



**Big Bethel AME Church**

# **GIVE THANKS**

**WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!!**

*Happy Thanksgiving*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022**

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# **Welcome to Big Bethel AME Church • Atlanta**

## **THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Thursday, November 24, 2022- 10:00AM**

### **The Praise and Worship**

#### **The Doxology**

*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.*

#### **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)

#### **Hymn of Praise..... #576 We Gather Together**

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing; sing praises to His Name, He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord wast at our side-- the glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader in battle, and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, make us free

## **The Invocation**

## **The Worship Through Music**

## **The Responsive Scripture**

**“Thanksgiving”**

**Minister:** This Thanksgiving let us be reminded of the many blessings we have been given.

**People:** I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. -Psalm 9:1

**Minister:** This Thanksgiving let us look back on the year we have had and surrender all -knowing God is in control of the steps we take.

**People:** The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!" -Psalm 50:23

**Minister:** My God, I thank you for the good and the bad times knowing each season of life can draw me closer to you.

**People:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. -Philippians 4:6

**Minister:** Today, no matter what my circumstances are, I say thank you for another day that I may draw a breath to praise you for what you have done.

**People:** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! -Psalm 105:1-2

**All:** I have held back long enough. I have made it about me. Not anymore. I step aside and want to catch a glimpse of your majesty; of your glory.

## **The Welcome To Big Bethel**

**Philippian Ministry**

## **The Worship Through Music**

## **The Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Lairalaine Morgan White**  
Associate Minister—BBAMEC

**\*\*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!!!!**

## **The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

## **The Benediction**

## **The Worship Through Giving: Tithes & Offering**





# 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

## DEC 4, 11, & 18 Gifts of Warmth

Our brothers and sisters who are unhoused will appreciate your gifts of new apparel, i.e. underwear, hats, socks, gloves, sweaters, blankets as well as gently used coats. GIFTS OF WARMTH boxes will be placed at the entrances to the sanctuary for your donation.  
Contact: Gwen Langley, 404-643-3640

## 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

## COHFC Love Offering

Your special financial contribution will be given on behalf of Big Bethel to social agencies that serve our community. There are several ways to make a donation; the offering envelope, online at GIVE, (go to tithe, scroll to COHFC), and Cash APP.

We pray that peace, love, and joy will be yours throughout this Advent season.  
COME ON HOME FOR CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE