



*Welcome*  
TO THE HEART OF THE MECCA



**THE ANDREW RANKIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025  
CRAMTON AUDITORIUM  
REV. BERNARD L. RICHARDSON, PH.D.  
DEAN OF THE CHAPEL**

**FAITH**

**SERVICE**

**JUSTICE**



**The Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel**  
**Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D., Dean of the Chapel**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2025**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**Ringling of the Bell**

Ellyssa Elliott  
Howard University Chapel Assistants

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Hazel M. Cherry  
Assistant Dean of the Chapel

**Lighting of the Unity Candle**

Karen Roberts Turner  
Friends of the Chapel

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 36: 5-7 NRSVue  
Natoy Fowler-Rowe  
*Evans E. Crawford Graduate Assistant*

**Offering**

**Announcements**

**Greetings**

Jael Johnson  
President, Howard University Chapel Assistants

**Music Selection**

“The 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm”  
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir  
Chris Moore III, *Soloist*

by: Charles D. Coleman

**Meditation**

Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D.  
Dean of the Chapel

**Introduction of the Speaker**

**Musical Selection**

“No One Like You”  
Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University

by: Christopher J. Watkins

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart  
*Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. Spiritual Leader-In-Residence*  
Senior Pastor  
Christ Missionary Baptist Church  
Memphis, TN

**Closing Hymn**

“Total Praise”

by Richard Smallwood

**Benediction**

We would like to thank the speaker’s assistant Dashawn Jones a Senior Sociology major, Political Science minor and bell ringer Ellyssa Elliott a Sophomore Political Science and Legal Communications Double Criminology major.

**Scripture**

**Psalm 36: 5-7 (NRSVue)**

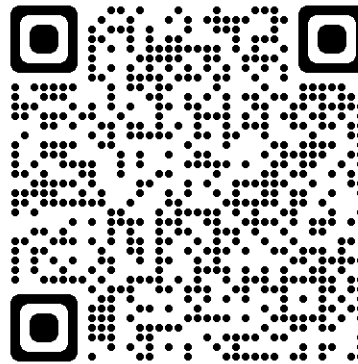
5 Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**This is the word of God, for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Offering Link**



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# *Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart*

## Spiritual Leader - In - Residence



Honoring Dr. Wright's legacy as a scholar, spiritual leader, and tireless justice advocate, the Spiritual Leader-in-Residence will be selected annually to spend a week at Howard University Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, where they will engage in lectures, workshops, and spiritual direction on the intersections of faith, service, and justice.

The Spiritual Leader Residency will build on the legacy of Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., traditions of the Black Church, the unique legacy of Howard University, and the central mission of Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel to foster an interdisciplinary exploration and conversation on topics that invite diverse representations of faith expressions, service learning, and transformative justice work within the Black community in the US, the African diaspora, and marginalized communities around the world through scholarship and practice.

This year's Jeremiah A. Wright Leader-In-Residence is Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart. Dr. Stewart embodies the ethos of Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright. A woman committed to justice and equity and has a pastor's heart, she continually illuminates many through her legacy of dynamic prophetic preaching. She is the pastor of Christ Missionary Baptist Church. Her gifts have made room for her to make history. She is the first African American female elected to serve an established African American Baptist congregation in Memphis and Shelby County. She was the first woman to serve as President of the Lott Carey Foundation. She made preaching history on January 23, 2024, as the first woman to preach at the National Baptist Joint Board Session. She has committed over thirty years to advocating for justice, teaching, and preaching



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# *Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.*

## Spiritual Leader Residency Week

*Sunday, January 19*

### Call to Chapel

Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart, Spiritual Leader-In-Residence  
11 am | Cramton Auditorium

*Tuesday, January 21*

### Lecture & Panel Discussion

“Where Do We Go From Here? Faith, Feminism, and the Future”  
6:30 pm | Douglass Hall Room 221



**Rev. Melanie Jones-Quarles, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor of Ethics, Theology and Culture &  
Director of the Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership  
Union Presbyterian Seminary



