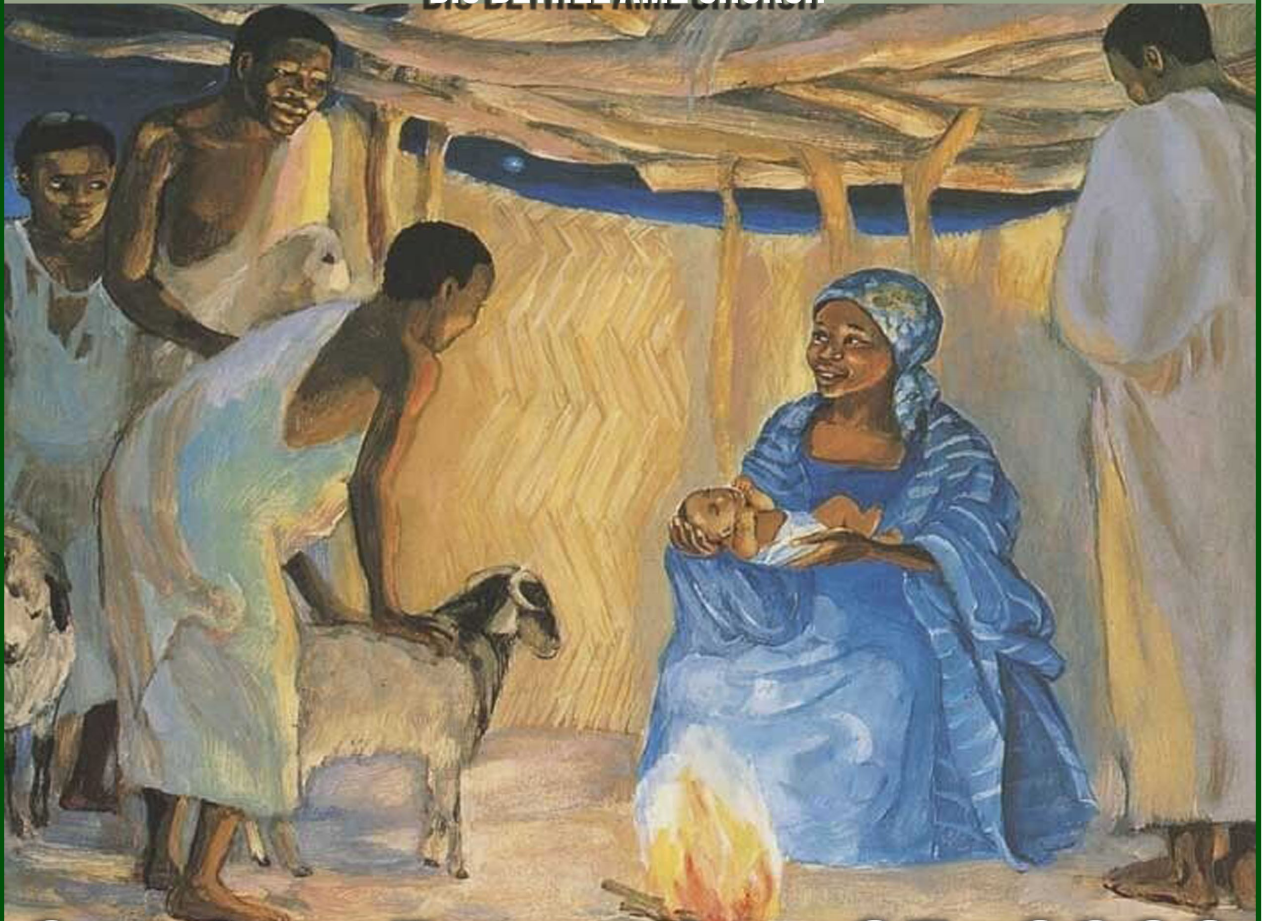


**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**



**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**“Unto us a Child is Born”**

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# WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH • ATLANTA

## 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### DECEMBER 25, 2022



**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:** 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**

#### **AME Hymn #121 - O Holy Night**

1. O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Savior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

**Refrain:** Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born. O night divine! O night, O night divine!

2. Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the wise men from Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our friend; [Refrain]

3. Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name! [Refrain]

#### **THE INVOCATION**

**The Worship Through Music**

**Big Bethel Combined Choirs**

#### **THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Minister:** <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

**THE RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE (CONTINUED)**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

People: <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

Minister: <sup>4</sup> **For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.**

People: <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

Minister: <sup>6</sup> **For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

ALL: <sup>7</sup> **His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

**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 - CHRIST**

**THE WELCOME TO BIG BETHEL.....PHILIPPIAN MINISTRY**

**THE PASTOR'S WORDS**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION** **KWANZA SOL DANCE MINISTRY**

**THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** **BIG BETHEL COMBINED CHOIRS**

**THE SERMON.....REV. CHARMAIN PURVIS**  
**SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SENIOR PASTOR**

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**



**THE FEAST OF LOVE.....HOSTED BY THE MINISTERIAL STAFF**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE ..... HYMN # 185—OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS (THERE IS A NAME )**

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

**Refrain:** O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!



THE READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

THE PRAYER

THE LOVE FEAST      "I NEED YOU TO SURVIVE" (H. WALKER)

PASTOR /MINISTERIAL STAFF/STEWARDESSES

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!!**



**Come On Home For  
Christmas~2022**

**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**

**ALL MEMORIAL  
POINSETTIAS  
should be picked up  
TODAY!!**

Any plants left behind will  
be donated.

*Thank You!!*  
**for your participation in this  
2022 Come On Home For Christmas  
activity!!**



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



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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Nativity of the Lord - Proper I</u>	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
December 25, 2022	<a href="#">Isaiah 9:2-7</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 96</a>	<a href="#">Titus 2:11-14</a>	<a href="#">Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)</a>

## ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!!



**P L A N N I N G**

**Planning Meeting  
for the  
149th Atlanta North  
Annual Conference  
will be held on  
Monday, January 9,  
2023 6:00 pm**

### Zoom Information:

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

Meeting ID: 667 468 359

Passcode: 081485

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

# Join Us @2:00PM



Join Us for **Watch Night** Worship @ **4PM**—December 31, 2022

*Peace  
on  
Earth*

*May the peace and hope of  
Christ's birth  
be with you now and in the days ahead...*



BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH ON THE AVE

# WATCHNIGHT WORSHIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

11:00PM – 12:00AM

JOIN US FOR  
SINGING, TESTIMONY,  
PREACHING, PRAYER  
AND FELLOWSHIP

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## Weekly 10AM Sunday Worship

[www.bigbethelame.org](http://www.bigbethelame.org) WATCH LIVE  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakMryvM9uae7K5w6g>

# BBAMEC VIRTUAL Blessings

## Weekly 2PM Sunday Thrive Next Shift Worship

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUugvakMryvM9uae7K5w6g>



## 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/84725186792?pwd=NzRlRGlnNmVYY0R5RFRY2VZV6Z09MzZ09>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82182945727?pwd=K2NBbkxMNhDSVpoWEEdZFhDYzNjZz09>



## 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  
joll@comcast.net

**Isaiah43: 19** See, I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

**NEW**

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