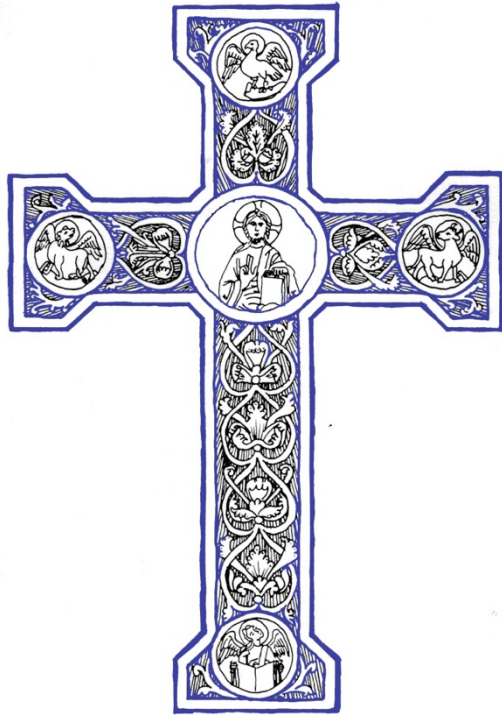


# Morning Worship & Ministers' Licensing



Sunday, November 30, 2025 at 9:00 am



SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Senior Pastor

## Order of Worship

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP & HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Count Your Blessings", Johnson Oatman, Jr (1897)*

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged,  
thinking all is lost, Count your blessings, name them one by one, And it will  
surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are  
called to bear? Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly, And you will be  
singing as the days go by.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, Do not be discouraged, God is over  
all; Count your many blessings, angels will attend, Help and comfort give you to  
your journey's end.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see  
what God hath done; Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Advent is the Church's holy countdown; four weeks of watching, waiting,  
and making room for Jesus in a world that still aches for God's healing. In  
a culture of hurry and distraction, Advent slows us down so we don't miss  
the One who has come, is coming, and will come again.

Today we light the purple candle of **Hope**. Purple reminds us of the King  
who is coming, and the hope that is ours because Christ has stepped into  
our darkness with His light. As this candle is lit, we remember our hope is  
not in circumstances, but in Jesus, the Light of the World.

### THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION & Thanksgiving

*The Reverend David Holder, Minister to Men*

### PRAISE WORSHIP & LITURGICAL DANCE

### VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & VISITOR WELCOME

*The Reverend Sheila L. Thorpe, Assistant Pastor*

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Minister Tikeisha Johnson, President, Shiloh Baptist Church Ministerium*

We the leadership and people of Shiloh Baptist Church, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, present unto you these servants who have been called by God to be licensed and set apart as Ministers of the Gospel. We, therefore, ask that you would lay your hands upon them and license them to preach the Gospel under the authority of this local church and by the power of the Holy Spirit consecrate them for service unto the Lord.

**(Pastor Brown):** Have they been selected, prepared, and examined adequately and do you believe their manner of living to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

**(Min. Johnson):** We certify to you that they have satisfied all requirements and were thoroughly examined by the catechism council on Sunday, November 23, 2025, which found them to be prepared and suitable for the exercise of this ministry. We also certify that *Min. Brandeis Boyd Tullos* was licensed on December 10, 2017, at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, and we ask that you now receive her credentials as a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church Ministerium.

## QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES *The Reverend Kimberly R. Chambers*

1. Have you received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?
2. Have you professed to have received a “call from the Lord” to preach?  
Do you publicly affirm that you are responding this day to a sincere call from our Lord to preach the Gospel?

## QUESTION TO CONGREGATION *The Reverend Brian J. Johnson*

Do you intend to be supportive of the ministry of these servants of God, striving to encourage them to be all they can be in Christ?

**(Pastor Brown leads the candidates in the Apostles Creed and vow:)**

I believe in God almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the

right hand of God almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

I do solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I promise to conform to study to show myself approved, to be guided by sound biblical doctrine, spiritual disciplines and Christian worship. I will do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God and with conviction and integrity, strive to edify the body under the authority of this local Church. I commit to a lifetime of engaging the scriptures, not just for preaching content, but to seek nourishment from them, and modeling my life upon them. I will make Christ and His redemptive love known, by my work and example, to those among whom I live, work, and worship. Keeping Christ, the head of my life, I will work on my craft, and take the trust of God, my Pastor, and this local Church seriously as it pertains to carrying out my call, so help me God.

## VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### INITIAL SERMON

*Charlotte Denise Harris Banks*  
*“Jesus is the Answer” (Psalm 80:1-3)*

## PASTORAL ADVISEMENTS

## THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

### INITIAL SERMON

*Cartayah Hawkins Reid*  
*“You’ve Already Got What it Takes” (1 Corinthians 1:7-9)*

## THE INVITATION TO SALVATION & MEMBERSHIP

## THE PRAYER, ANOINTING WITH OIL AND ACT OF LICENSING

*(Choir Sings Draw Me Nearer/Candidates kneel across altar)*

## THE PRESENTATION OF MINISTER’S LICENSE & COLLAR

## THE BENEDICTION

## CHARLOTTE DENISE HARRIS BANKS

Charlotte Denise Harris Banks, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a proud graduate of West Philadelphia High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in Sociology from Temple University, later receiving a full graduate fellowship from the American Sociological Association.



Charlotte accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior as a teenager while attending White Rock Baptist Church in West Philadelphia, where she was baptized by Rev. William J. Shaw in 1964 and was active in Sunday School, BYU, and other youth

ministries.

