MOTHER EMANUEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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October 2026 Worship Booklet

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Reverend Dr. Eric S. C. Manning ~ Pastor

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Remember:

Annual Conference Theme: Salvation • Evangelism • Empowerment — S.E.E.

"Lord, open our eyes" — 2 Kings 6:15–17

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost • Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost • Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, open our eyes, that we may see." — 2 Kings 6:15–17

MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS

S.E.E. Christ Clearly: Salvation Saves • Evangelism Sends • Empowerment Strengthens

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A Word from the Pastor

Mother Emanuel Family,

October invites us to pray with the servant in 2 Kings 6, "Lord, open our eyes." When fear saw only danger, God revealed a greater reality: heaven's help already surrounded God's people. This Annual Conference year, our S.E.E. theme calls us to perceive Christ's work clearly—Salvation that redeems and restores, Evangelism that carries the good news beyond our walls, and Empowerment through the Holy Ghost for courageous service.

With eyes opened by grace, we see people not as problems but as neighbors whom God loves. Evangelism becomes more than an invitation to church; it is the visible and spoken witness to Christ's compassion, justice, healing, and reconciliation. God opens our eyes to the places where hope is needed and sends us to tell and live the saving story of Jesus.

With eyes opened by the Spirit, we recognize that we are not powerless. The God who surrounded Elisha with unseen protection still equips the Church with wisdom, gifts, courage, and holy power. This is our S.E.E. vocation: **Salvation saves** us by Christ's redeeming grace; **Evangelism sends** us to proclaim and embody the good news; and **Empowerment strengthens** us through the Holy Ghost for courageous worship, witness, justice, and service. Lord, open our eyes to see your work, join your mission, and serve in your power.

Standing with you in faith, hope, and holy expectation,
Reverend Dr. Eric S. C. Manning
Pastor, Mother Emanuel AME Church

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Announcements

October Theme — S.E.E.: "Lord, Open Our Eyes" (2 Kings 6:15–17)

Salvation: Lord, open our eyes to see Christ's redeeming grace at work—rescuing, healing, restoring, and giving new life even when fear tells us that hope is lost.

Evangelism: Lord, open our eyes to neighbors, families, and communities waiting to encounter the good news through our words, compassion, integrity, and faithful presence.

Empowerment: Lord, open our eyes to the strength, gifts, and divine help already surrounding us. Fill us with the Holy Ghost to worship faithfully, witness boldly, and serve courageously.

Our October confession: We will S.E.E. Christ clearly—receiving Salvation, practicing Evangelism, and walking in Empowerment. "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them." — 2 Kings 6:16

See Realm for church calendar updates

Annual Conference Dates

- 136th Session of the Northeast Annual Conference – October 7 – 10
- 149th Session of the Columbia Annual Conference – October 21 – 24
- 103rd Session of the Central Annual Conference – October 28 – 31
- SED One-Day Planning Meeting – November 7 – Florence Center

If you wish to contribute floral arrangements for our pulpit area, please contact LaVerne Bennett at 843-670-4718.

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October 4, 2026 — Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)

Theme: "Open Our Eyes to Salvation: Pressing On in Christ"

> **S.E.E. Salvation:** God's covenant exposes our need for grace, and Paul counts everything as loss compared with knowing Christ. Lord, open our eyes to Jesus, who forgives the past, restores the broken, and leads us into new life. Salvation is not only what Christ has done for us; it is the redeeming work we are called to make visible through transformed lives.

Liturgical Season: Season after Pentecost | **Liturgical Color:** Green

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Order of Worship

Processional Hymn *
Pastoral Observations and Welcoming of Visitors
Praise and Worship
Doxology *
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Call to Worship …… Pastor Manning

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People: We come rejoicing that Jesus saves! We come remembering that grace still reaches, heals, and makes whole.

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All Together: We come to worship the God who saves, sends, and strengthens! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise AME Hymnal # 450 Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby/Phoebe P. Knapp

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Refrain. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

The Preface to Prayer ……Richard Allen Mass Choir

Give me a Clean Heart – Give me a clean heart, so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart, and I'll follow thee.

