

# The Pastoral Installation of Rev. Elijah Llewellyn McDavid III

As the Fourth Senior Pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church



Saturday, June 26, 2021 10 a.m. and  
Sunday, June 27, 2021 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
3355 North 4th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

**“Oh how good and how pleasant it is when God’s  
people live and work together in unity!”  
(Psalm 133:1)**

We, the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church family, welcome you to this glorious day – the installation service of our Senior Pastor, The Reverend Elijah McDavid III.

We glorify God for the great things He has done!

Under the Lord’s guidance, we remained committed and steadfast throughout the entire search process. As a committee, our goals were to go through the process with discernment, wisdom, and professionalism.

Rev. McDavid received an overwhelming majority of the vote.

Our church family was dedicated to fasting and prayer and placed their trust – under the leading of the Holy Spirit – in the pulpit committee. The committee, in turn, rose to the challenge of navigating the pastoral search during a global pandemic.

“Let us not become weary in doing good because at the right proper time we shall reap if we faint not.”  
(Galatians 6:9)

Thank you for joining this celebration, a major milestone in the life of our church.

In His service,

The Pulpit Committee

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## Fellowship Baptist Memorial Church History

# The Triumphs of Faith - A Work of God in Progress

Now Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it, the first group of 25 individuals gained God's approval.

By Faith, they understood that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made from things which are visible.

By Faith, they offered to God their hearts, service and obedience and through personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord obtained the testimony that they are righteous in Him. Even though some of the original 25 are no longer present with us, we thank and praise God for their contributions in helping to build up FMBC and more importantly, the Kingdom of God. While they may not be present with us, their faithfulness still speaks.

By Faith, Dr. Vapordeal Sanders, our first leader and church moderator, before being called out from FMBC obtained a faithful witness through her leadership, service, compassion and dedication that she was pleasing to God.

By Faith, prayer meetings to seek God's face about His purpose for the congregation were first held in the home of Gertrude Meadows.

By Faith, John Cooper declared the word of God at our first service held on December 21, 1992, at West River Point.

By Faith, the "Concerned Members of Zion" 75 (plus) members strong, officially adopted the name Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) in September 1993.

By Faith, "A Harvest of Healing," a series of healing seminars on building a healthy Church, led by Rev. Dr. N. C. Cooper-Lewter was held in October 1993.

By Faith, the people continued to seek God's direction not knowing where we were going, and God later revealed the "Call" of FMBC: "Equip the Saints for Ministry." Being specifically prepared by God to assist FMBC in various aspects of her journey of faith, Reverends Gabriel Lee and Alfred Harris individually ministered and provided spiritual direction to the congregation as interim pastors, for specific periods of time. Each one was a unique and much needed gift to the Church.







By Faith, FMBC formed a God ordained partnership with Luther Memorial Lutheran Church on October 3, 1993. This partnership has continued to be a blessing to our communities and our congregations.

By Faith, Reverend Albert Gallmon Jr. was elected as Senior Pastor by FMBC on September 14 and was installed on December 8, 1996.

By Faith, on March 15, 1997, Dr. Vapordeal Sanders was the first person ordained through FMBC as a preacher of the Gospel.

By Faith, FMBC ordained the first set of Deacons on May 17, 1997. Deacon Jerome Sweats was the first chair of the deacon board.

By Faith, FMBC purchased land in the 3400 block of Fourth St. North in 1999 to complement the vision of building our own Church.

By Faith, FMBC began construction on Phase One of a three-phase building campaign in 2002.

By Faith, FMBC 10-year Anniversary was celebrated December 13-15, 2002, with the theme of "Led by the Spirit - United in Faith."

By Faith, Rev. Albert Gallmon, Senior Pastor, led the FMBC congregation in a march from Luther Memorial Lutheran Church to the new FMBC home and preached the worship service in our new home on Mother's Day, May 11, 2003.

By Faith, FMBC partnered with the Minneapolis Council of Churches to establish the Center for Families (CHF) on December 31, 2004. The CFF was built adjacent to FMBC.

By Faith, Reverend Albert Gallmon Jr. celebrated his 10-year anniversary as Senior Pastor of the congregation of the FMBC church family on December 8, 2006.

