RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

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Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Reverend Dr. Andrew Lee Stephens Jr., Pastor

"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
– Matthew 4:19 (NRSV)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

Inspirational

Proclamation of the Word

Invitation

Confession

Apostles' Creed

Congregational Song

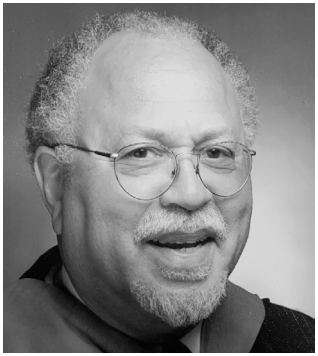
Offering

Announcements

Charge

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude



Associate Pastor Emeritus, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. Oscar McCloud is Associate Pastor emeritus at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, where he served as an administrative pastor from 1995 to 2005.

In addition to his congregational work, he has served in a number of leadership roles for the Presbyterian Church. Before coming to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, he was the Executive Director of The Fund for Theological Education for nine years from 1987 to 1994. Most recently, he served as the moderator of the Presbytery of New York City from 2005 to 2006, and also as the Acting Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of New York City, which serves as the regional body of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Rev. McCloud was first ordained into Christian ministry in 1961 and received a call as pastor of Davie Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he served for three years. Later, from 1964 to 1971, he was on staff at the United Presbyterian Church, working with civil rights groups across the Southeast.

Over his career, Rev. McCloud has traveled extensively on behalf of the Presbyterian Church, including trips to Europe, Africa, Asia, as well as Central and South America. He was active in the anti-apartheid movement in the US and Southern Africa. He met Nelson Mandela at his home in Soweto in 1990 when he was in South Africa for the multi-racial Restenberg Conference of religious leaders. More recently, he and his wife Kathy spent a month in South Africa in 2013 where he was a member of the mediation team with the United Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa.

I Dared to Hope is Rev. McCloud's first book, with its launch in April 2026 coinciding with his ninetieth birthday.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Eternal God, You have been faithful from generation to generation, yet we confess how easily we forget what You have done.
People: Forgive us, Lord, and renew our memory of Your faithfulness.
Leader: You call us to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind, yet other loyalties often compete for our devotion.
People: Turn our hearts again toward You.
Leader: You command us to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet we sometimes allow difference, disappointment, fear, and self-interest to divide us.
People: Teach us to love as You have loved us.
Leader: You have entrusted us with a witness received from those who came before us, yet we do not always use what You have given us to prepare the way for those who will follow.
People: Make us faithful stewards of the legacy entrusted to us.
Leader: You call us to share not only the Gospel but our very lives, yet we sometimes protect ourselves rather than give ourselves in love and service.
People: Give us generous hearts and willing spirits.
Leader: Forgive us, restore us, and continue Your work through us so that our lives may proclaim Your faithfulness from generation to generation.
People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, renew us and lead us forward. Amen.
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

We've Come This Far By Faith

Chorus

We've come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in His Holy Word.
He's never failed us yet.
Oh, Oh- Oh- can't turn around,
We've come this far by faith.

(Repeat)

Verse 1

Don't be discouraged with troubles
In your life.
He'll bear your burdens
And move all misery and strife.

Verse 2

Just the other day I heard a man say,
He didn't believe in God words.
But I can truly say the Lord will make a way.
And He's never failed me yet.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Psalm: Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34–46

Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day

First Reading: Revelation 7:9–17
Psalm: Psalm 34:1–10, 22
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1–3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

PARTICIPANTS

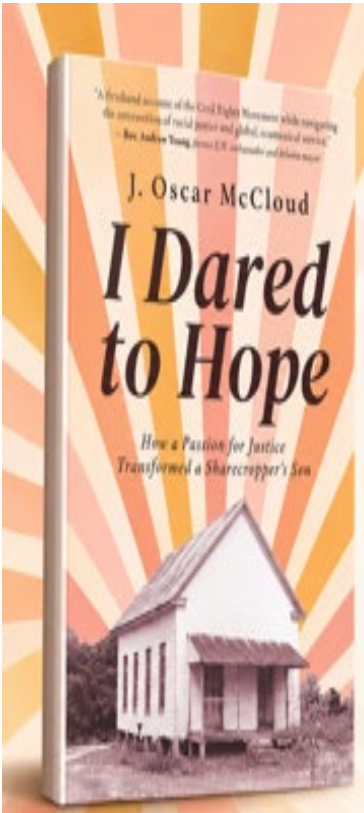
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Minister Chase Garrison

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Elder Andrew Lee Stephens III

Proclamation of the Word
Rev. J. Oscar McCloud



BOOK SIGNING

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Immediately Following Worship

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