

---

---

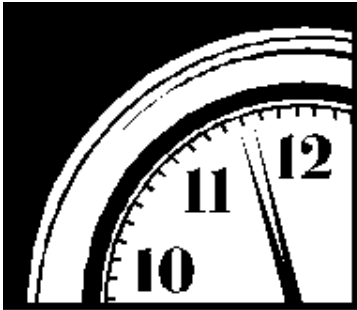
# ❖ New Year's Eve Service ❖

---

The Committee on Black Congregational Ministries

---

---



## *WATCH NIGHT*

New Year's Eve service, or what some African Americans call "Watch Night Service," is a tradition passed on to us by our ancestors. Old stories state that Southern slaves were in waiting all night long on December 31, 1864, to receive word of the Emancipation Proclamation — words that would have given slaves freedom in the South — not the North.

Some slaves received the news on December 31st, while the slaves in Texas did not receive this information until June 17th the following year. Because of that, today many African Americans celebrate June 17th as Juneteenth Day.



---

## A TIME TO REMEMBER

Call to Worship

Congregational Hymn

Testimonies

## A TIME TO FORGIVE AND FORGET

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:1-14

Burning of the Old

Offertory

Musical Selection

## A TIME TO BEGIN ANEW

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:9-19

Musical Selection

Sermon

Invitation to Discipleship

Benediction

*Happy New Year*

Prepared by Rev. Dr. William Edwards

---

*I want to know  
Christ and the  
power of His  
resurrection.*