

Union Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost— Liturgical Color is Green

Sunday, August 16, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Reverend Dion Jones

Sizzling Summer Revival

Welcome

Reverend Dion Jones

The Doxology

Reverend Dion Jones

Call to Worship

Paula Dorsey

Hymn of Praise

“We Praise Thee, O God”

Hymn #363 AMEC Hymnal

Paula Dorsey

Invocation

Charles Bradley

Choral Response

Scripture: St. Luke 19: 1-10 (NIV)

Jennifer Sheppard

Worship of Music

Announcements

Acknowledgment of Visitors

Moments of Fellowship

The Pastor’s Words

Offering

Introduction of the Guest Preacher

Reverend Dion Jones

Sermonic Selection

The Sermon

Reverend Therm James, Jr.

Pastor of Student Life

New Macedonia Baptist Church

Washington, DC

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Altar Call Prayer

The Doxology

The Benediction

The Extinguishing of the Candles

Hymn of Praise: “We Praise Thee, O God”

Hymn #97 – AMEC Hymnal

Words and Tune: Dr. William McKay | Public Domain

We praise Thee, O God! For The Son of Thy love, For Jesus who died and is now gone above. Refrain

We praise Thee, O God! For the spirit of light, Who has shown us the Savior and scattered out night. Refrain

All glory and praise to the lamb that was slain; Who hath borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain. Refrain

Revive us again! Fill each heart with Thy love; May our souls be rekindled with fire from above. Refrain

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah, Amen; Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Revive us again.

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GUEST PREACHER

REVEREND THERM JAMES, JR.

Pastor of Student Life, The New Macedonia Baptist Church, Washington, DC



Reverend Therm M. James, Jr. serves as the Pastor of Student Life at The New Macedonia Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., under the leadership of Pastor Patrick J. Walker. A fifth-generation preacher, he is passionately committed to the spiritual formation of the next generation and to equipping students to live out the will of God in every season of life.

The son of Rev. Dr. Therm M. James, Sr. and the late Lynnette James, Rev. James was raised in a strong Christian family. His spiritual foundation was laid at the Bethany Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland, under the pastoral leadership of his father. He was licensed to preach in December 2018 and ordained in October 2023.

Rev. James earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from St. Mary's College of Maryland and a Master of Divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He is currently pursuing the Doctor of Ministry degree at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, with anticipated completion in fall 2026. Prior to entering full-time ministry, he served in several professional roles in youth development, with a focus on college and career readiness — work that continues to shape his heart for students today.

Rev. James strives to embody a quote often attributed to President Theodore Roosevelt: "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." His favorite passage of Scripture is Psalm 34. He is married to the love of his life, Danielle, and together they are the proud parents of six children: Sage, Eli, Kyla, Therm III, Micah, and Khloe. His life's desire is to fulfill the will of God in everything he does.