

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.

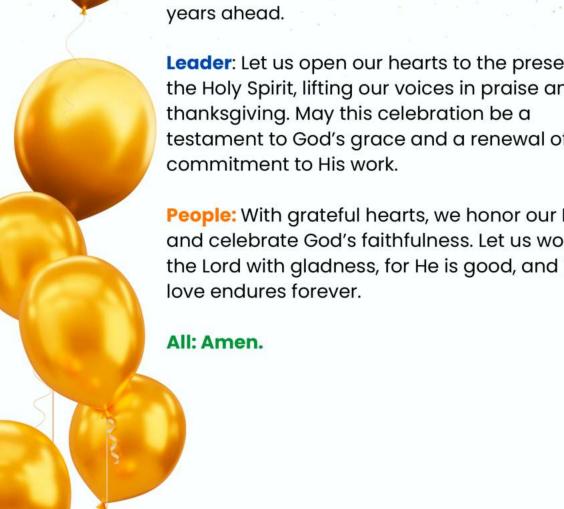
People: We celebrate our Pastor's journey, marked by compassion, perseverance, and a steadfast trust in God. We are grateful for the spiritual leadership that has enriched our lives and strengthened our community.

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

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit, lifting our voices in praise and testament to God's grace and a renewal of our

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



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!

 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!





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 apprecate 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

Concert by the Henley's

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Reception following Morning Service

	1999	3rd	Bishop T. G. Benjamin, Jr
	2000	4th	Apostle Christy Minger
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	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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