



*Third Sunday of Advent*

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

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# WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

## 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

**THE PRELUDE**

**BRO. KELVIN THOMPSON**

**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.....AMEC Hymn #106 — O Come, All Ye Faithful**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:

**REFRAIN:** O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright host of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **REFRAIN**

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in the flesh appearing; **REFRAIN**

**THE INVOCATION**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

**BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY**

**THE RESPONSIVE Scripture**

**Philippians 4: 4-7**

**Minister: <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.**

**The Responsive Scripture (Continued).....Philippians 4: 4-7**

People: <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Minister: <sup>6</sup> **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

All: <sup>7</sup> **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**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**

*Hear what Christ our Savior said: "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 hang all the law and the prophets".*

**THE GLORIA PATRI.....AME HYMN #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 –JOY**

**Jammy Parker and Bruce Howard  
TRINITY HOUSE—BIG BETHEL**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE:**

**AME HYMN #102**

O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel.  
That mourns in lonely exile here; Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel Shall come to thee , O Israel.

**THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL**

**PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION**

**SIGNS OF PRAISE MIME MINISTRY**

**THE PASTOR'S WORDS**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

**BABCOCK-YOUNG VOICES OF UNITY**

**THE SERMON.....PASTOR JOHN FOSTER**

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING TITHES & OFFERING

THE HOLY BAPTISM

THE BENEDICTION



**\*\*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**

	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>December 15, 2024</b>	<b>First reading</b>  <a href="#">Zephaniah 3:14-20</a>	<b>Psalm</b>  <a href="#">Isaiah 12:2-6</a>
		<b>Second reading</b>  <a href="#">Philippians 4:4-7</a>	<b>Gospel</b>  <a href="#">Luke 3:7-18</a>

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

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**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY**

presents

# *We Three Kings*



*A  
Sunday School  
Christmas Program*

**AT 11:30 AM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

*~ Fellowship Hall ~*  
220 Auburn Ave. NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Rev. John Foster, Ph.D., Senior Pastor  
Rev. Monica C. Jones, Ph.D., Christian Education Director  
Bro. Everett Jolly, Sunday School Superintendent  
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*Join Us!*

**DURING THIS GOHFC SEASON  
REMEMBER *Emily's Haven***

### **THINGS NEEDED**

- Smaller sized women's clothing (4-12)
- Undergarments (bras, panties, camis)
- Travel sized toiletries
- Shoes (sneakers, flats)
- Food cards



welcomed



**Happy  
Holidays!**

**BE A LIGHT!! HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Contact Rev. Joyce Young or Cornelia Jordan



# ROBERT L. MASON JR.

## *Candlelight Memorial*

On one of the longest and coldest nights of the year, we come together in love and compassion to celebrate the lives of those we have lost from experiencing homelessness in DeKalb and Fulton Counties.

December 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

424 Decatur Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30312

Parking on site

*Refreshments and gifts of warmth will be distributed at the conclusion of the program.*

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



*Thrive* **THRIVE MINISTRY**  
Rev. Jessica Buford, Thrive Young Adult & College Ministry Director

# MILLENNIAL

## W O R S H I P E X P E R I E N C E

*A Thrive Takeover!*

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 29TH

10:00AM



**GUEST PREACHER**  
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**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
ON THE AVE

2025

# WATCH NIGHT

# W O R S H I P

DECEMBER 31, 2024

10:00 PM

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# Come On Home For Christmas

## NOV. 24 & DEC. 1 THE GIVING TREE

Please select a gift request card from the tree for a child in foster care. We ask that gifts be brought to the church on Sunday, Dec. 1st. Or Dec. 8th.

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

## NOV. 24 & DEC. 1 POINSETTIAS FOR LOVED ONES

Our sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias purchased by you for \$10.00, in memory/ honor of a loved ones.

Contact: Shelley Webster, Shelley@shelleywebster.com

## DECEMBER. 8 COHFC ANNUAL CONCERT 4:00 PM.

Come, be inspired by glorious musical renditions from the music and arts ministry and bring a guest with you. A fellowship reception will be held following the concert.

## DECEMBER. 15 GIFTS OF WARMTH

Let us remember our unhoused brothers and sisters during winter season with gifts of socks, knit hats, gloves, jackets and other items of clothing. Please place your gifts in designated boxes in the sanctuary.

Contact: Gwen Langley, 404-643-3640

## DECEMBER 15 SICK AND SHUT IN, CAREGIVERS RECOGNITION

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

Contact: Gloria Gaston, gloriagaston@gmail.com

## COHFC LOVE OFFERING

This special offering will be used to give a contribution on behalf of big bethel to organizations that serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters. There are several ways to make a donation: offering envelope, online at give, and cash app