Invocation Prayer …… Pastor Manning

Response …… Richard Allen Mass Choir

Scripture Lessons …… Reverend Emmy Williams

Reading	Scripture
First Reading	Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Psalm	Psalm 19:1–14
Epistle	Philippians 3:4b–14
Gospel	Matthew 21:33–46

The Preface Hymn to the Decalogue The Congregation arising, sings *

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From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

The Decalogue (An Affirmation of God's Law) …….. Pastor Manning

Leader: Let us express our commitment to keep God's law.
People: God of our salvation, only You are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.
Leader: Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment."
People: Jesus also challenged us to live justly with a second commandment, which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as ourselves! On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.
(The Anvil, 2018)

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Selection …….. Richard Allen Mass Choir

Offertory Prayer

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Sermon …….. Pastor Manning

Scripture: _____

Title: _____

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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Holy Communion

Chief Celebrant, Reverend Dr. Eric S. C. Manning

Communion Hymn – Hymn #405 What Can Wash Away My Sin

Robert Lowry

Verse 1. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus (Refrain).
Refrain Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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Verse 2. For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus (Refrain).
Verse 3. Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus (Refrain).
Verse 4. This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus (Refrain).

THE BIDDING

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Collect …… Reverend Emmy Williams
Second Collect …… Reverend Emmy Williams
Prayer of Adoration …… Reverend Emmy Williams
Prayer of Humiliation …… Reverend Emmy Williams
Prayer of Consecration …… Pastor Manning

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you to preserve your soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

The Lord's Prayer
The Prayer of Thanksgiving …… Reverend Emmy Williams
The Hymn of Fellowship – I Need You to Survive

I need you, you need me, we're all a part of God's body. Stand with me, agree with me We're all a part of God's body. It is His will that every need be supplied. You are important to me, I need you to survive. You are important to me, I need you to survive

Benediction

Go now with eyes opened to Christ's saving grace. ***Salvation saves:*** *receive the freedom, healing, and new life Jesus gives.* ***Evangelism sends:*** *let your restored life tell the good news to someone who needs hope.* ***Empowerment strengthens:*** *trust the Holy Ghost to help you press forward in faithful obedience. Lord, open our eyes to see the Savior, share the story, and serve in the Spirit's power. Amen.*

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Youth Moment

"Open Our Eyes to Salvation"
Scripture: Philippians 3:13–14
Theme: Receiving Christ's grace and pressing forward in faith
Message:
Young people, S.E.E. what Jesus can do with your life. **Salvation** means Christ forgives you and gives you a new beginning. **Evangelism** means your changed life and caring words can help someone else know Jesus. **Empowerment** means the Holy Ghost gives you courage to keep growing, serving, and pressing forward. Lord, open our eyes to receive grace, share hope, and live with Spirit-given strength.

Historical & Heritage Reflection

"Praise God for Sustaining the Work"
Mother Emanuel's witness proclaims the full S.E.E. testimony. **Salvation** has sustained this congregation through loss, struggle, and renewal. **Evangelism** has carried the Gospel from this sanctuary into Charleston and beyond. **Empowerment** has enabled generations to worship, lead, rebuild, speak truth, and serve. As October begins, we pray, "Lord, open our eyes," so that every faithful act—seen and unseen—may reveal the Christ who saves, sends, and strengthens.

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October 11, 2026 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)

Theme: "S.E.E. Evangelism: Open Our Eyes, Rejoice, and Invite"

S.E.E. Evangelism: Christ calls the Church beyond fear and inward focus. Salvation gives us good news worth sharing; Evangelism sends us to invite, welcome, testify, and serve; Empowerment gives us courage to speak and live the Gospel. Lord, open our eyes to the people and places where Christ is already preparing the way.

Liturgical Season: Season after Pentecost | **Liturgical Color:** Green

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Praise and Worship
Doxology*
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
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The congregation stands

People: We come ready to tell the story of Jesus—in our homes, our streets, and our hearts.

