

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

*"So the Last
will be First, and
the First will be
Last."*

Matthew 20:16

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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176th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF

Christian Ed Month

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: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the Lord!” Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! (Psalm 122:1-2)

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God; I will seek your good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells. (Psalm 26:8)

People: But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! I will sing of loyalty and of justice, to you, O Lord, I will sing. (Psalm 98:1,4)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....AME HYMN #226– Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
3. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

The Invocation

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....MUSICAL GUEST: WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTUREPhilippians 1:21-28

Minister: ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

People: ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer.

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTUREPhilippians 1:21-28

Minister: ²³ **I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;**

People: ²⁴ **but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.**

Minister: ²⁵ **Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,**

People: ²⁶ **so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.**

Minister: ²⁷ **Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,**

ALL: ²⁸ **and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.**

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 BIG BETHEL MINISTRY MOMENT: NEW MEMBERS RECOGNITION

NEW MEMBERS MINISTRY

THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION

KWANZA SOL DANCE MINISTRY

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC.....MUSICAL GUEST: WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE

**THE MESSAGE.....REV. ANDREA LEWIS, PH.D.,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SENIOR PASTOR**

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.....Rev. Andrea Lewis, Ph.D.,

THE STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

THE WORSHIP IN GIVING: TITHES & OFFERING

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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



THE BENEDICTION

REV. ANDREA LEWIS, PH.D.



****VISITORS MAY REGISTER THEIR ATTENDANCE ONLINE ON THE BIG BETHEL GUEST REGISTRATION FORM. THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US AND FEEL FREE TO COME AGAIN!!!!**



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



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
September 24, 2023	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16



JOB VACANCY

Position Title – Courtesy Officer

Pay Rate – \$11.00 Per Hour

Work Schedule – Saturday's – 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Weekday Evenings & Sunday's Periodically

General Responsibilities– Open & Close Church, Monitor Parking Lot & Fellowship Hall, Assist Member's, Other Duties as Assigned

Qualifications – Successful Completion of Interview and Background Check

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