

A silhouette of a person standing with their back to the viewer, facing a large, glowing golden halo. The background is dark, and the light from the halo creates a soft glow on the person's shoulders and the surrounding air.

The Saints:

Mystery Revealed

WORSHIP GUIDE
JULY 20

Order of Service

REVEREND DR. ANDREW LEE STEPHENS JR.

Gathering	Minister Johnathan McGill
Call To Worship	Elder Alfred E. McWilliams
Praise and Worship	The Every Sunday Choir
Call To Confession	Pastor
Prayer of Confession	Elder Alfred E. McWilliams
Declaration of Forgiveness	Pastor
Apostles Creed	Elder Alfred E. McWilliams
Congregational Song	The Every Sunday Choir
Announcements	Pastor
Offering	Pastor
Scripture Readings	Elder Alfred E. McWilliams
Inspirational Song	The Every Sunday Choir
Sermon	"The Saints: Mystery Revealed"
Invitation	Pastor
Sacrament of Holy Communion	Pastor
Communion Hymn	Congregation
Charge and Blessing	Pastor
Postlude	Congregation

Sunday, July 20th 2025

11AM WORSHIP SERVICE



Call To *Worship*

**God is good and loving to the faithful.
Give thanks and praise for all that God has
done for us.**

God is good! Praise the Lord!

Call To *Confession*

We live with this reality:
God never forgets what we have done,
but, in mercy, forgives
those whose hearts are full of repentance.

Let us confess those things
that break our relationship with God,
assured that God will never break our relationship
with us.



Prayer of *Confession*

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha.

We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people.

We do not take time to listen for your words.

While reading the Bible, while listening to music, while talking to friends, and we become worried and upset about many things.

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary.

We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church, forgetting to get our hands dirty.

God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers.

In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part.

In the name of our loving Master. Amen.

Declaration of *Forgiveness*

Before, because of your evil thoughts
and actions, you were strangers and
enemies of God.

Now, you have been reconciled to God
by the death and resurrection of Christ.
Now, you can live in peace, restored by
the blood
shed on the cross.

Live thankfully!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

Scripture *Readings*

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42