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The Preface to Prayer …… Anointed Voices of Praise

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Invocation Prayer ……

Response …… Anointed Voices of Praise

Scripture Lessons ……

Reading	Scripture
First Reading	Exodus 32:1–14
Psalm	Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23
Epistle	Philippians 4:1–9
Gospel	Matthew 22:1–14

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The Gloria Patri:

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Selection …….. Anointed Voices of Praise

Offertory Prayer

Selection …….. Anointed Voices of Praise

Sermon …….. Pastor Manning

Scripture: _____

Title: _____

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction …….. Pastor Manning

*Go now with eyes opened to Christ's mission. **Salvation saves:** rejoice in the grace you have received. **Evangelism sends:** extend Christ's invitation through welcome, testimony, compassion, and justice. **Empowerment strengthens:** trust the Holy Ghost to give you courage for every conversation and act of witness. Lord, open our eyes to see whom we are called to reach. Amen.*

Youth Moment

"Open Our Eyes to Evangelism"
Scripture: Matthew 22:9
Theme: Sharing God's invitation with joy
Message:
Young people, S.E.E. your daily life as a mission field. **Salvation** gives you a story of grace. **Evangelism** invites you to include the lonely, encourage the discouraged, speak about Jesus, and show God's love. **Empowerment** gives you courage to do what is right even when it is difficult. Ask, "Lord, open my eyes to someone who needs hope today," and be ready to share it.

Historical & Heritage Reflection

"Praise God for Connectional Courage"
Mother Emanuel's connectional heritage teaches us to S.E.E. Christ's mission together. **Salvation** binds us as one redeemed people. **Evangelism** moves congregations beyond their walls to carry the Gospel into public life. **Empowerment** shares courage, leadership, resources, and Spirit-given gifts across the connection. Lord, open our eyes to the strength of a church that saves souls, sends witnesses, and strengthens communities together.

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October 18, 2026 — Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)

Theme: "S.E.E. Empowerment: Surrounded, Strengthened, and Sent"

S.E.E. Empowerment: As Elisha's servant learned, God's help is greater than what fear can see. Salvation assures us that we belong to Christ; Evangelism gives us a mission in the world; Empowerment fills us with the Holy Ghost to worship, witness, serve, and stand with courage. Lord, open our eyes to the divine strength already surrounding us.

Liturgical Season: Season after Pentecost | **Liturgical Color:** Green

Order of Worship

Pastoral Observations and Welcoming of the Visitors

Praise and Worship

Doxology *

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Invocation Prayer ……

Response …… Anointed Voices of Praise

Scripture Lessons

Reading	Scripture
First Reading	Exodus 33:12–23
Psalm	Psalm 99:1–9
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 1:1–10
Gospel	Matthew 22:15–22

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Selection …… Anointed Voices of Praise
Offertory Prayer
Selection …… Anointed Voices of Praise
Sermon …… Pastor Manning

Scripture: _____

Title: _____

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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Benediction

Go now with opened eyes and Spirit-filled courage. ***Salvation saves:*** *stand secure in Christ's grace.* ***Evangelism sends:*** *bear faithful witness wherever God places you.* ***Empowerment strengthens:*** *rely on the Holy Ghost for wisdom, endurance, justice, and service. Do not be afraid—God's presence is greater than every challenge before you. Amen.*

Youth Moment

"Open Our Eyes to Empowerment"
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:4–5
Theme: Serving with the power of the Holy Ghost
Message:
Young people, S.E.E. the power God has placed within and around you. **Salvation** tells you that you are claimed by Christ. **Evangelism** gives your voice and service a holy purpose. **Empowerment** means the Holy Ghost equips you with gifts, courage, and wisdom for the work ahead. When fear says you are alone or unable, pray, "Lord, open my eyes," and move forward knowing God is with you.

Historical & Heritage Reflection

Praise God for Restoring Fellowship
Mother Emanuel's history reveals a Spirit-empowered church. **Salvation** restored hope when loss threatened to define the future. **Evangelism** turned testimony into public witness and compassionate ministry. **Empowerment** gave generations courage to rebuild, lead, forgive, advocate, and continue the work. Lord, open our eyes to the power already present in a people gathered by grace and sent by the Holy Ghost.

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October 25, 2026 — Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)

Theme: "S.E.E. Clearly: Love God and Love Your Neighbor"

S.E.E. Clearly: Salvation is grace received and healing embraced; Evangelism is love made visible to neighbors and communities; Empowerment is Spirit-given strength for faithful service. Jesus gathers the whole S.E.E. vision into wholehearted love of God and neighbor. Lord, open our eyes to receive Christ's love, share Christ's love, and serve in Christ's power.