By Faith, a plaque and sanctuary multilevel cross, representing the Trinity were donated by the Edwards family in recognition of FMBC's 15th church anniversary on December 21, 2007.

By Faith, FMBC has licensed and/or ordained twelve ministers during its 28-year history.





*“Formed by God’s Power. Perfected by God’s Grace.”*

## Pastor McDavid

The Reverend Elijah Llewellyn McDavid III is a passionate disciple, dynamic preacher and cultural architect. He is proud to serve as the fourth pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This dynamic congregation sits as a beacon of hope in north Minneapolis and is committed to sharing love throughout the Twin Cities. A major highlight of McDavid’s short tenure is his leadership in securing FMBC as a COVID-19 vaccination site to provide for the community’s most vulnerable populations.

McDavid received a Master of Divinity from the Union Theological Seminary (Columbia University) in New York City. While a student, he held the distinction of being a James Forbes Scholar. McDavid is also a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta.



Before accepting the call to FMBC, McDavid served on the pastoral staff of the Alfred Street Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va.; the First Corinthian Baptist Church of Harlem; and the First Iconium Baptist Church of Atlanta. He also worked as content director for ROHO, a multimedia source for sermons and inspiration. While at ROHO, he managed content development for more than two million subscribers.

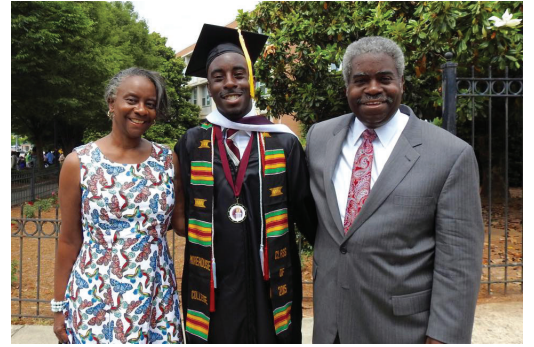
McDavid is the only child of Elijah and Lynne McDavid Jr. and was raised in Arlington, Va. He is blessed to walk in the spiritual lineage of his grandfather, the late Rev. Dr. Coolidge Johnson, a pastor and civil rights leader in South Carolina. McDavid received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 2004 at the Second Baptist Church of Falls Church, Va., where he was baptized by the late Rev. Dr. James E. Browne. While at Second Baptist, McDavid benefited from mentoring by the late Deaconess Sandra Eskridge and the late Chad Terry who also nurtured McDavid’s gifts for public speaking. Years later he yielded to God’s call and in July 2012 became the youngest person to be licensed to ministry in the 200-year history of the Alfred Street Baptist Church.

McDavid holds memberships in the historical Black men’s fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the prestigious academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa Society, and is an alum of the Institute for Responsible Citizenship. He has been blessed with numerous distinctions and honors including winning the 2014 Otis Moss Jr. Oratorical Contest, a 2013 inductee into the Academy of Preachers, and in 2009 was honored by former President Barack Obama at the White House Father’s Day Barbecue. McDavid’s love of serving and inspiring people has afforded him opportunities to speak across both the United States and abroad, including in Sierra Leone and Singapore.

In addition to his love for ministry, McDavid is an avid runner, accomplished pianist, and parttime restaurant critic.

He is immensely grateful for his amazing friends and mentors whose love and support have left an indelible mark on his life. His prayer for each of them is that the timeless promise of 1 Peter 5:10 will be manifested in their lives as it has been in his: “And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.”







# Sacred Service of Pastoral Installation

Saturday, June 26, 2021

10 a.m.

Officiant: Rev. Reginald W. Sharpe Jr.  
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
Chicago

