ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019
UNITED MEN’S SUNDAY

Call to Worship

Clergy & Choir Processional and Opening Hymn

Praise and Worship

Opening Scripture and Prayer

The Word Sung

Welcome

Strategies for God’s Mission

Worship Through Giving

Altar Prayer

The Word Preached

9:30 AM

Reverend Bernestine Smith

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction and Recessional

MORNING PREACHER
REVEREND BERNESTINE SMITH

Reverend Bernestine Smith, licensed and ordained at Allen Temple, previously served as Pastor to Allen Temple Arms. Through this ministry, Reverend Smith served, encouraged, communicated and share God's love to those inside and outside the Church family. Through this ministry, Reverend Smith encouraged and challenged Senior Adults to stay active in their faith, to continue giving to society from the wealth of their experience, and to continue living up to their potential as active participants in congregational
Allen Temple Baptist Church

Reverend Bernestine Smith (continued)
and community life.

Reverend Smith, a highly sought after preacher and teacher, shares her life with her partner in love and ministry, Pastor Emeritus J. Alfred Smith, Sr. She is the loving and proud mother of Sister Renell Farley and grandmother of Sister Whitney Gibson.

Spiritual Life Note from Rev. Ineda Adesanya
Minister of Spiritual Life

Join the Spiritual Life Ministry
as we complete our year-long Bible Reading Journey!

Scriptures for the week of December 29, 2019

December 29: Revelation 11:1-14:20  
December 30: Revelation 15:1-18:24  

If you would like more information on one-on-one consultations, spiritual direction, the March 2020 Companions on the Way Retreat in Malibu, Rev. Ineda’s new book, Kaleidoscope: Reconsidering the Palette in the Art of Spiritual Direction, or have Spiritual Life questions, please contact Rev. Ineda Adesanya, Minister of Spiritual Life, at (510) 544-8930 or iadesanya@allen-temple.org

Worship Through Giving

Did you know that there are four ways that you can worship through giving at Allen Temple?

1. Online via Allen-Temple.org/Giving;
2. Via the Allen Temple Mobile App (free for Apple & Android devices);
3. Via Text to Give (send a text to 510-737-0078 with the numerical dollar amount (i.e., $25). You will receive text confirmation and receipt);
4. By using a giving envelope (located in the pews or from the Ushers)

2019 Contribution Statements Are Coming in January!

2019 Contribution Statements will be sent in January via e-mail or postal mail. Please check in Elexio (ATBC Community on Allen-Temple.org) or with the Church Clerk’s Office (Sanctuary First Floor) to ensure that we have your correct email and/or mailing address on file. Thank you, Allen Temple Church Clerks and Financial Officers

This Week at Allen Temple

Sunday School will NOT meet today, Sunday, December 29, and will resume next Sunday, January 5.

CDs and DVDs of Pastoral Installation Sunday worship services (8am, 11:15am and 3pm) are available at the Multimedia Store in the J. Alfred Smith, Sr Fellowship Hall. CDs & DVDs are $7 each.
THIS WEEK AT ALLEN TEMPLE (CONTINUED)

Thursday Evening Bible Study will be on holiday hiatus on Thursday, January 2. Class will resume Thursday, January 9 at 7:30pm.


LOOKING AHEAD

Centennial Souvenir Books are in the final production stages and are expected to be completed and available for pickup no later than January. Please stay tuned for more information and updates as they become available.

Monday, January 6 - 6pm – Monday Jazz Jam Session featuring Wanda Diamond – A Benefit for the Betty D Gadling Fine Arts Academy (JASSR Fellowship Hall): Join us for delicious food and an evening of cool jazz with special guest vocalist Wanda Diamond and the Allen Temple Connection Band! Proceeds benefit the Betty D Gadling Fine Arts Academy. Doors and dinner concessions open at 6:00 PM; session begins at 7:00 PM. Admission $10 for adults, $5 for children; food and beverages may be purchased for an additional cost. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Saturday, January 11 – 10am - Scratch Coding Camp for Kids Presented by the Leadership Institute at Allen Temple (FLC): Children age 7 and up are invited to participate in the Winter session comprised of 12 classes where they will develop STEM skills including foundational computer programming concepts, essential problem-solving, communication, reasoning, and more! Instruction provided by KidzToPros; sponsored by Western Digital. Only 20 spaces are available. For more information and to register your child, contact Dr. Brenda Guess, LIAT Chancellor; at (510) 544-3362 or bguess@allen-temple.org

Saturday, January 11 - 1pm – 2020 Election Town Hall Meeting Presented by the Allen Temple Public Ministry (FLC Auditorium): The Allen Temple Public Ministry invites the community to come out for an informative afternoon on the upcoming election cycle! Learn about the issues that will appear on your ballot! RSVP at 2020electiontownhall.eventbrite.com!