Liturgical Season: Season after Pentecost | **Liturgical Color:** Green

Breast Cancer Survivor Reflection

Today we honor breast cancer survivors whose journeys bear witness to courage, perseverance, faith, and grace. Through the lens of S.E.E., we proclaim: **Salvation saves**—God's redeeming love holds every survivor through diagnosis, treatment, recovery, and uncertainty; **Evangelism sends**—the Church is called to make Christ's compassion visible through listening, presence, encouragement, advocacy, and practical care; **Empowerment strengthens**—the Holy Ghost renews courage among survivors, caregivers, families, and medical teams. Lord, open our eyes to see every survivor's dignity, honor every story, remember those still in treatment and those who have died, and help us become a community in which no one walks alone.

God of healing and sustaining grace, open our eyes to your saving presence, our hearts to compassionate witness, and our lives to the empowering work of the Holy Ghost. Surround every survivor with peace, renew strength for each new day, uphold caregivers and families, guide medical teams, and send us to serve with prayer, encouragement, advocacy, and love. Amen.

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Order of Worship

Pink Sunday Reflection …….. Sherrell Nelson

Pastoral Observations and Welcoming of Visitors

Praise and Worship

Doxology *

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Invocation Prayer ……..

Response …….. Anointed Voices of Praise

Scripture Lessons

Reading	Scripture
First Reading	Deuteronomy 34:1–12

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Psalm	Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Gospel	Matthew 22:34–46

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Benediction

Go now in the mercy of God, who makes room, heals what is broken, and gathers the scattered into grace. This week, look for places where mercy is needed—in your home, conversations, church, and community. May you reflect on God's wide welcome and become a living sign of compassion, reconciliation, and belonging. Amen.

Youth Moment

"S.E.E. Clearly: Love God and Love Your Neighbor"
Scripture: Matthew 22:37–39
Theme: Loving God wholeheartedly and making Christ's love visible to others
Message:

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Jesus teaches that loving God and loving our neighbor belong together. Young people, S.E.E. this love at work: **Salvation** welcomes you into God's grace, **Evangelism** makes that grace visible through kindness and invitation, and **Empowerment** gives you courage to serve. Ask God to open your eyes to one person you can encourage, include, or help this week.

Historical & Heritage Reflection

Praise God for Restoring Fellowship

The church's life depends on mercy that restores fellowship and strengthens shared mission. Mother Emanuel has seen generations serve, disagree, forgive, rebuild, and continue together by the grace of God. After another Annual Conference year, we praise God for every relationship strengthened, every ministry renewed, and every opportunity to become a more faithful community. The work ahead calls for unity, humility, and a spirit wide enough to make room for all whom God is drawing near.

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Call to Worship for 2026 – 2027

This Call to Worship serves as the spiritual gateway to every service throughout the Annual Conference year. It invites the congregation to SEE—to behold Christ's saving work, the mission of evangelism, and the empowering presence of the Holy Ghost. Each movement of the call mirrors the theme: Salvation grounds us in grace and redemption; Evangelism sends us forth to share Christ's love; and Empowerment equips us to serve boldly in the Spirit's strength. The responsive rhythm between leader and people embodies the unity and vitality of Mother Emanuel's worship tradition—rooted in history, alive in witness, and forward-looking in hope. It reminds the church that worship is not passive observation but active participation in God's ongoing work of salvation, outreach, and empowerment.

S.E.E. – Salvation • Evangelism • Empowerment

A Theological Introduction: The Year We SEE Christ's Work Clearly

Walking in the Saving Power of Christ and the Strength of the Holy Ghost

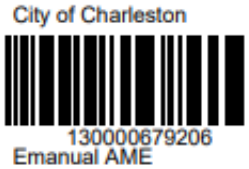
This Annual Conference year calls Mother Emanuel to SEE Christ's work with renewed clarity and conviction. Through the theme of Salvation, Evangelism, and Empowerment, we proclaim that the saving grace of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith, evangelism is the mission of our witness, and empowerment is the Spirit-given strength of our ministry.

Mother Emanuel's story is a living testimony that salvation is not merely a theological concept — it is deliverance, healing, restoration, and resurrection. In a world marked by division, injustice, and despair, we boldly declare that Christ still saves, the Church still evangelizes, and the Holy Ghost still empowers. This year, we SEE Christ's saving work in us, through us, and among us.

Soli Deo Gloria

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