

DR. THELMA WITHERSPOON

Pastoral Installation

OF WESTMINISTER CHRISTIAN WORSHIP CENTER

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

3:30PM

Westminster Christian Worship Center
9 South Chelsea Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401



FOUNDERS
BISHOP LUKE WITHERSPOON, SR.
PASTOR JUANITA WITHERSPOON



Our History



*Preserving Our History...
Glorifying God in the Present...
Growing in God into the future...*

Our Church had its beginning in the heart of God some 44 years ago. Bishop Jose Arrana, now deceased, Evangelist Roberto, now deceased, and Brother Edwin, were sent to Apostle Witherspoon's home. They began to pray, praise God and speak in other tongues, as the spirit of God gave utterance. The spirit of God continued to move, pouring out the anointing power of the Holy Ghost. Before the interpretation of the tongues, Apostle Witherspoon's feet and lips were anointed.

After he was anointed, he was commissioned and sanctioned to do the work of the Lord. The interpreter said that God had given him power, that wherever his feet shall trod, that God would bless. Several days later, after the manifestation of the almighty God, a call came from Helen Birts, now deceased, that the Westminister Presbyterian Church was vacant and that he could start having services on the fourth Sunday in January, 1976.

Bishop Witherspoon walked into the Westminister Presbyterian Church on Vermont and Madison Avenues in Atlantic City, NJ, with his immediate family, his wife, Pastor Juanita Witherspoon, their children, Thelma, Loukeeler, Labooion, Cotteth, Luke, Jr. and Marcus Witherspoon, The Late Mother Alice Wharton Washington, our first member, and many well wishers. The Church began as a mission and was called "The Jesus Christ Evangelism Program." In 1979 the name of the church was changed and incorporated under the Westminister Evangelistic Church. In 1984, the Westminister Evangelistic Choir recorded with the late Rev. Isaac Douglas. In 1986, the Westminister Village Plaza Retreat Center in Hamilton Township, NJ was purchased and is used as a Christian facility which included 8 1/2 acres of ground, a picnic area, office building, eight cabins and a parsonage.

In January 1994 Bishop Louis Witherspoon established Westminister II, in Louisburg, North Carolina. March 4, 1994 was a devastating time in the ministry, as our place of worship was destroyed by fire. We began worshipping at the First Presbyterian Church, Pennsylvania and Pacific Avenues, Atlantic City. In March, 1995, we became affiliated with the Bible Way Church of Lord Jesus Christ Worldwide, Inc. until September, 2001.

In March, 2003 we began worshipping at the House of God on Hummock Avenue and Chelsea Community Presbyterian Church, 9 S Chelsea Avenue, where Pastor Juanita Witherspoon was installed Pastor in 2003. Since January, 2004, all services of the ministry are currently held at the Chelsea Community Presbyterian Church. Also in December, 2004, the name of the church was changed to Westminister Christian Worship Center. In 2015, Vermont and Madison Avenues were renamed to Bishop Luke Witherspoon Way.

Many great Bishops, Apostles, Overseers, Pastors, Prophets, Elders, Evangelists, Ministers, Deacons, Missionaries and teachers have been birthed out of Westminister.

On Sunday, February 16, 2020, history has been made as the mantle was passed down from Bishop Luke Witherspoon, Sr. to Dr. Thelma Witherspoon. She now currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Westminister Christian Worship Center.

We come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. To God be the glory for the things he has done over the past 44 years.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Thelma Witherspoon

Dr. Thelma Witherspoon, D.D. is a native of Atlantic City, New Jersey and currently resides in Mays Landing, NJ. She is an ordained minister and serves on the ministerial staff and works in various capacities at the Westminister Christian Worship Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. She is an ordained minister with the International Ministerial Fellowship of Jameson Evangelistic Association and a member of the Fellowship of Churches of Atlantic City and Vicinity.

Dr. Thelma Witherspoon is a graduate of Jameson Bible School and has her BA in Biblical Theology and has her MA in Biblical Theology from the International Christian University. She received her Doctor of Divinity by CICA International University and Seminary. She travels, speaking and conducting seminars at various Church and Women's Conferences across the United States of America.

Dr. Thelma Witherspoon has received numerous awards for Community Service and most recently she was an honoree for Gospel Music Radio WEHA and has received a Congressional Recognition from Congressman Frank LoBiondo and a Gospel Announcer Recognition from the 28th Annual Stellar Music Award. Dr. Witherspoon has also been a 2015 Fellow graduate for LEAD ACT (LEAD Atlantic City Tomorrow) and in 2016 was honored as an Atlantic City Hometown Hero. In 2019 she served a lead role on the Atlantic City Women's March Steering Committee. In 2018, Dr. Thelma Witherspoon was a distinguished recipient of the Fannie Lou Hamer award.

For over 10 years, Dr. Witherspoon has hosted her radio program "In The Community with Dr. Thelma Witherspoon." on WEHA Gospel 88.7 and 100.3 FM which airs every Saturday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Since June 2019, she has also hosted her own internet TV show, "World Focus," on CTF-TV.

