

NEW BAPTIST COVENANT II

Thursday, November 17, 2011
7 p.m.

Spirit of the Lord

*The Spirit of the Lord
is on me,
because he has
anointed me
to preach good news
to the poor.
He has sent me
to proclaim freedom
for the prisoners and
recovery of sight
for the blind,
to release the oppressed,
to proclaim the year
of the Lord's favor.*

Luke 4:18–19

Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church
2715 Peachtree Rd NE ♦ Atlanta, GA 30305

“The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me ...”

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011 ~ 7 P.M.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Dr. James Abbington,
*Associate Professor of Church Music & Worship,
Candler School of Theology, Emory University*

OPENING HYMN NO. 98

SHEFFIELD

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock,
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Come By Here”

arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.

Ebenezer and Friendship Baptist Church Choirs

WELCOME

Jimmy Carter,
*Former President of the United States of America &
Convenor of the New Baptist Covenant II*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14–19
(New Testament, pg. 56)

Rev. Dr. Pam Durso,
*Executive Director,
Baptist Women in Ministry*

RESPONSIVE READING

Neil Boggan,
New Baptist Covenant II Associate

(Responsive Reading composed by Neil Boggan)

Leader: You were tempted in the desert for forty days by the evil one ...

People: Yet, You told him, “One does not live by bread alone.” Please forgive us, Lord, when we replace you with other things.

Leader: You were tempted in the desert for forty days by the evil one ...

People: Yet, You told him, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.” Forgive us, Lord, when we worship the false idols of personal power, domination, and oppression.

Leader: You were tempted in the desert for forty days by the evil one ...

People: Yet, You told him, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” Forgive us, Lord, when we test You out of our lack of belief.

Leader: Lord, please forgive us when we have not “brought good news to the poor” and have not “proclaimed release to the captives.”

People: Lord, please forgive us when we have not “proclaimed recovery of sight to the blind” and have not “let the oppressed go free” and have not “proclaimed the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Leader: Lord, please forgive us for not remembering foreigners, the “widow at Zarephath” and “Naaman the Syrian,” by thinking that only one nation deserves Your blessings.

People: Lord, please forgive us for not “proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God to other cities also” by believing that the location in which we reside is the only place where You are at work.

ALL: Lord, please forgive us when we succumb to the temptations of the evil one that tell us to neglect or pervert your desire that we should “bring good news,” “proclaim release,” “proclaim recovery,” “set free,” and “proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Forgive us, Lord, and change us for Your glory.

CHORAL SELECTION arr. Omar Dickenson
“The Glorious Medley”
Ebenezer and Friendship Baptist Church Choirs
Dr. James Abbingdon, conducting

SPEAKER PRESENTATION Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley,
General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA

MESSAGE “Preach Good News:
Heal the Broken Hearted” Rev. Dr. Ken Fong,
Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 243 MORECAMBE
“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

REFLECTIONS ON LUKE 4:18–19 James Blay,
Student, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

VIDEO PRESENTATION Ethics Daily Video

CHORAL SELECTIONS arr. Hall Johnson
“I’ve Been Buked”
“Ain’t Got Time to Die”
Ebenezer and Friendship Baptist Church Choirs
Dr. Sharon Willis, conducting

SPEAKER PRESENTATION Rev. Jeffery C. Summers,
Pastor, Maranatha Baptist Church, Plains, Ga.

MESSAGE “Helping Troubled Hearts and Minds” Rosalynn Carter,
Former First Lady of the United States of America

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 241

MANNA

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. David Sapp,

Senior Pastor, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church,

OFFERTORY SELECTION

Anthony Pattin

“Hallelujah Is the Highest Praise”

Ebenezer and Friendship Baptist Church Choirs

Mr. Keith Williams, conducting

SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Rev. Dr. Arthur Carson, Jr.,

President, New Era Missionary Baptist State Convention

KEYNOTE MESSAGE “The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Thurston,

President, National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 249

AZMON

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sumner Grant,

Executive Director of Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

KEN FONG - [Senior Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles](#). Rev. Dr. Fong earned his M.Div. in theology in 1981 from Fuller Seminary and began as Associate Pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church. He received his D.Min. in Asian American church growth nine years later. In 1996, Rev. Dr. Fong became senior pastor and has since led EvergreenLA to be an exemplary multiethnic and multigenerational American Baptist church. He is married to Sharon (“Snoopy”) Uyeda and they have one daughter.

ROSALYNN CARTER - [Former First Lady of the United States](#). Mrs. Carter is an advocate for mental health, caregiving, early childhood immunization, human rights, and conflict resolution through her work at The Carter Center in Atlanta. The Center is a non-profit founded by the former President and Mrs. Carter in 1982. Mrs. Carter is president of the board of directors for the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) at Georgia Southwestern State University, her alma mater. A mother of four, she is currently a distinguished fellow at Atlanta’s Emory University Department of Women’s Studies.

STEPHEN THURSTON - [President of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.](#) Rev. Dr. Thurston was elected President of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. in 2003. He is the immediate past President of the Illinois National Baptist State Convention. In 1979, he became pastor of the New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church. A graduate of Bishop College, Rev. Dr. Thurston is enrolled in Payne Theological Seminary’s Master of Divinity program and has received several Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degrees. He is married to the former Joyce D. Hand and they have four children.