Processional	<i>Bless His Holy Name</i> (Andrae' Crouch)	Clergy, Dignitaries, FMBC Mass Choir
Call to Worship		Officiant
Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> (Robert Robinson)	FMBC Mass Choir and Congregation
Scripture Readings		
<i>The Psalter</i>		Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman Temple Israel, Minneapolis
<i>The Gospel</i>		Rev. Dr. Charles L. Gill Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Paul
<i>The Epistle</i>		Rev. Seth Martin The Brook Community Church, Minneapolis
Invocation		Rev. Marc Lavarin and Rev. Barbara Florvil Alfred Street Baptist Church Alexandria, Va.
Special Presentation		FMBC Victorious Steppers
Litany Prayer	<i>May He Forever Stand</i>	Written by Rev. Brenton M. Brock, Howard University, Washington, D.C. <b>Led by FMBC Associate Ministers</b> Rev. Dr. Karen McKinney, Rev. June Pierce, Rev. William Pierce, Rev. Marsha R. Pitts-Phillips, Rev. Dr. Vapordeal Sanders, Rev. Marilyn Taylor
Musical Selection	<i>Grace</i> (Tasha Cobbs Leonard)	FMBC Mass Choir
Community Greetings		<b>State Representative Cedrick Frazier,</b> Minnesota House of Representatives <b>Chanda Smith Baker,</b> Chief Impact Officer and Senior Vice President, The Minneapolis Foundation
Introduction of Installation Service Preacher		Officiant

<b>Musical Selection</b>	<i>Center of My Joy</i> (Richard Smallwood, Bill Gaither, Gloria Gaither)	FMBC Mass Choir
<b>God's Spoken Word Proclaimed</b>		Rev. Kevin Lamár Peterman, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
<b>Installation Prayer and Laying on of Hands</b>		Rev. Albert Gallmon Jr., Former FMBC Senior Pastor
<b>Musical Selection</b>	<i>He Has His Hands on You</i> (Stan Jones)	Elder Billy Steele FMBC Minister of Music
<b>Charge to the Congregation</b>		Video presentation by The Rev. Nawanna Lewis Miller, The Institute for Christian Discipleship, Atlanta
<b>Charge to the Pastor</b>		Rev. Michael A. Walrond Jr., First Corinthian Baptist Church, Harlem
<b>Worship through Giving</b>		Bishop Richard D. Howell Jr., Shiloh Temple International Ministries, Minneapolis
<b>Musical Selection</b>	<i>He's My Rooftop</i> (Jerry Peters)	FMBC Mass Choir
<b>Presentation of the Robe</b>		Rev. Dr. Willie D. Francois III, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Pleasantville, New Jersey
<b>Presentation of the Keys to the Church</b>		FMBC Children and Youth Ministry Representatives Jawad Towns Jr. and Zeal Kuku
<b>Presentation of the Senior Pastor</b>		Officiant
<b>Words of Appreciation</b>		Pastor Elijah McDavid III
<b>Benediction</b>		Pastor Elijah McDavid III
<b>Closing Song</b>	<i>When I Think</i> (Dr. F. James Clark)	FMBC Mass Choir



# May He Forever Stand: A Prayer for Pastor Elijah McDavid III

**Leader:** Dearly, Beloved, we recognize that it is an esteemed honor to be chosen as a pastor, responsible for administering and supervising the work of the Lord's church and gather here in response to the call from the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to install The Reverend Elijah Llewellyn McDavid III, theologian, educator, passionate disciple, dynamic preacher, and cultural architect in the official position of pastor, a "workman that need not be ashamed."

**Congregation:** We understand that Pastor McDavid's appointment, as our pastor, will require much prayer on our behalf as the local congregation and community. Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Leader:** O Holy One, we pray that the Spirit of God takes full possession of Pastor McDavid as he continuously approaches "the throne of grace," humbly, an empty vessel waiting to be filled.

**Congregation:** We pray that the Holy Spirit strengthens Pastor McDavid with the endowment of prophetic gifts of knowledge, gifts of speech, and gifts of power to promote the church's inner and outer development, ultimately advancing the Kingdom of God on Earth.

**Leader:** We pray that Pastor McDavid "rightly divides the Word of Truth," parting the sea of ignorance, guiding his generation, generations present, and generations unborn, with the faith of our ancestors, the Word of Truth and the Holy Ordinances, into a consciousness of the atonement of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of all humanity.

**Congregation:** We pray that the heart of God shines through pastoral care as Pastor McDavid preaches the Word of Truth with character, courage, and conviction. We pray he is prepared in season and out of season; demonstrating selfless dedication to others, whether it be conducting worship services, leading weekly bible-study groups, explaining scripture to youth, providing care and counseling to the local community, ministering at a hospital, correctional facility or assisted living center.

