace, Walking in Purpose, Thriving in Unity." Only 20 spots remain. Join us for an uplifting weekend of empowerment, growth, and connection. Highlights include Friday's MuuMuu's and Mingle, Saturday's Girlfriend Sessions with guest speakers, Saturday's Sneaker Ball with dinner and dancing, and Sunday's Brunch and Brims. Registration is \$170, with a limited-time \$50 deposit option for Imani ladies due by 8/31/25. Secure your spot via Cash App \$ImaniMCCofNC or PayPal.me/ImaniMCC and be sure to reference "Women's Weekend."

STAFF

Senior Pastor – Rev. Annie Ross - PastorAnnie@ImaniMCC.org
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Deacon In Training Program begins in June 2025

CHURCH INFORMATION

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EVENTS

Bi-Weekly Bible Study at the Church - Wednesday – September 3 @ 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal – Every Thursday @ 7:00 pm



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