

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

*Prayer after Communion:

*Celebration Song: *Johnson C. Smith University Choir*

*Charge and Benediction:

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You with Sevenfold Amen"



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On behalf of our Congregation, Visiting Families and Friends, we would like to extend a "heart felt thank you" to Johnson C. Smith University Choir, Dr. Angelica Books, Director and Frank Williams, Pianist for worshiping with us today sharing your wonderful musical skills. Please come again.

Note: AA - African American Heritage Hymnal (Beige)
BB - The Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue)

**STATESVILLE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
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A promotional banner for the church performance. It features a yellow background with a large arched window showing a group of the Johnson C. Smith University Choir members in formal attire standing in front of a brick building with a clock tower. The text at the top reads "STATESVILLE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) PRESENTS". Below the image, it says "A PERFORMANCE BY" followed by the Johnson C. Smith University logo and "Johnson C. Smith University CHOIR WITH DR. ANGELICA BROOKS". A circular portrait of Dr. Angelica Brooks is on the right.

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We Gather

****Prelude:** “Only What You Do For Christ Will Last”

****Announcements:**

Welcome: Laura Wallace

Lighting of Candles:

****Introit:** “In the Beauty of Holiness” 106 AA

Call to worship:

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills—

P: From where will my help come?

L: My help comes from the Lord,

ALL: who made heaven and earth.

***Centering Prayer:**

****Opening Hymn:** *Johnson C. Smith University Choir*
“Lift Every Voice & Sing” 540 AA

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life’s journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubts and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don’t run deep enough and don’t last. We come to you well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ’s living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

John 3:17 says; “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and be at peace. **Amen.**

***Passing the Peace:**

****Special Selections:** *Johnson C. Smith University Choir*

***Please stand if you are able.**

****Worshippers may enter or exit.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Derek Cornelius, Liturgist

Sermon:

Gary S. Blackmon, Pastor

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: *Johnson C. Smith University Choir*

Prayers of the People

Choral Response: *Johnson C. Smith University Choir*

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison):**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ Our only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings: *Johnson C. Smith University Choir*

***Doxology:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

513 BB

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.