



**Big Bethel A.M.E Church**  
*Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor*

**The Worship & Arts Ministry**  
presents

*A Season To Celebrate*

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**  
**4:00PM**

*Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Minister of Music*  
*Bro. Philip V. Skerrett, Jr., Senior Pipe Organist*  
*Soweto Street Beat African Dance Company, Peter Ngcobo, Director*  
Special Guest



**A COME ON HOME FOR CHRISTMAS EVENT**



# Come On Home For Christmas ~2022

## NOV 27 & DEC 4 The Giving Tree

Please select a gift request from the tree for a child in foster care. We ask that the gifts be brought to the church on Sunday, December 4th. and December 11th.

Contact: Jacqueline Michael, 404-909-5351, JoAnn Brazil, 404-291-0267

## NOV 27 & DEC 4 Poinsettias For Loved Ones

You are invited to assist in decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias by donating \$10.00 for a plant in honor or memory of a love one. Please come to a table in the back of the sanctuary to complete an information form and give your donation.

Contact: Shelley Webster, Shelley@shelleywebster.com

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## DEC 11 Come On Home For Christmas Annual Concert ~ 4:00PM

The Arts and Music Ministry as always, will present an inspirational, spirit filled program that will fill our hearts with joy. Be sure to come early to get a good seat.

## Sick, Shut-in Caregivers Recognition

Please come to the back of the sanctuary and select the name of one of these wonderful members to contact, i.e. call or send a card during the Advent season.

Contact: Gloria Gaston, gloriagaston@gmail.com

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# *Greetings from our Worship & Arts Director*

Welcome to another new and exciting **Come On Home For Christmas** musical event presented by the **Worship and Arts Department of Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**. In the past, this program has been spirit-inspired, motivational and uplifting and we promise to bring you our very best again.

Our success is a direct result of love, support and encouragement from you, our guests and the Big Bethel AME Church family. Thus far the Worship and Arts Department and I have worked diligently to glorify the Lord through prayer, praise, sacrificing our time and efforts while living out the Word of God to the best of our ability.

In exhibition of a true spirit of excellence, we strive for obedience to the leadership of the sacred institution (**The Word**).

Thank God for all of you for sharing this occasion with us today!

*Nathaniel Fisher, Jr.*

*Bro. Nathaniel Fisher, Jr., Minister of Worship & Arts  
Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church*

# *A Season To Celebrate*

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.  
I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

## **Program**

### **Narrators**

**Rev. Andrea Lewis**

**Rev. Gwen Senatle**

**Holiday Prelude**.....Philip V. Skerrett, Jr.

**Holiday Processional**.....***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”***.....Big Bethel Concert Choir

**Prayer**.....Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.

**Scripture**.....Rev. Charmain Purvis

**Welcome and Occasion** .....Dr. Dorothy Young, Former Supervisor

**A Christmas Greeting**.....Rev, Gwen Senatle

**Christmas Anthem “African Noel”** .....Big Bethel Concert Choir  
Nathaniel Fisher, Jr., Director

**featuring** Soweto Street Beat African Dance Company  
Peter Ngcobo, Director

**“Emmanuel”**.....Arr. Traditional/Norman Hutchinson  
featuring Big Bethel Bell Choir Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Director  
Brenda G. Thomas Director

**“O Lord I Magnify Your Name”**.....Arr. Lecresia Campbell  
Ronnie Jackson  
Mallalieu United Methodist Church, East Point, GA

**“Mary Had A Baby/African Amen”** .....Rev. Joyce Young.....Arr. Nathaniel Fisher Jr.  
Pierre Brookins  
Nathaniel Fisher, Jr., Director

**“Behold The Star”**.....Vondel Addison.....Arr. Nathaniel Fisher, Jr.  
Nathaniel Fisher, Jr., Director

## Program (Continued)

**“Silent Night”**.....Hands for Christ..... Traditional  
Miai Griffiths, Soloist  
Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Director

**“Christmastime Is Here”**....Bianca Thomas & Jennifer Grant.....Arr. “A Charlie Brown Christmas”  
Kelvin Thompson, Accompanist

**“Joy To The World”**.....Kwanza-Sol Dance Ministry.....Arr. Whitney Houston  
Rosalyn Johnson, Director

**“Holy, Oh Jesus”** .....Monique Griffiths..... Arr. Black Nativity Atlanta  
Nathaniel Fisher Jr., Director

**Offering and Remarks** .....Dr. Jacqueline Michael  
Sis. Monique Griffiths  
Pastor John Foster

**Finale**

### Benediction



May this Christmas Season be filled with the  
joy of Jesus for you and your family.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**

**Worship and Arts Ministry**

Bro. Nathaniel Fisher- Minister of Worship & Arts

Sis. Monique Griffiths~ Assistant Minister of Worship & Arts

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor



# *Acknowledgements & Special Thanks!*

## **COME ON HOME FOR CHRISTMAS MINISTRY**

**Dr. Jacqueline Michael—Ministry Leader**

### **DECORATIONS**

**Sis. Shelley Webster, Sis. Racquel Battle & Bro. Nathaniel Fisher, Jr.**

### **PROGRAM HOUSEKEEPING**

**Sis. Carolyn Smith**

### **PROGRAM PREPARATION**

**Big Bethel Administrative Office**

**Special Thanks to the Big Bethel Officers On Duty**

## *Big Bethel AME Church Worship & Arts Ministry*

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Monique Griffiths

Assistant Minister of Worship & Arts

Phillip Skerrett, Jr.

Senior Pipe Organist

Kelvin Thompson

Pipe Organist

Derrick E. John

Organist/Keyboardist

Maurice Price

Percussionist

Terrence Bridges

Bass Guitarist

Alex Walke, Jr.

Saxophonist

Nicole Chapman

Bearden-Scott Youth Choir Director

Nathaniel Fisher, Jr.

Big Bethel Chorale Director

Monique Griffiths

Johnson-Schofield Male Choir Director

Tamika Kelly

Babcock-Young Voices of Unity Director

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Big Bethel Praise Team Director

Rosalyn Bussey-Johnson

Kwanza-Sol Dance Ministry Director

Jory Young

Signs of Praise Mime Ministry Director

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Hands for Christ Signing Ministry Director

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PURCHASED BY		•IN MEMORY OF	
Geraldine Burton		J.C. Burton, Husband	
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Ladonna Edwards & Samuel Stephens		Nancy Barrington	
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Marvin Fleming		Lajuara Whitley	
Marvin Fleming		Lowry G. Wright	
Pamelle Fleming		Stanford "Ye Ye" Randall	
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Dorothy Glass		Kela Glass Bruce	
Gwen & Oliver Hudson		Lula Mary Hudson	
Gwen & Oliver Hudson		Dorothy & George Graham	
Barbara Johnson		Mary Thomas	
Barbara Johnson		Julian Demario Johnson	
Barbara Johnson		Julian Johnson	
Rose M. Jones & Daughters		Henry L. Jones	
Jolly Family		Reba Greenwood	
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Floyd Baxter	Rosa Baxter
Michael Brown	The Big Bethel Seniors
Pastor John & Mary Ann Foster	Laura Vinson

“The Magic of Christmas is not in  
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**Bring  
in the  
New Year**  
with  
*Worship & Praise!*

**Saturday, December 31, 2022 @  
10PM**

*Watch*  
**NIGHT**  
SERVICE

*Join Us !!*