



**Sunday morning at 10:00 am**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Sound Engineer ..... Audio Visual Team  
 Ushers ..... Anthony Whitaker and Sherman Brown  
 Welcome ..... MIT First Lady Priscilla Ross  
 Opening Prayer  
 A Moment to Feel God’s Presence  
 Statement of Faith \* (please rise as you are able) ..... Marian Brown  
**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  
 Johnika Johnson Perry, Director  
 Community Prayer ..... Senior Pastor Annie Ross  
 Praise and Worship ..... Imani Praise Team  
 Announcements  
 Passing of the Peace  
 Collection of Tithes and Offerings ..... MIT Dee Johnson Phillips  
 Givelify: Imani MCC of Durham • Zelle • PayPal.me/ImaniMCC  
 Autism Awareness Speaker ..... Author Erica Kornegay  
 “Unspoken Love: My Journey as the Mom of a Non-Verbal Autistic Child”  
 Sermon ..... Senior Pastor Annie Ross  
 Holy Communion ..... Senior 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 ..... Senior Pastor Annie Ross

*Program Subject to Change*

**Focus Verse and Scripture: March 29-April 12, 2026**

Topic The Hope of the Resurrection

Focus Thought: In this present world, all ends in the hopeless despair of death and eternal separation. In Christ, however, we have a blessed hope of the resurrection and life eternal.

Focus Verse: 1 Peter 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

This Week’s Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-23



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	Givelify	Zelle	PayPal	Total Reg. Offering	Other
April 5	33	19	\$109.76	\$732.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$841.76	\$60.00*
April 12	15	25	\$35.25	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$685.25	\$0.00
Totals	48	44	\$145.01	\$1,082.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,527.01	\$60.00

\* Building Fund

Total Regular Offering Required Weekly to meet the 2026 Ministry Budget: \$912

## STAFF

Senior Pastor - Rev. Annie Ross - PastorAnnie@ImaniMCC.org  
Meetings w/Pastor by Appointment Only: Saturdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.  
Email LadyPriscilla@ImaniMCC.org or call 214-924-5376 to schedule.  
Church Admin. - Jim Manchester - ChurchAdmin@ImaniMCC.org

## THE OFFICE OF FIRST LADY

Priscilla Ross - First Lady - LadyPriscilla@ImaniMCC.org  
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Marian Brown - Church Special Events Coordinator

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Liza Garmon

## DEACONS

Deacon Program in June 2026

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Imani Ministry Center: 3602 C-View Street, Durham NC 27713  
Mailing Address: PO Box 13172 • Durham NC 27709-3172  
Webpage: [www.ImaniMCC.org](http://www.ImaniMCC.org)

## EVENTS

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



# Imani MCC

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Sunday Morning  
10:00 am & Online!

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## Church Announcements

- Join our Bi-Weekly In-Person Bible Study on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Church or on Imani's Facebook page. Pastor Annie will be teaching on 3D Evangelism highlighting the principle of Discernment for our Bible Study series.
- Please sign up for Worship Participation on the clipboard located on the Usher's Table. There are slots open for the months of May and June.
- The Ordination service for DIT Cindy Johnson Perry and our MIT's Dee Johnson Phillips, First Lady Priscilla Ross and Johnika Johnson Perry will be on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Our guest speaker will be Bishop Roger E. Billingsley Hayes of Renewal Fellowship UCC in Winston Salem, NC. Let us celebrate this momentous occasion.



## Community Notes

### Imani Prayer List

We are asking that in your dedicated prayer time please keep these members and friends of Imani MCC in prayer. To add a name to the prayer list, please text 984-538-4223. Subject: Imani Prayer List

- Valerie B.
- Rochell C.
- Families
- Financial Growth
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Teachers and School Officials



### Ministry Spotlight💡

This week, our Ministry Spotlight shines brightly on our dynamic Imani MCC Garden Ministry, led by MIT Dee Johnson Phillips and supported by an incredible team of dedicated volunteers!

Last year's harvest was truly a testament to God's provision—overflowing with tomatoes, butternut squash, okra, beautiful flowers, and so much more. Each moment spent tending the garden was more than just planting and harvesting—it was a sacred time of connection, peace, and joy that only working the earth can bring.

Through their faithful labor, this ministry is not only cultivating crops but also nurturing community, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Seeds are being sown that will produce a harvest far beyond the garden—impacting hearts, lives, and relationships.

We are deeply grateful for their commitment, passion, and hard work. We eagerly anticipate the continued growth and abundant harvest that will come from this powerful and intentional ministry—both in the natural and in the spirit! 🌱🌿