

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH



Reflecting on the Coming of Christ
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 11, 2022

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

THE PRELUDE

BRO. PHILIP 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.....God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen –Traditional English Carol

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas Day to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same, how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. [Refrain]

3. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and in true love and fellowship each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas is filled with heav'nly grace. [Refrain]

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

JOHNSON-SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 35:1-8

Minister:1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus astray.

People: ² it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Minister: ³ **Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.**

People: ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Minister: ⁵ **Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;**

People: ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Minister: ⁷ **the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.**

ALL: ⁸ **A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go**
THE PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE (IN THE TUNE OF #258)

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

THE GLORIA PATRI.....#626
*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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE ~JOYBRO. MORGAN & SIS. KATHERINE JOHNSON &
DAUGHTER KENLEIGH

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL PHILIPPIN MINISTRY

THE PASTOR’S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC JOHNSON–SCHOFIELD MALE CHOIR

THE SERMON.....DR. MONICA C. JONES, PH.D.,
BIG BETHEL VILLAGE CHAPLAIN &CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE BENEDICTION

THE TITHES & OFFERING ON DEPARTURE!!!!

****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!!**



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS



Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

First reading

[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

Second reading

[James 5:7-10](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 146:5-10](#) or [Luke 1:46b-55](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

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

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Bro. Horace Ford (770) 478-3013

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Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705

Sis. Deborah Stephens-Lattimore (678) 945-4001

Bro. Don Stewart (678) 289-2579

Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

Congratulations!!



BIG BETHEL'S OWN

Jeffrey L. Robinson

The late *Jeffrey L. Robinson* received the **Ivan Allen, Sr. Award** from American Institute of Architects Atlanta Chapter. This is the highest honor awarded by AIA Atlanta. The ceremony was held Nov. 17th, 2022 at the Fox Theater in the Egyptian Ballroom.

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

A Come On Home for Christmas Event

BIG BETHEL AME 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 SKERRET JR., | SENIOR PIPE ORGANIST**

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

3rd QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Monday, December 12, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Our 3rd Quarterly Conference will be held via Zoom. Meeting ID: 814 5694 7461

Passcode 788962 One tap mobile +16468769923, 81456947461, 788962#

Please come out and participate in the business of your church.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81456947461?pwd=RnhOdIY1eTJ3ZkxodVU3SzduZUpKdz09>



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

Planning Meeting for the

149th Atlanta North Annual Conference

will be held on

Monday, December 19, 2022 6:00 pm

Zoom Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/667468359?pwd=YjRXc1JISzRsMk1vVjBRaXc2NlZCdz09>

Meeting ID: 667 468 359

Passcode: 081485

Using Telephone: 1-301-715-8592,,667468359#,,,081485#

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DECEMBER 11, 2022~ 10:30-AM—2:30PM

Big Bethel AME Church Fellowship Hall
220 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Pre-registration is suggested, but not required:

Send the following information to: egarcia@mercyatlanta.org

1. Name
2. Date of Birth
3. Phone number

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Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial

An event honoring those who died while homeless in 2022

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 –

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Mercy Care Decatur Street
424 Decatur St. SE Atlanta, GA 30312

The winter solstice on Wednesday, December 21, celebrates the longest hours of darkness and the rebirth of the sun. It is believed to hold a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal and self-reflection. The date also falls within the Christian season of Advent, which celebrates the promise of light over darkness. Across the country, memorials take place on or around the winter solstice to reflect on the plight of those who have no home in which to take shelter and to remember those who died while homeless during the year. We hope you will join us in person this year.

Big Bethel A.M.E.
Church School Christmas Program and Debate
December 18, 2022 8:45-10:00
Big Bethel Fellowship Hall

Debate Topic:
Jesus Is
The Reason for
the Season



Pastor John Foster, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor

10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people Luke 2:10.

YPD
Needs
Your
Help!!

Please Support the Big Bethel A.M.E. Church YPD!

We are raising funds to attend the Young People's & Children's Division (YPD) Quadrennial Convention in July 2023! Your support will allow our youth to gain exposure to the connecational church, worship with denominational members from around the world, and experience the sites of Orlando.

Visit https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Big_Bethel_A_M_E_Church_YPD to purchase a gift card. Gift cards may be used to purchase any Honey Baked Ham item. Share the link with your family, friends and neighbors! Honey Baked Ham is the perfect addition to your Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day meal.



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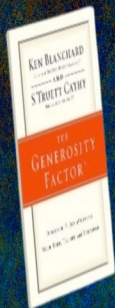
Church Contact info:

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Rev. John Foster, Ph.D. Pastor
Rev. Andrea Lewis, Ph.D Fundraiser Coordinator
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Phone: (404)827-9707

Thrive END OF SEMESTER SERVICE @2PM

12.11.22

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Thrive Virtual SMALL GROUP

Every other Tuesday @ 7pm Thrive hosts book study.
This session we are reading "The Generosity Factor" by
Ken Blanchard & S. Truett Cathy.

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Next Sessions:

11/29/22, 12/13/22 & 12/27/22



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Thrive

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH | @BIGBETHELTHRIVES

Presents:


Christmas Day

VIRTUAL SERVICE



**SUNDAY
25TH
DECEMBER**

2PM

 Live on Facebook,
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GUEST PREACHER
Rev. Dr. Curry F. Butler, Jr



Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakMrrVM9uae7K5w6g>

BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings

Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

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Tuesday 7PM

Women's Bible Study

Zoom ID: 406 713 1874
(312) 626-6799, access
code 4067131874#

Wednesday Noon & 6 PM Bible Study

Rev. Monica Jones, PhD.
202-926-1123

Code: 673674#

Big Bethel Village Bible Study Monday 4PM

202- 926-1123 Code:
673674#

Big Bethel Village Worship Sunday 3PM

202-926-1123
Code 673674#



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM

Adult Sunday School 8:30AM
605-472-5512 Code:772576#
ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84725186793?pwd=NzRlRGlnNmVYY0RzRFY2VzV6IGt1MlZzOQ>

**Big Bethel Saturday
School 12:30 -2:00PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82182945727?pwd=K2NBbkxkMNhDSVpoWEdlZFhDYzNjZz09>



Isaiah 43: 19 See, I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

NEW

Prayer Call

6AM Mon-Sat
605-472-5512
Code: 772576#

Wednesday 7PM Discipleship Bible Study

605-472-5512
Code: 772576#

Youth Church 2nd & 3rd Sundays 12:30PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

775-4987-0483

Password: YEr10W

Youth Sunday School 8:30AM

Email Everett Jolly
jolly@comcast.net

During this season of Covid-19, Don't miss your opportunity to receive God's Blessings!