Save the Dates of Tuesday, January 14 through Thursday, January 16 for Prayer Revival 2020! Begin the new year filled with prayer, praise, worship and prophetic preaching at Prayer Revival 2020! Bring your family, friends and neighbors for this blessed time of renewal, restoration and transformation! Watch this space for more information!

Monday, January 20 - 8:30am (Registration) 9am (Breakfast & Program): Fourth Annual Allen Temple Health and Social Services MLK Drum Major for Freedom Breakfast – “A New Era – A New Way” (Hilton Oakland Airport, 1 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland): Join Allen Temple Health and Social Services for the Fourth Annual Martin Luther King Jr Drum Major for Freedom Breakfast! Hear from award recipients Regina Jackson, Wanda Johnson, and Alicia Garza, special guest Bishop Yvette Flunder, and keynote speaker, Sharon Cooper, Community Activist and sister of Sandra Bland. Ms. Cooper will speak on Sandra’s life, legacy and the HBO documentary “Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland”. Special entertainment by Destined 2 Dance! Event registration and networking 8:30am to 9am; breakfast & program 9am to 10:30am. Tickets $75; sponsorships available. To purchase, visit Eventbrite.com or contact Sis. Gloria Cox-Crowell at (510) 544-8947 or gcrowell@allen-temple.org
Oppportunities to Serve

Allen Temple’s long tenured Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is seeking volunteers to assist with the upcoming tax season. Our objective is to prepare tax returns free of charge for eligible taxpayers in our community, thereby saving their hard-earned dollars. All new and returning tax preparation volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS. Please prayerfully consider joining with us as we give back to our community! Training will begin in January (dates TBD); tax filing season will begin February 1, 2020. For more information and to sign up, please contact Sis. Velma Chavis at (510) 484-4426 or vchavis@sbcglobal.net

Are you looking for ways to help your community? The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring now for the 2020 Census. Census Takers (Enumerators) will start work in the Spring, and the position is temporary, flexible, and pays $25 per hour in Alameda County. These positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community! To learn more and apply, visit 2020Census.gov and select jobs.

The Allen Temple Girl Scout Ministry is looking for an energetic person to join our leadership team as a Brownie Girl Scout Leader! Training is available and no experience is required, just a willing heart. Minimum Qualifications: 1. Love the Lord; 2. Love working with 2nd and 3rd graders; 3. Enjoy working in a team environment with other Allen Temple Leaders. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Deaconess Judy Carter, Girl Scout Chairperson, at jcartercm@aol.com

Census 2020 Working Committee: Have you been involved in working for or volunteering for the Census before? WE NEED YOU! Allen Temple will be convening a Census 2020 Working Committee and we need you with us to ensure that our community is counted and we do not miss out on needed funding for our community. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sis. Gloria Cox-Crowell at gcrowell@allen-temple.org or call 510-544-8947

ATKidz’ Children’s Church is seeking those with a heart to minister to children to join them! For more information, contact Dea. Yolonda Greenwell Reese via the Church Office at (510) 544-8910 or ygreese@allen-temple.org

Would you like to work with audio, video, worship projection/technology or in the Multimedia Store? The Multimedia and Worship Projection Ministries welcome you to join them! One service/one Sunday per month! Training available! All skill levels welcomed! Please contact Rev. Charlotte Williams, Minister & Director of Communications, at cwilliams@allen-temple.org or (510) 604-5242

Join the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry! We meet on the Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month at 12 Noon in the Family Life Center Library! For more information, call Rev. Donald Paul Miller or Bro. Ben Darden via the Church Office at (510) 544-8910

The For Sisters Only Ministry is seeking new and gently used clothing and accessories for Fall and Winter. Please bring your much appreciated donation to the Family Life Center Lobby Information booth marked to the attention of the For Sisters Only Ministry.