

"The Promise of the Vote"

An Evening Celebrating Courage, Community, and Democracy

Sunday, August 23, 2026
@5:00 pm

An Evening of Courage,
Freedom, and the Enduring
Journey Toward Equal Voice

Bishop William J. Barber II

President, Repairers of the Breach
Co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign
Founder, Public Theology and Public Policy, Yale Divinity School

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Welcome To
Bethel AME Church

"The City Hall of Sweet Auburn"

Worship Times:
10:00 am Traditional
2:00 pm Contemporary

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Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine**



★ PROJECT 2026 ★



Early Voting Starts
October 13, 2026



November 3, 2026,
is Election Day

71

Days to

ELECTION DAY



VOTER REGISTRATION

ARE YOU READY TO VOTE



IN THE **NOVEMBER 3rd** ELECTION?



After church service, during the first and third Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October, our deputy registrars will be in Fellowship Hall ready to register those who are seeking to become registered voters.



Deputy registrars will be available until 12:30 p.m. or if there is a need to continue registration, the deputy registrars will stay until 1:00 p.m.



Our dates for registration are as follows –
EVERY SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

October 4, 2026, is the last day we will hold a register-to-vote activity



Please bring your government issued photo ID with you.



The last day to register to vote in the November General Election is **October 5, 2026**



If you would like to become a deputy registrar, the next online training is two (2) days away

- On **August 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

- Please register for deputy registrar training at https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/uV_ppa1sRKK2-FLplbP2Q

- If you have any questions, contact Bro. E. Tate



Are you familiar with the Candidate and the duties required of the officeholder?



Until Election Day, the Project 2026 team will provide information on the duties of the officeholders for **federal, county, and local seats**. Even if the office is not on the ballot this election cycle, we will discuss those offices, as well.

A FEW OF THE LOCAL POSITIONS ARE –



COUNTY SOLICITOR GENERAL

The Office of the Solicitor General, commonly referred to locally as county solicitors or state court solicitors, prosecutes misdemeanor cases and violations of the county code in State and Magistrate Court, such as family violence battery, assault, stalking, DUI, shoplifting, abandonment of minor child, and criminal trespass.



COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The County Commissioner oversees the collection and disbursement of public funds and other county affairs. The Commissioner levies local taxes and administers county governmental services such as correctional institutions, courts, public health oversight, property registration, building code enforcement, and public works within the respective county.

★ REMEMBER ★

**A KNOWLEDGEABLE VOTER
IS AN INFORMED VOTER.**



Take the
5x5
Challenge



Contact 5 of your friends and ask them, **ARE YOU VOTER READY?** If the answer is no, let them know how to start the process of being voter ready. Ask those 5 friends to each contact 5 friends to help get them **VOTER READY**. Stay in touch with them to assist with any concerns or issues that may arise as they become **VOTER READY**.



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Bishop William Joseph Barber II

Bishop William J. Barber II is President and Senior Lecturer of Repairers of the Breach, Bishop with The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Executive Board Member of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, and Founding Director of the Center for Public Theology and Public Policy at Yale Divinity School, Public Policy and Professor in the Practice of Public Theology. Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call For Moral Revival, and a Kettering Foundation Senior Fellow. A founding Steering Committee member of the Save America Movement.

He is the author of five books: *We Are Called to Be a Movement*, *Revive Us Again: Vision and Action in Moral Organizing*, *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement*, and *Forward Together: A Moral Message for the Nation*. *White Poverty: How Exposing Myths About Race and Class Can Reconstruct American Democracy*.

Bishop Barber served as Senior Pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church, a Disciples of Christ congregation, for more than 30 years. He led the church to develop more than \$14 million developmental creating jobs programs. A Harvard-recognized after-school and day care; low-income Housing for seniors; and single-family homes, providing opportunities for people who never thought they would own a home. Bishop Barber shepherded five ministries through thriving Community development. Including health care programs, HIV support ministries, a community center with job-training programs, and computer labs. Reentry programs for the formerly incarcerated, and gangbang of drug redemption ministries, a community garden, and restaurant. He mentored two CEOs in the position at the nonprofit Rebuilding Broken Places. Under his ministry, Greenleaf became committed to radical hospitality and a welcoming theology. Bishop Barber's focus was not on how many members you have on the roll, but how many community-led Ministries the church lives in line with Jesus' ministry. Bishop Barber's life ministry has been consistently based on Luke 4:18 - 19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed



me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach

deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."