**Leader:** We pray for Pastor McDavid's undiminished allegiance to the intellectual tradition of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, continuing the heritage of salvation and liberation through higher education.

**Congregation:** We pray for Pastor McDavid's unapologetic commitment to Afrocentric Christian socio-political witness and the African Diaspora together with the Black Church through triumph and tragedy, death and new life, from social unrest to a Beloved community.

**Leader:** In our present yet historical time, we pray Pastor McDavid continues to interpret the times and to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ during a global crisis, racial pandemic, and worldwide expressions of outrage due to the senseless killing of Black people.

**Congregation:** May Pastor McDavid forever stand on the side of God's oppressed children, showing compassion to all humanity, particularly those who enter the House of Prayer with and from the pain and cruelty inflicted by race and ethnicity, gender and class, sexual identity, and orientation, and other forms of Anti-Christ stratification and violence.

**Leader:** We pray that God's justice and peace be established throughout the world through Pastor McDavid's prophetic courage, unafraid of hatred that continues to distort and devalue the dignity of Black life, Black bodies, and 'the souls of Black folk' throughout the world.

**All:** Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us.

# **Order of Service Celebration Worship**

**Sunday, June 27, 2021 – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.**

**Devotional Scripture and Prayer**

**Praise and Worship**

**Call to Worship**

**FMBC Welcome Song**

**Special Presentations:**

*8 a.m.*

**Board of Trustees** – Tanya King, Chair

**FMBC Leadership** – Kathie Eiland-Madison, Co-chair HR Committee

*10 a.m.*

**Board of Deacons** – Sonia Smith, Chair

**Pulpit Committee** – Tiffani Daniels and Rev. Albert Gallmon Jr.

**Prayer for the Pastor**

*8 a.m.*

**Rev. Zuogwi Earl Reeves**, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

*10 a.m.*

**Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams**, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.

**Choral Response**

**Announcements**

**Offering Appeal**

**Musical Selection**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Senior Pastor, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.

**Invitation**

**Closing Song**



## *Installation Service Preacher*

# **The Reverend Kevin Lamár Peterman**



Born in Newark, New Jersey, the Reverend Kevin Lamár Peterman is a cutting edge faith based scholar who has been called by God to preach, teach, and advocate for a better world in the 21st century.

Reverend Peterman is a graduate of Howard University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. He earned a Master of Arts Degree in Theology with an additional certificate in Black Church Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Higher Education from the University of Pennsylvania. Rev. Peterman is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education at Howard University. In conjunction with his regular course work, Kevin has studied extensively throughout China, Japan, Ghana and South Africa in effort to learn more about the region's political, economic, and cultural affairs.

Reverend Peterman currently serves as the Director of Strategic Initiatives & Assessment at the Howard University School of Divinity and as an Executive Search & Leadership Strategy Consultant at Isaacson, Miller. He previously served as the Frederick D. Patterson Research Fellow at the United Negro College Fund and also serves as a Board Member and Founding Academic Dean of the Ezra Youth Seminary, a non-profit that works to nurture and cultivate young Christian leaders. He has also for worked for the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions, the US Department of Education, and the DC Public School System. As an activist, he has participated in demonstrations in Ferguson, Baltimore, Washington, DC, New York, Chicago and Ohio. He recently ended a series with National Public Radio where he was featured as a contributor on NPR's Sunday morning show, The Weekend Edition.

Rev. Kevin Lamár Peterman is an ordained Baptist minister and currently serves at the historic Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, DC. Prior to returning to the nation's Capitol, he served at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois, the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York and the First Baptist Church of Vauxhall, NJ. Rev. Peterman is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and has been regarded as one of the nation's most preeminent millennial leaders.

## *Sunday Morning Preacher*

# The Reverend Doctor Howard-John Wesley

Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley is the exciting, gifted and anointed senior pastor of the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church (ASBC) in Alexandria, VA. A courageous, dynamic, and visionary leader, he is only the eighth pastor in the church's 217-year history of worshipping Christ while serving humankind. Currently, Dr. Wesley is part of the first of its kind in the world; the inaugural cohort of only ten (10) exceptional students in the PhD in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric program at the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Under Dr. Wesley's extraordinary leadership, the Alfred Street Baptist Church has grown from 2,800 members to 10,000 members, 60,000 plus monthly online viewers and 80 active ministries with an emphasis on children's ministries and missions. To accommodate its favor and growth, the church holds four weekend worship services, including one on Saturday night. As a result, Dr. Wesley has launched an initiative to redesign and/or expand the current sanctuary and ministry facility.

