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African Methodist Episcopal Church

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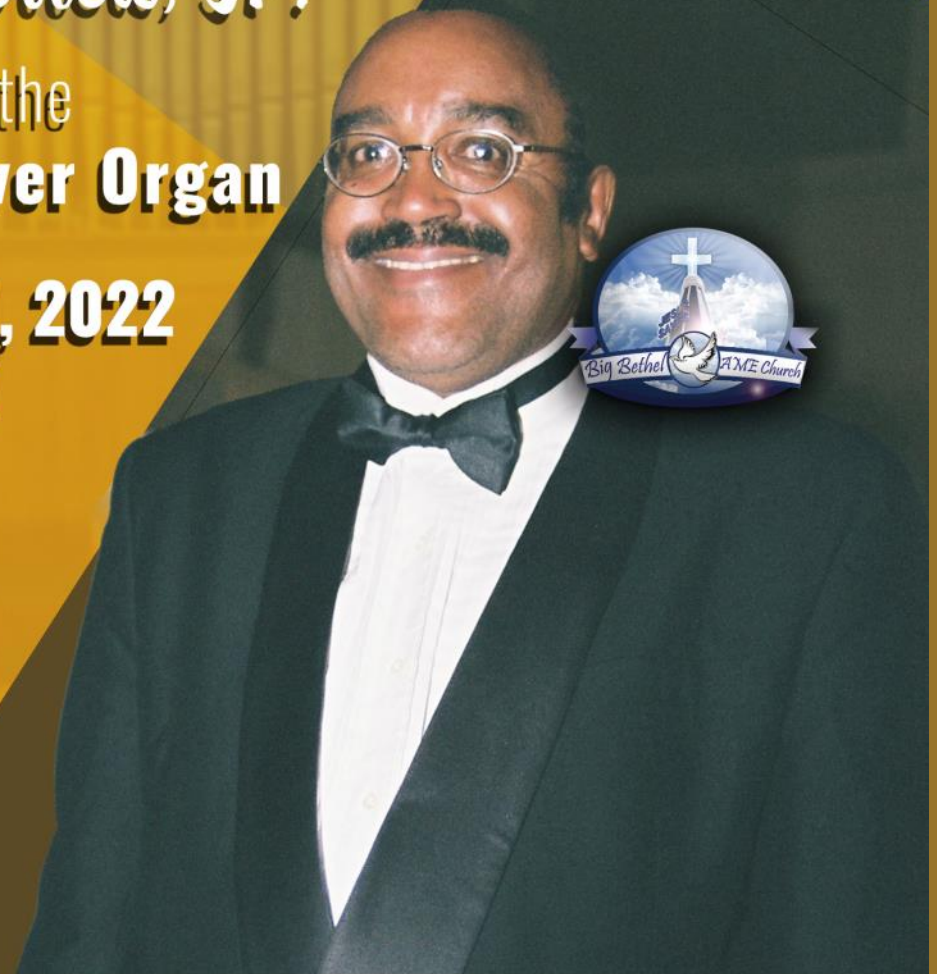
Senior Organist

Philip V. Skerrett, Jr.

in Recital on the

Anita Brown Glover Organ

**Sunday, October 9, 2022
12 Noon PM**



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Philip V. Skerrett, Jr. *Big Bethel's Renowned Senior Organist*

Mr. Skerrett, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, studied piano and organ at the renowned Settlement Music School. He received the Bachelor of Science in Music degree from the notable Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. Skerrett pursued graduate studies at Northwestern University. His music career in Chicago, included positions of Music Director at Holy Name Roman Catholic Cathedral, vocal studio accompanist, and senior organist at Ebenezer AME Church.

In Atlanta, Phillip Skerrett has distinguished himself and performed with the Atlanta Symphony under the direction of William Fred Scott; performed in chamber concerts at Emory University, and served as accompanist during NATS competitions held at Spivey Hall. He is a favorite accompanist of vocalists and instrumentalists in the Atlanta University

Center. As a solo artist, Mr. Skerrett has performed the complete organ works of Felix Mendelssohn as part of his expansive repertoire. During his tenure in Atlanta, Skerrett has served for 36 years as senior organist for the historic Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Currently, Phillip Skerrett is staff accompanist and organist in the Department of Music at Clark Atlanta University, Artist-in-Residence with the Newton County Arts Association, and the accompanist for the Americolor Opera Alliance.



The Grand Organ of Big Bethel AME Church

The Big Bethel AME Church organ was initially installed in 1924 by the M.P. Moller Organ Company of Hagerstown, Maryland. The instrument was a three manual and pedal pipe, with sixteen ranks. The instrument reflected the finest craftsmanship of its period.

