

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

Palm Sunday



SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. PHILLIP SKERRETT, JR.

THE DOXOLOGY.....A.M.E. HYMN No. 647
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” Today we celebrate Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Minister: Jesus humbly rode into Jerusalem on a donkey for the Feast of the Passover. The crowds spread their cloaks on the road and others laid palms to prepare the way for his victorious coming.

People: Rejoice! Rejoice! The King arrives!

Minister: On the journey to liberation from sin, we celebrate Christ’s victories, sorrowfully contemplate his sacrifice, and we revel in his resurrection, the ultimate victory.

People: We remember the long road to freedom that our ancestors traveled, filled with triumphs, death, and new life.

Minister: With excitement and joy we welcome you into our lives. With loud hosannas we join you on your march toward liberation, justice, and love for all people.

People: Rejoice! Rejoice! The triumphant King has come!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....A.M.E. Hymn #452 I Come to The Garden Alone

1. I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him Though the night around me be falling; But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

The INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....JOHNSON—SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTUREPsalm 118: 24-29

Minister: ²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

People: ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Minister: ²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

People: ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Minister: ²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

All: ²⁹ **O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE.....AME HYMN #69

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE DECALOGUE

And He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your Soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI.....AME HYMN #627

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL.....THE PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY

THE PASTOR'S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE SERMON..... PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

MATTHEW 6:21

²¹Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE..... A.M.E. HYMN #646

"All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Big Bethel Annual Conference

Congregation Video – Sunday April 13, 2025



Immediately after 10:00 PM
Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Let us remember our sick and shut-in with our prayers & calls.

Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806
Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841
Sis. Annette Petty
Sis. Sharon Pritchett

Sis. Miriam Redding
Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705
Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sixth Sunday in Lent April 13, 2025	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Liturgy of the Palms		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29		Luke 19:28-40
Liturgy of the Passion	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH USHERETTE BOARD NUMBER 2



93RD ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY

Praise Experience



CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY



Ms. Garnetta Penn, Director

Mr. Reginald Gibson, Director of the University Choir

Accompanied by Dr. Adrien Ford

Prepare for Your Deliverance through His Sacrifice

Sunday, 13 April, 2025

4:00PM EST

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
220 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

FREE ADMISSION



Join Us via Live Stream at: www.bigbethelame.org

YOU ARE INVITED
AS WE CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF

Dr. John and Mary Ann Foster



SUNDAY
04 TH MAY, 2025

**"Faithful in the Call: Honoring
a Legacy of Love & Leadership"**

**"I have fought a good fight, I have finished
my course, I have kept the faith."**

2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

**Join us directly after 10am worship service, as we
celebrate through food and fellowship.**

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THE AME MINISTERS UNION OF ATLANTA AND VICINITY
presents

7 LAST SAYINGS OF Christ

APRIL 18
GOOD FRIDAY
12NOON

—IN PERSON AND FACEBOOK LIVE—

LOCATION

Saint Paul AME Church
1540 Pryor Rd SW
Atlanta, GA 30315

Rev. Dr. Susan Buckson, Union President
Rev. Shawn Drains, Host Pastor
Bishop Micheal Mitchell, Presiding Prelate

P.E. Kimberly
McMICHAEL



1st WORD
NORTH ATLANTA DISTRICT AMEC

Dr. Marvin
CRAWFORD



2nd WORD
FIRST SAINT PAUL AMEC-LITHONIA



3rd WORD
EKENZER AMEC-OSCEOLA TOWN



4th WORD
ST. PAUL AMEC-ATLANTA

Rev. Dr. Hope Sims
SUTTON



5th WORD
MARIETTA CHAPEL AMEC-MARIETTA

Rev. Elijah
SHAFAH



6th WORD
FLIPPER TEMPLE AMEC-ATLANTA

Rev. Dr. Libya
BAAQAR



7th WORD
SAINT PAUL AMEC-ATLANTA

Special Musical Guest



MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR

◀ NORTH ATLANTA DISTRICT PRESENTS...



ELDER APPRECIATION

PRESIDING ELDER KIMBERLY MCMICHAEL

APR 26th, 2025 @ 4PM

The Magnolia Room
4450 Hugh Howell Rd,
Tucker, GA 30084



NORTH
ATLANTA
DISTRICT
Rev. Kimberly McMichael,
Presiding Elder

7 Stations of the Cross



MAR 9TH

STATION 1

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
(Matt. 26:36-46)

KING CHAPEL
Rev. Michael Walker-Pastor
2600 Davenport Street, Smyrna, GA 30080

Rev. Dr. Reginald Cleaver-Guest Preacher



MAR 16TH

STATION 2

Pilate Condemns Jesus to Death
(Matt. 27:24-26)

MARIETTA CHAPEL
Rev. Dr. Hope Sims-Sutton
312 Rigby Street NW | Marietta, GA 30060

Rev. Carla Gaines - Guest Preacher



MAR 20TH

STATION 3

Jesus Accepts the Cross
(Matthew 27:27-31)

BETHEL (Acworth)
Rev. Orna Husbands - Pastor
4826 School Street | Acworth, GA 30101

Rev. John Woods-Guest Preacher



MAR 30TH

STATION 4

Simon Helps Jesus Carry the Cross
(Mark 15:21)

ST. PAUL (Canton)
Rev. Ferrun Johnson-Pastor
390 Crisler St. | Canton, GA 30014

Dr. Hope Sims-Sutton - Guest Preacher



APR 6TH

STATION 5

Jesus Speaks to the Woman
(Luke 23:27-31)

GREATER SMITH CHAPEL (Atlanta)
Rev. Eric Pladger
183 Mayson Ave. | Atlanta, GA 30307

Rev. Renata Williams- Guest Preacher



APR 13TH

STATION 6

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
(John 19:23-24)

MT.ZION (Decatur)
Rev. Bridgette Hall Maynor-Pastor
2977 LaVista Rd. | Decatur, GA 30033

Rev. Ferrun Johnson - Guest Preacher



APR 17TH

STATION 7

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
(Mark 15:23-32)

WILKES CHAPEL
Rev. Eddie Henley
2293 Perry Blvd. NW | Atlanta, GA 31318

Rev. Bernard Sutton- Guest Preacher

SUNDAYS @ 4 PM ~ MAR 9TH - THUR. APR 17TH (7PM)

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

Holy Week



EVENTS 2025

APR 13

4:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

Join Usherette Board #2 at the Annual Palm Sunday Concert and witness the captivating performance by The Clark Atlanta University Choir.



APR 16

7:00 PM

HOLY WEEK JAZZ VESPERS

The featured musical artist is the extraordinary KT Collaborative with special guest vocalist the Honorable Rochelle Robinson, Mayor of Douglasville, GA. The theme for this grand experience is "The Praise Conspiracy" highlighting the setup from Hosanna to the Gethsemane ambush. Come join us for a spirit-filled jazz presentation that sets the tone for the high holy celebration of Resurrection Day.



APR 17

7:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

It commemorates Jesus Christ's last activities with his disciples: the last supper and the initiation of Holy Communion. It also includes a ceremony of washing the feet an action performed by Jesus for his disciples.



APR 18

7:00 PM

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Worship featuring Millennial Guest Speakers:

- 1st Word-Rev. Renata Williams;
- 2nd Word-Sis. Ariel Nash;
- 3rd Word-Bro. Maurice Eckstein;
- 4th Word-Rev. Sharon Adair-Hardin;
- 5th Word-Rev. Marques Harvey;
- 6th Word-Rev. Jessica Buford
- 7th Word-Rev. Dr. Reginald Cleaver, Jr.



APR 20

6:00 AM

SUNRISE WORSHIP

Featured **PREACHER:**

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D.,

Senior Pastor, Big Bethel AME Church



9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PROGRAM



Join the Christian Education Department as Big Bethel Sunday School's young people present their program in the FELLOWSHIP HALL

10:00 AM

RESURRECTION WORSHIP

GUEST PREACHER:

Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell
Presiding Prelate of the 6th Episcopal District



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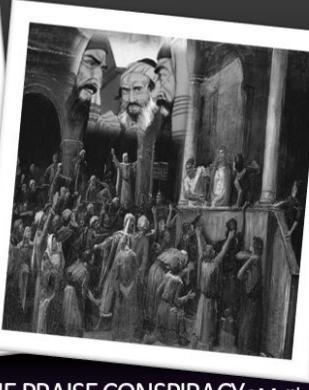
Come Join Us!



HOLY WEEK JAZZ VESPERS presents

The KT COLLABORATIVE

with featured vocalist--
The Honorable
Rochelle Robinson,
Mayor of Douglasville, GA



THEME: THE PRAISE CONSPIRACY ~Matthew 21:9-15

Adoration / Anger / Assault

APRIL 16, 2025 / 7PM

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ATLANTA, GA 30303



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

Maunderly THURSDAY CHURCH SERVICE



APRIL 17, 2025
7:00 PM

220 AUBURN AVENUE NE, ATLANTA GA 30303

GUEST PREACHER
REV. CHARMAIN PURVIS
Associate Minister, Big Bethel AMEC



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JESUS SAVES



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PROGRAM



SUNDAY, APRIL 20 | 9:00 AM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall

Rev. John Foster, Ph. D., Senior Pastor
Rev. Monica Jones, Christian Education Director
Everett Jolly, Church School Superintendent



Big Bethel AME Church School: Putting Families First while engaging them with others to learn about Jesus Christ.

ATTENTION

Parents and YPDerS!!

YPD Event Updates



Please review the information below regarding upcoming YPD events.



LOCAL YPD MEETING:

Saturday, April 26TH
following choir rehearsal
(approximately 12:00 PM) in
the Fellowship Hall.



ANCG YPD Annual Day:

Saturday, May 17TH
starting at 9:00am at
St. Philip AME Church



CDMCCEREMONY:

Saturday, May 11TH
at 2:00pm (must confirm)
at St. Philip AME Church



Connectional Leadership Training Institute July 11-13

at Marriott Marquis (we will discuss
attendance at the local meeting)

Thank You,
Clarissa Carmichael

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BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH



Resurrection Sunday

SUNRISE WORSHIP 6AM

RESURRECTION
WORSHIP 10 AM

APRIL 20TH



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



Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell
Presiding Prelate, Sixth Episcopal District



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Join Us



**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**EDGE-CANNON
ANNUAL LAY DAY**

4.27.2025

GUEST SPEAKER:



Sis. Alfreda Brooks, President
Sixth Episcopal District Lay Organization

BIG BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

CALLING ALL SINGERS

for the
ANNUAL LAY DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 @10



CHOIR REHEARSAL TIMES

APRIL 19, 2025 @ 11AM

APRIL 24, 2025 @ 7PM

APRIL 26, 2025 @ 10AM

Bro. Cornelius Pettway: Director

Jeremy Johnson Minister of Music

ALL ARE INVITED TO BRING A JOYFUL NOISE

Reverend John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor
220 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone number (404) 827-9707 Fax Number (404) 223-3060

