

**GUEST PREACHER: Reverend David Eugene Penn, Sr.**

Reverend David Eugene Penn, Sr. presently serves as an Associate Minister at the Grace Baptist Church in Norwalk, Connecticut where Dr. Lindsay Curtis is the Senior Pastor. He formerly served as an Associate Minister at the Fifth Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia where Dr. Earl M. Brown and Dr. Ricardo L. Brown serve as Pastors. In his previous position Reverend Penn served as the Senior Pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Ansonia, Connecticut where he led that congregation with distinction for fifteen years. He also served for five years as the Senior Pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Pleasantville, New Jersey. Reverend Penn believes in ministry that empowers, educates and meets the needs of the community.

Reverend Penn was born in Harlem, New York. He attended the College of New Rochelle and is a graduate of the New York Theological Seminary where he received the Certificate in Christian Ministry. Reverend Penn is a graduate with the Masters of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He has also received four honorary doctoral degrees.

Reverend Penn has been married for the last thirty years to his best friend, Reverend Tracye Colette Chisholm-Penn. They are the proud parents of five adult children and the grandparents of several wonderful grandchildren.

Above all else, Reverend Penn is a servant of God, determined to live for Christ.

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Friends and Family Day at a church is a day on which members of the church are encouraged to invite as many friends and relatives as possible to join them for a day of worship.



Elements of jazz have been in black churches since enslaved peoples transformed Christian hymns with West African rhythms. Jazz later emerge from gospel and blues as a distinct genre. But the music developed a stigma for being

worldly, played in dimly lit smoke-filled venues, and deemed inappropriate for Sunday morning. In the 1960s, jazz artists began to shift this perception with sacred compositions.

Some faith leaders see jazz as an evangelism strategy to fill pews with people who would otherwise skip service.

**Jazz is being nurtured in the church.**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**JULY 29, 2018 – 10:45 A.M.**

**THE GATHERING** ..... The Praise Team

**THE INVOCATION/LORD’S PRAYER** ..... Pulpit Associate

**THE WELCOME** ..... Pulpit Associate

**THE PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**THE TITHING STATEMENT/THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** ..... Pulpit Associate

**THE TITHE AND OFFERING** ..... The Ushers

**THE SELECTION** .....Jazz in the Sanctuary

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE** .....All Things Come of Thee (536)

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER** ..... Pulpit Associate

**THE SONG OF CONSECRATION** .....Jazz in the Sanctuary

**THE SERMON**.....Reverend David Eugene Penn, Sr.  
Associate Minister, Grace Baptist Church, Norwalk, CT

**“PRAISE GOD ANYHOW”**

**JOHN 9:18-23**

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**THE BENEDICTION**..... Pastor James B. Logan, DMin

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME our visitors who are worshipping with us today. We pray that your visit will be a blessing and a rewarding experience. If you live in the area and do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family. Pastor Logan and some of our Deacons will be waiting to receive and accept you during the Invitational Hymn. We invite you to come to Jesus and to the love, friendship, and fellowship of our church family. In times like these, we need a Savior. Come to Jesus.

**OUR MOTTO:** No one cares how much you KNOW until they know how much you CARE!

**BAPTIZED ON JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>:** Jazelle Aubree Chesney. God bless you!

**OUR MASS CHOIR/MC-YA** will sing at the Annual Musicale this afternoon at 6:30 p.m. at The Church of Latter Day Saints, 30 Bonnie View Drive in Trumbull, CT.

**SUN., AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:30 P.M.,** Pastor Logan will preach at Mt. Horeb Holiness Church, 1788 Townsend Avenue, Bronx, New York. Our Praise Team and Praise Dancers will accompany him.



### BACK TO SCHOOL

**IT'S COMING! WE ARE GETTING READY TO GET THE STUDENTS READY FOR SCHOOL.**

**Additional information next week.**

WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO the family of Sister Tawana Renee Clark who transition from this life on last Monday. Her funeral service will be held here at Messiah on tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Her wake begins at 10:00 a.m.; and to Deacon Lou Bertha Eidson and family on the transition of her daughter, Evelyn White, on Thursday. Also, to Sister Mary Ellen Tatten and family on the passing of her cousin in Cross Lanes, West Virginia.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS FROM our Youth and Young Adult Ministry for your presence and support on Friday evening; our Music Ministry for your presence and support as they ministered in songs to some of the residents at Maefair Health Care Center on yesterday; Sister Penny Poole and family, Deacon Eleanor and Brother John Fuller and family and Brother Julian and Sister Elizabeth Braxton for your kind expressions of sympathy.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.



**REVIVAL IS COMING TO MESSIAH.**

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**VACATIONING?.....BE SAFE AND ENJOY!**

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*Opportunity to show some love!*



**OF TEACHING, PREACHING, REACHING,  
PASTORAL CARE, ...AND MORE!**

**THE FIFTH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR LOGAN  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M.  
TRUMBULL MARRIOTT-MERRITT PARKWAY**

- **The Speaker:** Rev. Dr. William B. Sutton, III, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Stratford.
- **Tickets** for the luncheon are available in the choir room every Sunday, **after worship service, through September 2<sup>nd</sup> or in the church office every day.** Reserve one seat or a table of 10. Full payment is required to reserve a table. We will accommodate your request.
- **Journal advertisement/congratulatory messages** are being accepted in the choir room every Sunday, **after worship service through August 12<sup>th</sup> or the church office every day, until the absolute deadline: August 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- If you need a photo (Group, family, couple or individual) Trustee Deborah A. McNeill will provide that service to you through next Sunday. Take a 'photo form' from the table in the narthex, complete and give it to her. She will schedule you.
- **Please visit the "Pastor's Anniversary Information Table" in the narthex.** Get the forms you need.

**Additional information is available from** Co-Chairs, Trustee Collin Vice and Deacon W. Alfredia Hamm, or the church office.

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*The elders who direct the affairs of the church will be worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.*  
1 Timothy 5:17