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27th

PASTORAL

Anniversary



Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton
Guest Speaker



Celebrating
REV. LEON PERRY III
Senior Pastor



Metropolitan Community Church
4610 S Prairie Avenue | Chicago, IL 60653

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

Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton

Dr. Brad R. Braxton is President and Professor of Public Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary, a progressive graduate school of theological education known for its leadership in social justice and interfaith engagement. He is also the Senior Program Advisor for Living Religion: Creative Encounters in the United States, the 2023 Smithsonian Folklife Festival on religious diversity, and the Founding Senior Pastor of The Open Church, an inclusive congregation in Baltimore, Maryland committed to social activism, LGBTQ equality, and interfaith collaboration.

He holds a Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Emory University, where he was a George W. Woodruff Fellow, a master's degree in theology from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and a B.A. degree in religious studies from the University of Virginia, where he was a Jefferson Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Braxton's wife, Lazetta Rainey Braxton, is a nationally recognized Certified Financial Planner and Co-Founder and Co-CEO of 2050 Wealth Partners. They are the proud parents of a daughter, Karis.



27th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

Rev. Leon Perry III

Guest Psalmist

Brother Dwayne Lee

A native Chicagoan, Dwayne was born the eighth child to Julious & Barbara Lee. Born into a large family of singers, he began singing at a very young age. He was so young, in fact, that his first appearances were on top of a milk crate to allow the audiences to see, as well as hear, him. He is in the 3rd of 4 generations at the Apostolic Church of God, where the Bishop Arthur M. Brazier is pastor.

Dwayne's Tenor Virtuoso voice showcases a wide range of vocal talents. His diverse style touches the heart of his listeners helping them to submit to the will of God. He has been labeled the "Gospel Balladeer" by his peers because of his style.

Dwayne's anointed music ministry has blessed him to share the stage with such musical legends as Ms. Nancy Wilson, the Winans, Yolanda Adams, Andre Crouch, Fred Hammond, and many more.



27th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

Rev. Leon Perry III

Order of Service

Video Announcements

Call to Worship

Scripture Readings

Invocation

Welcome

Congregational Song

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

[Refrain]

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

[Verse 2]

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

[Refrain]

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Order of Service

[Verse 3]

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Prayers of Intercession
Minister Darnette Solomon

Musical Selection
Brother Dwayne Lee

Tribute and Anniversary Presentations
Pastor's Aide & Armour Bearers

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Sermonic Selection
Brother Dwayne Lee

Sermon
Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Worship Through Giving

I bring my tithes into the storehouse according to Malachi 3:10 I am a covenant keeper and refused to be cursed.

I stand in the place of the blessings. I give this offering according to II Corinthians 9:6-8. I give it freely and cheerfully with expectation of bountiful blessings upon my life.

I declare favor in my finances, houses and land... That all three are all right with me. In Jesus's name. . . It is done, Now!

Order of Service

Pastoral Remarks
Reverend Leon Perry III

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.

Benediction / Threefold Amen





Pastor William E. Hall
St. James Community Church
Wednesday

Pastor Reginald Sharpe Jr.
Fellowship Chicago
Thursday

Pastor Stephen J. Thurston II
New Covenant MBC
Friday

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2023 Annual Fall Revival

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Wednesday - Friday | 7 PM Nightly

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ANNIVERSARY**
CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 1st | 10:30am

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DR. FRANK A. THOMAS
CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
GUEST SPEAKER

REV. LEON PERRY III
SENIOR PASTOR



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WAYS TO GIVE

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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2023

"
" *Embracing* "
the Seasons "

...of the Year

...with Hope for every phase of our Lives

...of Ministry Expectations

"To everything there is a season, a time
for every purpose under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Metropolitan Community Church

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday School @ 9am via Facebook Live
Praise, Worship & Word @ 10:30am via YouTube

Wednesday Ministry of Biblical Studies @ 11am via Facebook Live

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