**Rev. Dr. Gabby Cudjoe Wilkes**  
Founding Co-Leader Pastor  
The Double Love Experience



**Dana A. Williams, Ph.D.**  
Dean of The Graduate School  
Howard University

*Wednesday, January 22*

### Talk Back with Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart

10 A.M. | Carnegie Building -The Little Chapel



**Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart  
Jeremiah A. Wright Jr.  
Spiritual Leader-In-Residence,  
Senior Pastor  
Christ Missionary Baptist  
Church  
Memphis, TN**

The Reverend Dr. Gina Marcia Stewart is an energetic, faithful, and loving pastor, visionary, preacher, adjunct professor,

teacher, and community advocate with a heart for God, God’s people, and the community. She has led the congregation of Christ Missionary Baptist Church since March 1995. She is the first African American female elected to serve an established African American Baptist congregation in Memphis and Shelby County.

Dr. Stewart is a graduate of the University of Memphis (BBA), Trevecca Nazarene College (M.Ed-Administration and Supervision), Memphis Theological Seminary (M.Div), And the Interdenominational Center (The ITC – D.Min.). She has also attended the Harvard Divinity School Summer Leadership Institute for Church-Based Community and Economic Development. She is currently pursuing a PhD in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana.

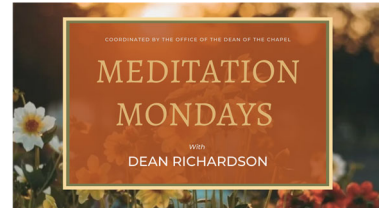
Dr. Stewart currently serves as the President of Lott Carey Foreign Missions Society and member of the National Board of the NAACP. She serves as a trustee for the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology and a Co-Convener for the Women in Ministry Conference. She is a former board member of the Advisory Board for The African American Pulpit, The National Civil Rights Museum, and Bread for the World. Dr. Stewart is the founder of Greater Works, Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to philanthropy and ministry development. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Her awards include but are not limited to the prestigious President’s Volunteer Service Award and pin, bestowed upon her by President Joseph R. Biden in June 2021.

With skillful hands and integrity of heart, Dr. Stewart has led the congregation of CMBC to be a compassionate and caring community with a commitment to proclamation, protest, and practice. At CMBC, the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, and the transforming love of God touches the wounded and broken. Dr. Stewart travels extensively, conducting workshops, revivals, and seminars. She is a woman with a heart for God and God’s people.

**This Week at Rankin**

Join us online for Meditation Mondays with Dean Richardson every Monday morning at 9 AM on all Rankin Chapel social platforms.

@HowardUChapel on IG, X, & FB  
@RankinChapel on YouTube



**Bible Study**

**Finding Yourself: A Journey Through  
Biblical Stories  
Every Tuesday at 7 PM  
Carnegie Building | Little Chapel**

**Panel Discussion**

**Where Do We Go from Here?  
Faith, Feminism, & the Future  
Wednesday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 PM  
Carnegie Building | Little Chapel**

**Panelist:**

Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart  
Rev. Melanie Jones-Quarles, PhD  
Rev. Dr. Gabby Cujoe-Wilkes  
Dana Williams, PhD

**This Week’s Calls to Chapel**

Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, Inc.,  
Zeta Phi Chapter

Bloom and Build Freshman Leadership Initiative

Howard University  
California Student Association

Howard University  
Gospel Choir

Howard University  
Jewels, Inc.

Howard University  
Student Ambassadors Program

Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary  
Band Fraternity, Inc.

National Action Network  
Howard University Chapter

Precious Pearls Youth Outreach Organization

**If your organization would like to do  
a Call to Chapel, please visit  
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### Chaplaincies & Events

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United Methodist – Rev. Jacob Cogman  
  
Roman Catholic – Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III  
Catholic Mass on Sundays at 6 PM, Douglass Hall Room 120  
Fellowship on Wednesdays at 7 PM, Douglass Hall Student Lounge  
  
United Methodist – Rev. Jacob Cogman  
Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 PM, Douglass Hall Room 104

## Quote of the Week

*“To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We will fail when we fail to try.”*

— **Rosa Parks**

## Have a Great Week! Upcoming Speakers

Sunday, January 26, 2025  
**Thema Bryant, Ph.D.**  
Past President,  
American Psychological Association  
Los Angeles, CA

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[www.YouTube.com/RankinChapel](http://www.YouTube.com/RankinChapel)



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