He served as President of the North Carolina NAACP from 2006-2017 and on the National NAACP Board of Directors from 2008-2020. He is the architect of the Forward Together Moral Movement, which gained national acclaim in 2013 through its Moral Monday protests at the North Carolina General Assembly. In 2015, he established Repairers of the Breach to train communities in moral movement building through the Moral

Political Organizing Leadership Institute and Summit Trainings (MPOLIS). In 2018, he co-anchored the relaunch of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival—reviving the 1968 Poor People's Campaign organized by the women's rights movement, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., workers' rights movement, religious leaders, and people of all races to fight poverty in the U.S. As a moral leader, Bishop William Barber II, engaging in non-violent civil disobedience, has been arrested more than 15 times in various states, standing up with those who have been marginalized by systematic racism, poverty, and injustice.

A highly sought-after speaker, Bishop Barber has given keynote addresses at hundreds of national and state conferences, including the 2016 Democratic National Convention, one of few preachers in nations history to be invited to give the homily at the 59th Inaugural Prayer Service for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Vatican at Pope Francis's encyclical "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home" and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. In June 2018, he addressed the 5th Uni Global Union World Congress in more than 25 countries.



Bishop Barber is regularly featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, CNN, the NNPA, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Nation magazine. He was named one of 2020's BET 100 Entertainers and Innovators and was a 2019 recipient of the North Carolina Award, the state's highest civilian honor. He is a 2018 MacArthur Foundation Genius Award recipient and a 2015 recipient of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award and the Puffin Award.

Bishop Barber has received 12 honorary doctorates. He earned a High School degree, a Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina Central University, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, and a Doctorate from Drew University with a concentration in Public Policy and Pastoral Care. And has studied in a special fellowship at MIT.

The Order of Liturgy
 Sunday, August 23, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
 The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine,
 Presiding Liturgist/Worship Leader

Praise and Worship All Attendees

The Doxology.....AME Hymn #69.....All Worshipers (standing)
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below.
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Opening Hymn AME Hymn #571“Lift Every Voice and Sing” All Attendees

The Prayer of Invocation The Reverend Dr. Cynthia L. Hale
(prayer chant) Senior Pastor, Ray of Hope Christian Church

The Welcome and Occasion..... The Right Reverend Michael L. Mitchell
 Presiding Bishop, Sixth Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Scripture Reading..... Exodus 1:8-2:10..... The Reverend Jeffrey L. Streater, PhD

Worship in Music The Big Bethel Mass Choir

The ChargeThe Honorable William C. “Bill” Campbell
 55th Mayor, City of Atlanta

The Recognition of Special Guests The Honorable Jabari Simama
 The Soul of Atlanta/Former President, Georgia Piedmont Technical College

A Legal Update: The Fight Against Voter Suppression..... The Honorable Fani T. Willis
 District Attorney, Fulton County

Worship in Music The Big Bethel Mass Choir

The Public Offering The Reverend Dr. Monica C. Jones, PhD

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The Choral Response.....All Things Come of Thee..... AME Hymn #644
 “All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.” Amen

A Special Fraternal Presentation Brother Stephen D. Pearson
 President, Eta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The Presentation of the Guest Preacher The Right Reverend Adam J. Richardson
 Senior Bishop (Ret.), African Methodist Episcopal Church

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A National Sermon Bishop William J. Barber, II
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The Invitation and Prayer..... The Reverend Charmain Purvis

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The Benediction Bishop Barber

~Sermon Notes~

“...you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church...” Matthew 16:18

Points/Topics:



Visitors, please register your attendance on the Big Bethel Guest Registration Form by scanning the QR code to the right. Thank you for worshipping with us. You are always welcome!!!!





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