

## ***Rev. Antonio M. K. Lawrence Bio***

Luke 4:18-19 Says “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has appointed me to bring the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Antonio is the son of the late Rev. Attorney Antonia and Freedamae C. Lawrence. Respected as a prolific preacher, scholar, thinker and cultural critic he is a native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He was an honors graduate from Rocky Mount High School. He enrolled at Johnson C. Smith University where he majored in English and Minored in Philosophy and Ethics. While at Johnson C. Smith he distinguished himself as one of the top scholars of campus and was awarded the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship as a sophomore. He finished a distinguished career at Johnson C. Smith University earning a BA in English with a minor in Philosophy and Ethics Magna Cum Laude. Answering the call to Christian ministry Antonio enrolled at Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned a Master’s of Divinity with a concentration in Religion and Society. While at Princeton Antonio was awarded the Presbyterian Leadership Award and distinguished himself as one of the top preachers in his class. While at Princeton Seminary he had the opportunity to intern at the historic St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC under the leadership of Dr. Diane Givens Moffett, and the Elmwood United Presbyterian Church in East Orange, NJ. Antonio is presently serving as Pastor at the Faith Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro, NC which has become the fastest growing racial ethnic church in the Presbytery of New Hope. Currently Antonio is enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is a proud man of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Antonio strives to provide a voice to individuals who have no voice, an advocate to people who need one, and hope to communities that are hopeless. He lives in Goldsboro, NC with his son Christopher, and their energetic dog Melody. Antonio strives to live by the prophetic words of Dr. Gardner C. Taylor raising the critical question “Did I do my Best”?

