



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024

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WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA
10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 22, 2024

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BRO. PHILLIP SKERRITT 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: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.” This is the good news: the Anointed Messiah has come, and with him is the triumph of redeeming love. (Is. 9:2)

People: Thanks be to God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus, the light in darkness and hope of the world, whom you have sent to save humanity.

Minister: “And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” His name shall be called Immanuel, meaning, “God with us.” (Lk. 2:7)

People: “Do not be afraid, for I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people: for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord,” (Lk 2:10-11)

Minister: With all the angels, we praise your name, and tell the world the wondrous story of your birth.

All: “Sweet little Jesus boy, born in a manger, Sweet little holy child, We didn’t know who you were.”

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

AME Hymn #109 - O Little Town Of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!
3. O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel! Amen

THE INVOCATION

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

BEARDEN-SCOTT YOUTH CHOIR

Minister: ⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

People: ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Minister: 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.

People: ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Minister: ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

All: ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men?”

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.....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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - LOVE MR. & MRS. TONY & DELAINE JONES

THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL.....PHILIPPIN MINISTRY

THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION KWANZA SOL DANCE MINISTRY

THE PASTOR’S WORDS

THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC BEARDEN-SCOTT YOUTH CHOIR

THE SERMON.....REV. EVVY JONES
ASSOCIATE MINISTER BBAMEC

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE GIVING APPEAL THE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY GIVING COMMITTEE

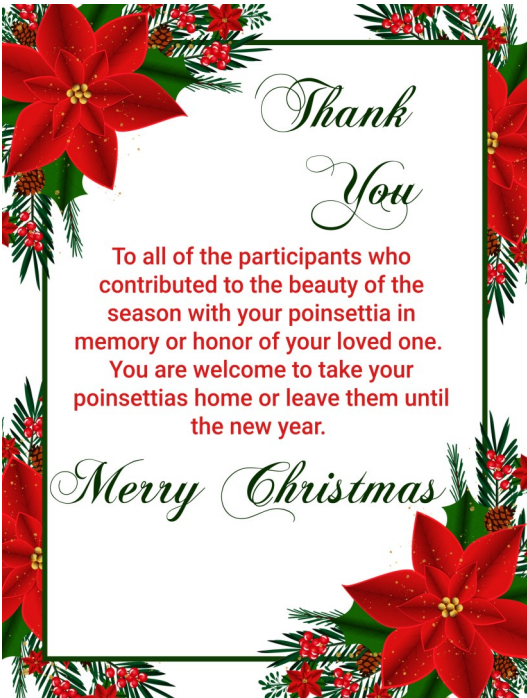
THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP READING

Matthew 2:11

¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

THE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: TITHES & OFFERINGS

THE BENEDICTION



PERSONS SERVING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes	~~~~~	Stewards	Lisa Whigham
Choir	Bearden-Scott Youth Choir Nicole Chapman /Racquel Battle Co-Directors	Ushers	Usherette Board #3
Philippians	Maia Steele	AV Ministry	Brandon Collins & Phyllisloreana Smiley
Stewardesses	~~~~~	Finance Team	Dr. Stanley Pritchett & Ed Jones
Trustees	Bro. Floyd Baxter & Bro Keith Burnett		

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

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
December 22, 2024	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

****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!!**



IN LOVING MEMORY



Alexander Lloyd Walke, Jr.
1953-2024

Thank You

Dear Big Bethel Family

It has been so meaningful for you to share in our grief and support us at the funeral. Losing a loved one is never easy, so we are deeply grateful for your words of comfort and prayers. Your acts of kindness and care have been like a refreshing wind to our saddened spirits. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue to navigate through this valley of bereavement.

Again, Thank you

Phyllislorena Smiley and the Walke Family

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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



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Thrive

New Year's Eve day
Service

2025

Where: big bethel sanctuary
When: 12/31/24
Time: 5 pm



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BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
ON THE AVE

2025
WATCH NIGHT
WORSHIP
DECEMBER 31, 2024
11:00 PM

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