

28th *Pastoral*  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

Sunday, July 14, 2024 | 10:30am

Reverend Leon Perry, III  
*Senior Pastor*



Brother Dwayne Lee  
*Guest Psalmist*



Reverend Antonio M. Smith  
*Guest Speaker*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

**PRE-RECORDED SOUNDS OF PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Beloved congregation, today we gather with joy and gratitude to celebrate a remarkable milestone—28 years of faithful service by our beloved Pastor. Let us lift our hearts and voices in worship, giving thanks to God for His abundant blessings and the gift of a shepherd who has led us with wisdom and love.

**People:** We come together in joy, honoring our Pastor's dedication and unwavering commitment. We give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness and the guidance provided through our Pastor's ministry.

**Leader:** For 28 years, our Pastor has been a beacon of light, teaching, guiding, and nurturing our faith. Let us reflect on the countless sermons that have inspired us, the prayers that have uplifted us, and the love that has united us.



**People:** We celebrate our Pastor's journey, marked by compassion, perseverance, and a steadfast trust in God. We are grateful for the spiritual leadership that has enriched our lives and strengthened our community.

**Leader:** As we gather to worship, let us remember the words of Jeremiah 3:15: "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

**People:** We thank God for our Pastor, a true shepherd after His own heart. We pray for continued blessings, wisdom, and strength for the years ahead.

**Leader:** Let us open our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit, lifting our voices in praise and thanksgiving. May this celebration be a testament to God's grace and a renewal of our commitment to His work.

**People:** With grateful hearts, we honor our Pastor and celebrate God's faithfulness. Let us worship the Lord with gladness, for He is good, and His love endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

**WELCOME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**INVOCATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**MUSICAL SELECTION**

**Brother Dwayne Lee**

Guest Psalmist

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**PRESENTATION BY THE MINISTRY OF ARTS**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

**Brother Dwayne Lee**

Guest Psalmist

**SERMON**

**Reverend Antonio M. Smith**

Guest Speaker

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

**PRESENTATIONS BY PASTOR'S AID AND  
ARMOURBEARERS**

**CLOSING SONG**

**"The Doxology"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**BENEDICTION / THREEFOLD AMEN**

**CELEBRATION RECEPTION IN THE  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

## The Pastor's Heart

One of the most difficult things in the life of a Pastor is to know that at some point the people they love will abandon or even betray them.

The Pastor is often the loneliest person in the congregation.

You may see a Pastor be surrounded by people, but very rarely people who are interested in their problems, needs or even in their lives.

If you have a Pastor as a friend take care of them, pray for them, connect with the vision that God gave them, support them, but above all love them. Remember they are human and in the same way they go through the same needs as you.

Even if you don't believe it, many of them have sacrificed comforts, rest, personal plans and so many things including some of their own family's needs to attend to God's call.

Value the time a Pastor puts into work, the prayers he makes for everyone, the burden he voluntarily carries for ministry. You don't know how much he'd appreciate knowing you do.

*Jeremiah 3:15*

"And I will give you shepherds according to my own heart, who shall lead them with knowledge and understanding."

For all Pastors, **"Thank You"** for all that you do!

## Pastor's Anniversary Speakers

1997	1st	Reception following Morning Service
1998	2nd	Concert by the Henley's
1999	3rd	Bishop T. G. Benjamin, Jr
2000	4th	Apostle Christy Minger
2001	5th	Bishop T, G. Benjamin, Jr.
2002	6th	Bishop Eric Garnes
2003	7th	Dr. Mildred C. Harris
2004	8th	Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton
2005	9th	Reception @ Bronzeville Community Club House
2006	10th	Dr. Frank Thomas
2007	11th	Rev. Darryl N. Person
2008	12th	Dr. David Daniels
2009	13th	Rev. Dr. Brenda L. King
2010	14th	Bishop John Bryant
2011	15th	Bishop T. G. Benjamin, Jr.
2012	16th	Rev. Richard Reynolds & the Rodney Bryant Singers
2013	17th	Bishop E. Am Henning Byfield
2014	18th	Dr. Joseph Rhoieny
2015	19th	Rev. Darryl N. Person
2016	20th	Rev. Dr. Harold White
2017	21st	Pastor Eric Sanders
2018	22nd	Pastor Dwayne Smith
2019	23rd	Pastor Rory Marshall, II
2020	24th	Pastor Leon Perry, III.
2021	25th	Dr. James Henry Taylor
2022	26th	Pastor DeAndre Patterson
2023	27th	Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton
2024	28th	Rev. Antonio M. Smith



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