

## Pastor's Anniversary Speakers

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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	<b>2</b> 0th	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



### Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton

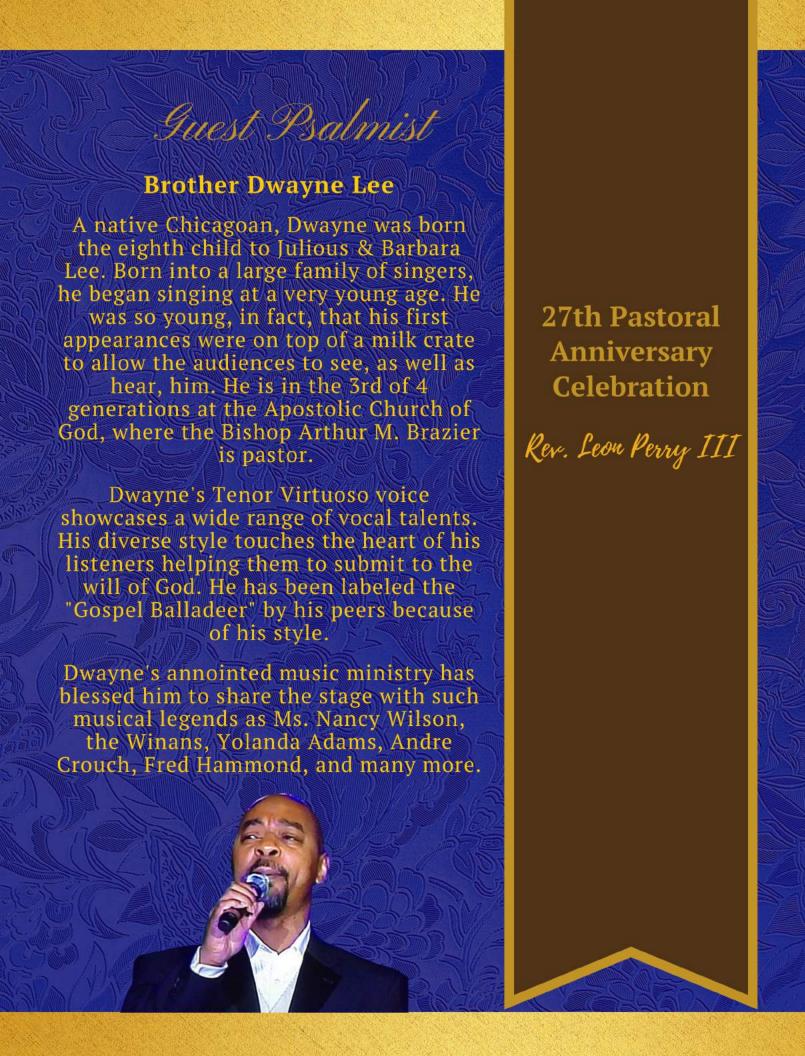
Dr. Brad R. Braxton is President and Professor of Public Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary, a progressive graduate school of theological education known for its leadership in social justice and interfaith engagement. He is also the Senior Program Advisor for Living Religion: Creative Encounters 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



### 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]

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[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

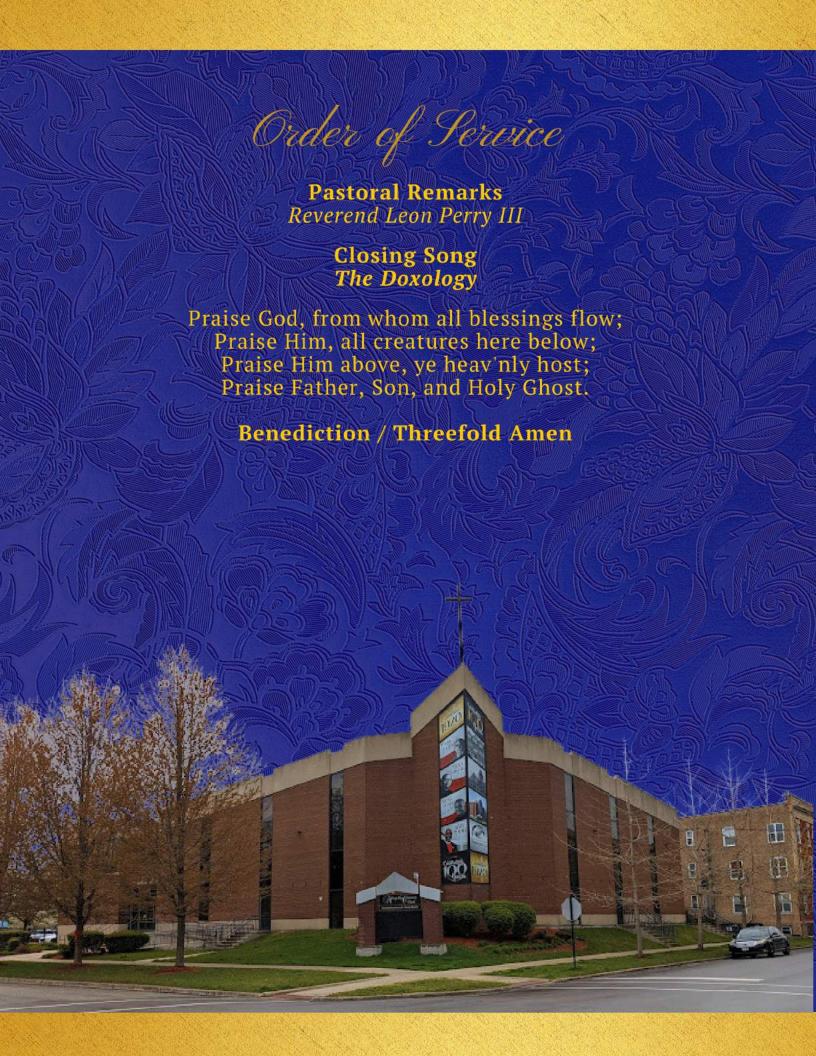
**Invitation to Christian Discipleship** 

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!









Sunday, October 1st | 10:30am



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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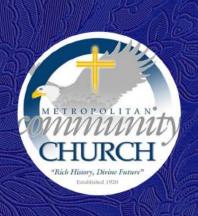
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... of the Year

..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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