In 1977, Charlotte married Lallie M. Banks, Jr., and together they raised their son, Lallie III, who, along with his wife Tiffany, has blessed them with two grandchildren, Kennedy and Parker. After to Piscataway, New Jersey, Charlotte and her husband joined Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, where she immediately became active in worship, Bible study, and various ministries. In 2001, after being diagnosed with two types of breast cancer, Charlotte chose not to question God but instead encouraged others by sharing her journey. She participated in multiple American Cancer Society *Relay for Life* events, serving twice as the Survivors' Chairperson.

Charlotte faithfully serves Shiloh Baptist Church with her whole heart, fully convinced that God planted her there. She is a Ministry Leader, Christian Education facilitator, mentor, and a leader in the Deacon Family Ministry Cell Group #8. She is active in Women's Fellowship, supports special projects, and finds deep joy in her role as Director of the New Members Ministry, where she guides new believers and those joining Shiloh to feel secure and supported in their faith journey. A passionate baker, Charlotte delights her S.I.B.L.E., Bible Study, and New Members classes with homemade treats, and she has supported the Youth Ministry by teaching baking classes for three consecutive years—an experience that inspired her business, “Charlotte's Treats – Sweets and So Much More.”

Motivated by the love of Jesus Christ, her desire is that others might see Christ in her. After prayerful discernment and guidance from Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Charlotte has joyfully accepted God's call to continue His work in her new role as a minister, responding wholeheartedly to the charge to “Feed my sheep” (John 21:17).

## CARTAYAH HAWKINS REID

Min. Cartayah Hawkins Reid faithfully serves at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey, under the leadership of the Reverend Dr. Danielle L.



Brown. She joyfully teaches S.I.B.L.E. (Shiloh's Biblical Learning and Education) classes, including Vacation Bible School, and ministers to some of the Lord's most enthusiastic young learners in Children's Church. She creates age-appropriate, scripture-centered lessons that foster a safe and joyful environment where children can worship, learn, and feel valued. Her ministry philosophy centers on equipping children to experience God's love, understanding the Gospel, and growing

confidently in their faith.

Min. Cartayah's dedication reflects her deep commitment to Christian formation and hospitality. Born and raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey, she was introduced to Christ by her late grandmother, Victoria Grant, and her Aunt Geraldine Clyburn. Her spiritual foundation was laid at New Zion Baptist Church under Rev. Elliott Cuff, and she later united with Christian Love Baptist Church in Irvington, New Jersey, where she was licensed to preach the Gospel on June 17, 2012, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Ronald Christian.

A lifelong educator, Min. Cartayah earned a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Norfolk State University and a master's degree in educational administration from Grand Canyon University. With over 30 years of experience in education, her classroom was designated a “Model Classroom” for the district, leading to her service as a Master Teacher in the Elizabeth Public Schools, where she provided mentorship and professional development for early childhood educators. Her excellence has been recognized through several honors, including induction into *Who's Who of International and Professional Educators*, a Citation Award from the Delta Pi Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Award for Education from the National Council of Negro Women (Greater Elizabeth Area Section), and recognition from One Community Family for her community service. She is a proud member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Above all of her accomplishments, Min. Cartayah cherishes her role as the mother of her saved, intelligent, and beautiful twin daughters, Myesha and Aeysha.

## BRANDEIS BOYD TULLOS



Minister Brandeis B. Tullos, MDiv, began her faith journey in New Jersey in January 2023 as the Lord called her to serve as one of the Associate Pastors at First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens. She is a 2020 graduate of Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is originally from Omaha, Nebraska and lived in the Atlanta for almost 20 years she relocated to New Jersey.

In 2017, she received her license to preach the Gospel at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia by the Reverend Doctor Aaron L. Parker. She is a womanist theologian, pastoral care practitioner, and a servant

leader who believes in community, hospitality, and mental health.

One of her favorite Heroes of Faith is her grandfather who passed away from COVID in 2020 who lived out his life and taught her James 1:12 – “Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

## REVEREND DWAYNE L. JENNINGS

Rev. Dwayne is a dynamic leader whose ministry, artistic gifting, and corporate expertise have shaped more than two decades of service in worship, performing arts, youth advocacy, and technology operations at Abundant Life Family Worship Church for over 25 years. His musical contributions appear on nationally recognized recordings. He has founded drama ministries, performed in acclaimed gospel productions including *Mama I Want to Sing* and *The Amen Corner*, and was honored as one of the City of Linden’s “Living Legends” in 2023. A sought-after facilitator, he trains worship leaders in musicianship, sound engineering, spiritual formation, and team leadership—equipping them to balance artistic excellence with spiritual depth. His ministry leadership also included managing 75+ volunteers, overseeing facilities and technical operations, and strengthening community



partnerships.

Rev. Jennings’ commitment to service extends into the corporate world and the community. Through Project YES, he mentors Black and Hispanic young men in life skills, spiritual growth, and leadership development. His technical and operational expertise includes serving as Workplace Services Manager for JLL at Bristol Myers Squibb and providing executive AV/IT support for major corporations through Yorktel and A-V Services Inc., managing advanced technologies across hundreds of conference rooms. As founder of Faith Audio Solutions, he provides audio repair, multimedia production, and consulting to ministries and corporate environments alike. Rev. Jennings continues to lead with excellence, authenticity, and a heart for empowering the next generation. He is joyfully married to his wife, Dr. Danielle Jennings.

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