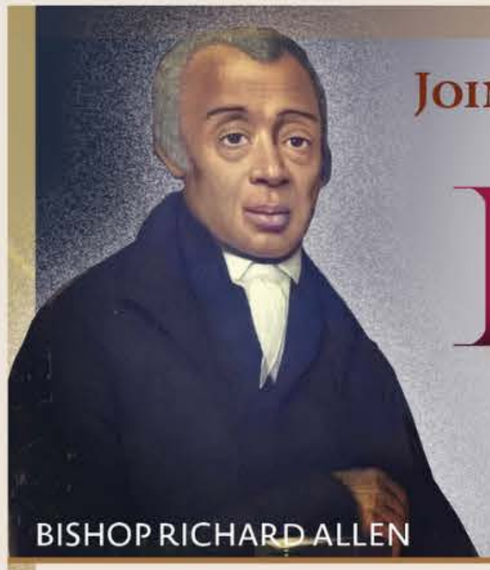
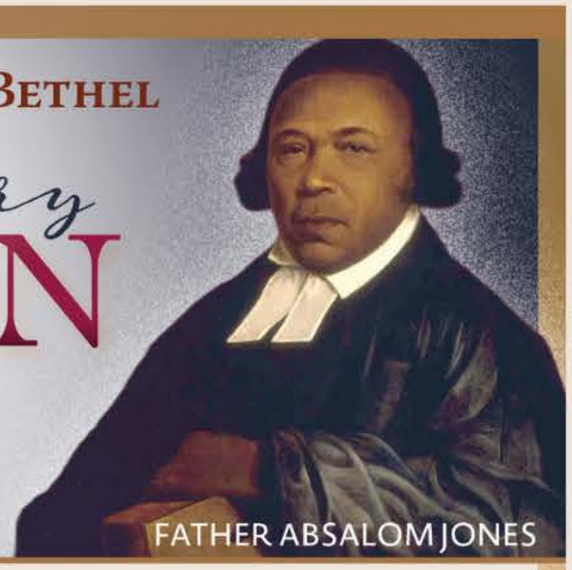


JOIN US FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER BETHEL

30th Anniversary LIBERATION SUNDAY Weekend



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 *and* SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

As we commemorate the 250th anniversary of America's founding, we also honor the Black Church Liberation Movement, whose roots reach back to the nation's earliest years.

In November, 1787, Richard Allen, Absalom Jones and others walked out of Old St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in protest of racial discrimination. Their courageous stand helped lay the foundation for Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, and a broader movement of independent Black congregations and denominations.

Join us for a weekend of celebration as we uplift the faith, courage, and genius of the Black Church Liberation Movement—and its enduring legacy of freedom, dignity, and self-determination!

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

9 AM

Gathering of Prayer and Reflection at Independence Mall and President's House Memorial to the Nine Enslaved.
(In the event of inclement weather will take place at Mother Bethel.)

11:00 AM

Lunch and Conversation: "Covenant of Repair"

An open discussion about reparations and the movement for repair and reconciliation amongst Black and White congregations following the Kwanzaa principle of Ujamaa, "Cooperative Economics".
Please rsvp to motherbethelnews@gmail.com

10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Museum Tours and Special Exhibit highlighting critical black churches birthed from the historic Black Church Liberation Movement.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Liberation Sunday

9:30 AM

Worship Service and Special Performance by the Mother Bethel Players. Candle Lighting Ceremony and Prayer at the Tomb of Bishop Richard Allen.

11:00 AM–1:00 PM

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All events and services will take place at

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