

Chaplain Barry Black

On June 27, 2003, Rear Admiral Barry C. Black (Ret.) was elected the 62nd Chaplain of the Senate. He started his work on July 7, 2003. Prior to Capitol Hill, Chaplain Black served in the U.S. Navy for over twenty-seven years, ending his distinguished career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains.

Chaplain Black is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and an alumnus of Oakwood College, Andrews University, North Carolina Central University, Palmer Theological Seminary, Salve Regina University, and Alliant International University. In addition to earning a Master of Arts degrees in Divinity, Counseling, and Management, he has received a Doctorate in Ministry and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Psychology.

He has authored five books, beginning with his autobiography, *From the Hood to the Hill* (2006), *The Blessing of Adversity* (2011), *Nothing to Fear* (2017), *Make Your Voice Heard in Heaven* (2018), and *Bible Wisdom for Better Living* (2019). And *A Prayer for Our Country: Words to Unite and Inspire Hope* (2022).

Chaplain Barry C. Black is married to the former Brenda Pearsall of St. Petersburg, Florida. They have three sons: Barry II, Brendan, and Bradford.