Dr. Wesley is regarded as one of the most prolific and prophetic voices of justice and grace in our generation. An empathetic pastor who is not afraid to take on social and political issues, Dr. Wesley led community protest marches against the New York grand jury's 2014 decision not to indict an NYPD officer whose chokehold led to the death of Eric Gardner. His sermon, "When the Verdict Hurts," was acknowledged in Time magazine's July 29, 2013 cover story, "After Trayvon" as one of the best sermons preached in the United States following the "not guilty" verdict in the State of Florida v. George Zimmerman, who fatally shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. Three of Dr. Wesley's sermons, "When the Verdict Hurts," "A Rizpah Response" (and with the black hoodie he donned while preaching this sermon), and "Tell Your Own Story," have been archived in the faith-based collection of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) in Washington, DC. With his guidance, Alfred Street Baptist Church became the first and only faith-based institution founding donor of the NMAAHC with a \$1 million donation. Dr. Wesley captivated some thought-provoking leaders of our great nation at the 2019 Congressional Black Caucus Foundation 2019 Prayer Breakfast as the Keynote Speaker with the sermon address of "Let the Church Say Amen".

Known to challenge the mind and inspire the heart, Dr. Wesley is a much sought after speaker for worship services, conferences, and revivals. His preaching became a favorite of former President and Mrs. Barack Obama who worshipped with their family at Alfred Street Baptist Church on several Easter Sundays. "Faith Forward," his radio broadcast on the Radio/Urban One network, is one of the most listened to religious Radio broadcasts in the Washington, DC area. His sermons on YouTube have garnered more than 100 million views.

Dr. Wesley is a compassionate and visionary pastor who cares deeply for the members of Alfred Street. At the church's CAYA (Come As You Are) service, he teaches and preaches to nearly 1,000 young adults, age 22 to 35, from across the Washington, DC, metropolitan area on topics that are real and relevant to today's young professionals.

Dr. Wesley was twice recognized (2013 and 2016) by The Root as one of the top 100 most influential African Americans in the nation. In 2016, he received the NAACP's Chairman's Award for his work in social justice at the 47th Annual NAACP Image Awards. In 2017, Dr. Wesley was honored for his work in ministry as an Engaged Clergy person with the Rainbow PUSH Coalition Trombone Award during the Rainbow Push Coalition's Annual Media and Telecom Symposium in Washington, DC. In 2019, Dr. Wesley received 89.2% of the vote for The Laurel Wreath Award which is the highest award available to a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is the second youngest member of this fraternal organization to receive this award where Arthur Ashe, Jr. is the youngest. Dr. Wesley will be conferred at the 85th Kappa Conclave in Phoenix, Arizona in 2021.

A native of Chicago, Dr. Wesley is the product of the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and graduated magna cum laude from Duke University with a bachelor of science in biomedical and electrical engineering. While in medical school, Dr. Wesley yielded to the call of God and walked away from a path to a medical career to attend seminary at the prestigious Boston University School of Theology where he was a Martin Luther King, Jr. scholar and a summa cum laude graduate in biblical studies and African American religious history. He received his doctor of ministry in preaching from Northern Baptist Seminary. His passion for and excellence in preaching has afforded him the opportunity to serve as an adjunct professor at Hartford Seminary, Boston University, and Virginia Theological Seminary. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Virginia Union University and the Vice-Chairman of John Leland Center for Theological Studies, the Board of Visitors of the Duke Divinity School, and the Board of Directors of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention.

Dr. Wesley is the son of the late Rev. Dr. Alvin and Dr. Helene Wesley and represents the fourth generation of Baptist preachers in his family. He is an avid golfer, moviegoer, spades player, and aspiring chef. He is a Lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., as well as a member of Sigma Pi Phi Boule, the first successful and oldest African American Greek-lettered organization. His sons, Howard-John II (Deuce) and Cooper Reece, are the greatest joys of his life.



# Pastor and People

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