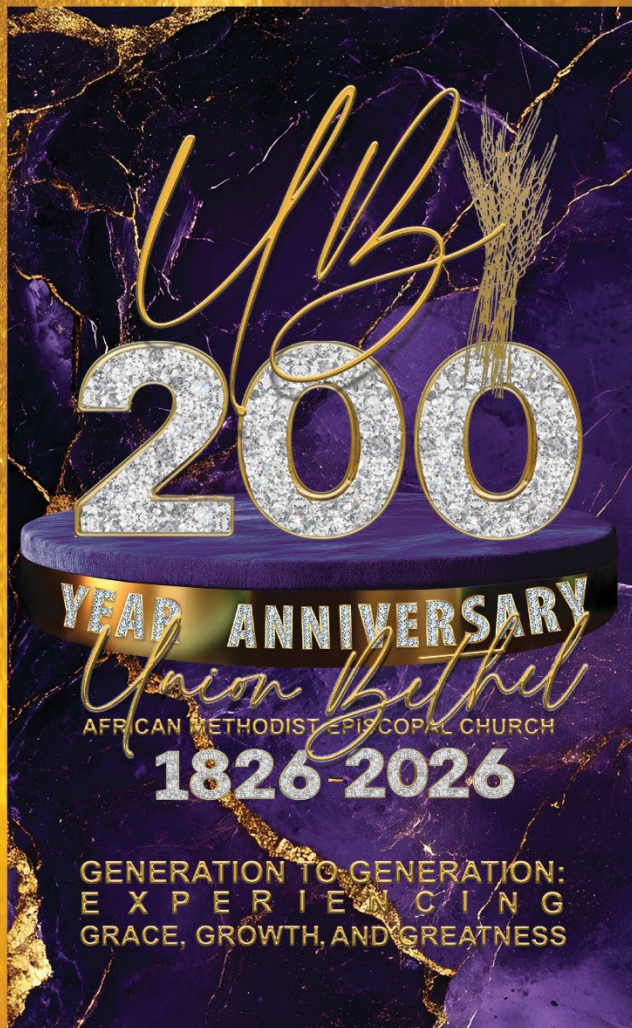




SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.

UNION BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH | RANDALLSTOWN, MD

Bishop Harry L. Seawright, Presiding Prelate

Rev. Sherita Moon Seawright, Episcopal Supervisor

Rev. Dr. Vanetta L. Brice, Presiding Elder

Rev. Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr., Pastor

Union Bethel

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African Methodist Episcopal Church
The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost – Liturgical Color is Green
Sunday, October 25, 2026 | Carla Chase, Worship Leader

Bicentennial Homecoming Sunday

Welcome

Carla Chase

Doxology

Carla Chase

Call to Worship

Carla Chase

Hymn of Praise

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

Hymn #412 AAH

Carla Chase

Invocation

Angela Stewart

Choral Response

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-10

Adam Johnson

The Litany

Sherwin Schulerbrandt

The Occasion

Patricia Wooten

Worship of Music

Announcements

Birthday Recognitions

200th Anniversary Video

Presentation | Clergy Appreciation Month

The Sunbeam Choir

Acknowledgment of Visitors

Moments of Fellowship

The Pastor's Words

Offering

Introduction of the Speaker

Rev. Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr.

Sermonic Selection

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vanetta L. Brice

Presiding Elder, Potomac District

The 2nd Episcopal District AME Church

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Altar Call Prayer

Doxology

The Extinguishing of the Candles

Hymn of Praise: "We've Come This Far by Faith"

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We've come this far by faith leaning on the Lord; Trusting in His holy word, He's never failed me yet. Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

Don't be discouraged with trouble in your life. He'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife. That's why we've come this far by faith leaning on the Lord; Trusting in His holy word, He's never failed me yet. Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

Just the other day I heard a man say he didn't believe in God's word; I can say God has made a way. He's never failed me yet. Thank God, we've come this far by faith leaning on the Lord; Trusting in His holy word, He's never failed me yet. Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

BICENTENNIAL LITANY

Leader: Beloved, we gather with grateful hearts to celebrate 200 years of God's faithfulness and sustaining grace in the life of Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church!

People: *We give thanks for two centuries of grace, growth, and greatness. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!*

Leader: From generation to generation, God has kept us through seasons of joy and sorrow, challenge and triumph.

People: *We remember the mighty works of the Lord and proclaim His faithfulness through every generation!*

Leader: We honor the pastors, leaders, members, and faithful servants whose prayers, sacrifices, and service helped build the foundation on which we stand.

People: *We thank God for those who came before us and carried the gospel forward in faith and love.*

Leader: God's mercy has sustained us, His love has strengthened us, and His Spirit has equipped us for ministry.

People: *By God's grace, we stand; through His power, we grow; and in His strength, we continue to serve!*

Leader: We celebrate growth not only in numbers, but also in faith, discipleship, service, and commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ.

People: *Lord, root us in Your Word, strengthen our witness, and unite us in love!*

Leader: Union Bethel, let us move forward with renewed faith, purpose, and dedication to God's kingdom.

People: *We are a people shaped by grace, growing in faith, and serving a great God. We will proclaim His goodness from generation to generation!*

All: *We celebrate 200 years of God's faithfulness! We move forward in grace, grow in faith, and trust God for the future. From generation to generation, we will tell of His goodness and give Him glory for what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do! PRAISE THE LORD! HALLELUJAH! AMEN!*

REV. DR. VANETTA L. BRICE

Presiding Elder, Potomac District 2nd Episcopal District AME Church



Reverend Dr. Vanetta L. Brice, a native of Washington, D.C. and a graduate of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology, is married to Kenneth Brice. Together, they have two sons (one deceased), three daughters (one deceased) and eighteen grandchildren. On April 17, 2026, Bishop Harry L. Seawright appointed Dr. Brice to serve as the Presiding Elder of the Potomac District in the Washington Conference. Prior to her assignment, she served as the Pastor for the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Gaithersburg, Maryland where the church is known for being the miracle in Gaithersburg for seven years and to St. John African Methodist Episcopal in Hughesville, Maryland for five years.

Elder Brice served as the Treasurer for the Second Episcopal District and the Washington Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for ten years. She has served as the Washington Conference Coordinator for Women in Ministry, the Potomac District Coordinator for Women in Ministry and as the statistician for the Washington Conference. Much of her ministry has encompassed confronting the issues of the heart. While working on her doctoral degree, she worked with the Daughters of Faith, at Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church and with the youth at Bethany African Methodist Episcopal Church in Capital Heights, Maryland. During this time, Elder Brice worked to facilitate dialogue between the youth while also providing a safe space for reflective communication.

Her professional experience included providing public accounting services for over twenty-five years. As a Certified Public Accountant, she worked closely with clients to help them meet their accounting needs and organize their business information to provide management data essential to effective management decisions. Much of Elder Brice's experience in public practice focused on non-profit organizations, churches, and small business development. Prior to going into private practice, she managed a five-office pediatric practice with a \$1.8 million annual budget. She also served as the Treasurer for one of the leading combined charities in the metropolitan area.

Elder Brice received her Master of Divinity from the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology in May 2002 and later returned to receive her Doctorate of Ministry in May 2011. For all of her accomplishments, she extends all credit to her Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

Her favorite scripture, as recorded in Isaiah 40:31, "but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint," is the essence of her determination to stand on the promises of God.