Dr. Thelma Witherspoon retired from the City of Atlantic City and the Atlantic City Police Department after 35 years of service.



Order of Service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 AT 3:30 PM

~ Presiding ~

Bishop Mark J. Michael ~ President/Ex-officio, Empowerment Tabernacle Church, Inc.
Member, Board of Bishops ~ Pentecostal Churches of Jesus Christ (PCJC)

(+) Please stand where indicated

Praise & Worship.....Pastors Raymond & Shonda Hollis
Friendship Family Worship Center

+The Processional

+The Presiding Bishop

+Visiting Bishops & Apostles

+Overseers & Pastors

+The Pastor & First in Succession, Dr. Thelma Witherspoon

Escorted by, Shepherd Mother Juanita M. Witherspoon, Co-founder, WCWC, Inc.

+The Invocation.....Pastor Luke A. Witherspoon, II
Senior Pastor, Living Word of Faith International

+The Scripture Reading (II Timothy 2:1-7).....Minister, Dr. Lois Sutton El
Westminister Christian Worship Center, Inc.

+The Hymn of Worship.....“Standing On the Promises”

The Church History.....Ministry Representative

+The Call to Worship.....**Bishop Luke Witherspoon, Sr.**
Presiding Bishop, Westminister Christian Worship Center Churches, Inc.

+Leader: Thanks be to God who in Christ always leads us in triumph and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere.

+Congregational Response: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who bring good tidings, who publish peace, and salvation, Selah.

Anthem of Occasion: “The Lord’s Prayer”.....Sister Labooion Evans

The Introduction of the Messenger.....Clergy

The Installation Message.....**Apostle Delorise Dixon**
Senior Pastor, Church of Faith and Deliverance Ministries, Inc.

The Installation Ceremony

AND COVENANT OF DEDICATION

Bishop Luke Witherspoon, Sr. ~ Presiding Bishop

Assisting, Bishop Mark J. Michael ~ President/Ex-officio, Empowerment Tabernacle Church, Inc.
Member, Board of Bishops ~ Pentecostal Churches of Jesus Christ (PCJC)

Leader: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in His presence we have met here today as a congregation to install as the Senior Pastor of the Westminister Christian Worship Center Church. Inasmuch, as this solemn act involves mutual obligation, I call upon you to unite in a covenant dedication. (Pastoral candidate to be installed will make this public declaration.)

Pastoral Candidate: Willingly, I do reaffirm my ordination vows, believing with all my heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and accepting the Holy Scriptures as the inspired Word of God through the Holy Spirit. It is my sincere desire to devote my life to the ministry of the Word, so to live to bring credit and not dishonor to the Gospel which I preach, and to fulfill to the utmost of my ability the office of a good Minister of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Dedication and Impartation

The Anointing Prayer of Dedication and Impartation of Dr. Thelma Witherspoon for the pastoral assignment will be led by:

Bishop Luke Witherspoon, Sr. ~ Presiding Bishop

The Investiture of Symbolic Vestments.....Designated Clergy

Celebratory Offering.....The Finance Committee

The Final Remarks.....**Dr. Thelma Witherspoon**
Senior Pastor, Westminister Christian Worship Center, Inc.

The Benediction.....Clergy

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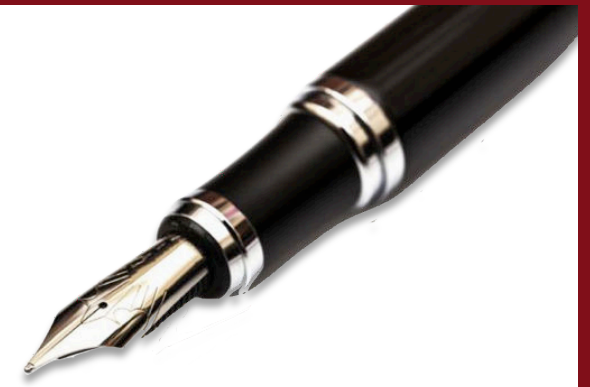
1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
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Thank you



I would like to thank my parents Bishop Luke and Pastor Lady Juanita Witherspoon for rearing in the admonition of the Christian faith and helped me to develop and exercise my gifts in the church. I am humbled and honored to serve as the Senior Pastor of the Westminster Christian Worship Center a church you founded over 44 years ago. I promise to always honor you and serve the Lord's church with integrity and honor, thank you.

I would like to thank my family, my church family the Westminster Christian Worship Center, the Clergy, the participants and all who attended to celebrate this monumental occasion with me.

A special thank you to Bishop Mark J. Michael for your expertise and help in my Pastoral Installation Service.

*"The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious to thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."
 - Numbers 6:24-26*

In the Service of the Lord,

Pastor Thelma Witherspoon

Pastor Thelma Witherspoon, DD





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