Over the years, this great organ has been played by many renowned artists. Indeed, the initial dedicatorial recital on the organ was preformed by Dr. Sheldon, organist for the City of Atlanta. Since then it has been played by notables such as Dr. Wendell Phillip Whalum, Dr. Colonius Davis, Dr. G. Johnson Hubert, and Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson. For many years this fine instrument was played by Mrs. Florine Dyer Furlow and Mrs. Harriett Baynes Enous, both of whom served as organist for Big Bethel. The first major repair work was done on the organ in 1964 whereupon the organ was partially rebuilt. The most recent restoration and expansion of the organ was undertaken by the Big Bethel congregation in 1986 under the leadership of the late Rev. McKinley Young (elected Bishop in 1992) with Dr. Wendell Phillip Whalum, consultant. The chairperson of the project was Mrs. Anita Brown Glover. Pipe Organ Sales and Services, Inc. of Lithonia, GA was contracted to complete the work of refurbishing, rebuilding, and reinstalling the organ at a cost of over \$100,000 dollars.

Today, the instrument reflects the finest organ design and craftsmanship found in the entire United States of America. It is now a three manual and pedal pipe with thirty-three ranks. The organ has been expanded to add an eight foot trompette en chamade which is made of copper with 73 trompette pipes. The organ has some 2012 pipes and over half of the façade contains speaking pipes. In addition, the sixteen foot violins are constructed of sugar pine, the visible wood case behind the choir loft is made of oak. Great care was taken to restore the authentic wood sections of this organ. In 1987 the Grand Organ of Big Bethel was rededicated and renamed **"The Anita Brown Glover Organ of Big Bethel AME Church"** in memory of Anita Brown Glover, chairperson of the renovation and restoration project.

Today we are pleased to present our own *Philip V. Skerrett, Jr.* Senior Organist in recital.



Program

Welcome

Invocation

Mr. Philip V. Skerrett, Jr.
at the
Anita Brown Glover Pipe Organ

Vater unser im Himmelreich.....	Johann Sébastien Bach
Praise him with the sound of the Trumpet.....	Carl Simone
Herzlich tut mich verlangen.....	Johannes Brahms
Nun Komm' Der Heiden Heiland.....	Johann Sébastien Bach
He is King of Kings.....	Charles Callahan
Fugue on BACH no.5.....	Robert Schumann
Gloria's things of thee are Spoken.....	Gordon Young
Wir glauben all an einen Gott.....	J.S.Bach
Closing Remarks/Benediction.....	Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor



The Music Ministry of Big Bethel Salutes
Maestro Philip V. Skerrett, Jr.

I'm pleased to welcome you to this, Big Bethel Worship and Arts Pipe Organ Concert as we celebrate our 175th Church Anniversary. And with absolute excitement, thank you for supporting this endeavor in person and virtually. Today you will hear the brilliant sounds of ***Mr. Phillip Skerrett, Jr.***, renowned pipe organ master as he commemorates 36 years of service as Senior Organist presenting classical and traditional selections on the Anita Brown Glover Pipe Organ housed here at Big Bethel AME Church. ***Enjoy!***

Minister of Worship and Arts,
Nathaniel Fisher Jr.

Acknowledgements

The 175th Church Anniversary committee expresses its sincere appreciation to the Big Bethel Music Ministry for their support of today's concert. We thank everyone who participated in the planning and the success of the concert. Special appreciation is expressed to the Worship and Arts Ministry for sponsoring this evening's reception. Please join us for light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the concert.





175th Church Anniversary

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 25

TAILGATE KICK-OFF~10AM
PILGRIMAGE TO OAKLAND ~ 1:30PM

OCT 9

EDGE-CANNON LAY ANNUAL DAY 10AM
Ms. Stephanie L. Young- Guest Speaker
ORGAN CONCERT~Mr. Philip Skerrett, Jr. 12Noon

OCT 15

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON ~1PM
HONORING OUR SUPER SENIORS
held at St. Philip AMEC, Decatur GA

OCT 15

BEAUTY FOR ASHES III - 4 PM
COMMUNITY CONCERT

OCT 16

175th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY 10AM
BISHOP JAMES L. DAVIS- 2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
GUEST PREACHER

OCT 23

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SABBATH 10AM
WORSHIP IN PINK-Breast Cancer Awareness

OCT 30

**MILLENNIAL
EMPOWERMENT ZONE 10AM**
PARKING LOT

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SUNDAYS 10AM & 2PM