

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

LOVE



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2022

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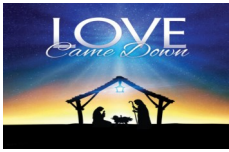
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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

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 #115 — Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled" Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ by highest heaven adored Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come Offspring of the Virgin's womb .Veiled in flesh the Godhead see hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel **[Refrain]**

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth. **[Refrain:]**

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BIG BETHEL PRAISE ENSEMBLE

THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

ROMANS 1:1-7

Minister:¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

The Responsive Scripture (Continued).....Romans 1:1-7

People: ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,

Minister: ³ **the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh**

People: ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Minister: ⁵ **through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,**

People: ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

All: ⁷ **To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 –LOVE **DR. STANLEY & DR. SHARON PRITCHETT**

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL **PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY**

THE PASTOR’S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC **BIG BETHEL PRAISE ENSEMBLE**

THE SERMON.....PASTOR JOHN FOSTER

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!!**



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

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Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS



Third Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

First reading

[Isaiah 7:10-16](#)

Second reading

[Romans 1:1-7](#)

Psalm

[Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

*Thank
You*



CHARLES MOORE

12/2/22

I just want to thank you, Pastor Foster, Sister Mary Ann and the Big Bethel Family for going out of your way to help me make the celebration of my 99th Birthday a joyous occasion. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry at Big Bethel. The memory of the occasion will remain with me always.

Sincerely, Bro C. Moore


BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH ON THE AVE

WATCHNIGHT WORSHIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022
11:00PM – 12:00AM

**JOIN US FOR
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PREACHING, PRAYER
AND FELLOWSHIP**

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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