

**Sunday  
Nov  
30**

**First Sunday of Advent**



# HOPE

**CELEBRATING CHRIST'S TIME OF ARRIVAL**



**70 Years Later  
Remembering Rosa Parks'  
Courage and Legacy (1955–2025)**

**Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**

The Right Reverend Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Prelate, 6th Episcopal District

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to  
**BIG BETHEL**

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**Worship Times:**  
**10:00 am Traditional**  
**2:00 pm Contemporary**

**Pastor Jay and**  
**Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine**

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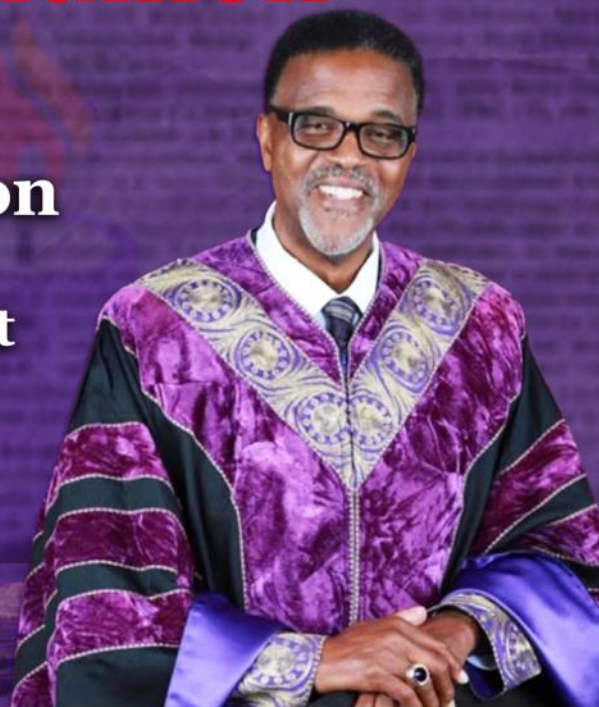
Big Bethel AME Church  
**Sunday, December 07, 2025**  
**at 10:00 AM EST**

Second Sunday of Advent



# Peace & Holy Communion

Guest Preacher  
**Bishop Gregory V. Eason**  
Presiding Prelate  
Twentieth Episcopal District



Celebrating  
**Alpha Phi Alpha's**  
Founders' Day

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**The Order of Liturgy - November 30, 2025**  
**The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine**  
**Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist**

Worship in Music .....The Big Bethel Mass Choir  
Sister Tamika Kelly, Director

The Doxology ..... All Worshipers (standing)

The Opening Hymn .....AME Hymn # 364 My Hope Is Built.....The Reverend D'Marquis Allen

The Prayer of Invocation .....The Reverend Allen  
(Prayer Chant)

The Responsive Scripture Reading .....(Isaiah 2:1-5) .....Sister Joi Stinson

Leader:       <sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

**People:**       <sup>2</sup> **In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.**

Leader:       <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

**People:**       <sup>4</sup> **He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall eat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.**

**ALL:**       <sup>5</sup> **O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

Worship in Music .....The Big Bethel Mass Choir  
Sister Kelly, Director

Lighting Of the Advent Candle—HOPE  
The Moore Family—Charles Moore,  
Tallulah Moore Ragsdale, & Tracy Ragsdale

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.

Welcome to Big Bethel.....Brother Jory Young  
(*Everybody, Hug Somebody*)

The Announcements ..... Sister Racquel Battle

The Pastor's Perspective ..... The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine  
Senior Pastor, Big Bethel AME Church

Worship in Giving.....The Reverend Jessica Buford



The Choral Response.....**All Things Come of Thee**.....AME Hymn #644  
 “All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee”. Amen

The Song of Preparation.....The Big Bethel Mass Choir  
Sister Kelly, Director

The Proclaimed Word ..... **"My Help and My Hope"** ..... Pastor Jay Augustine  
(Jeremiah 33:14-16, NRSVUE)

The Invitation .....The Reverend Jessica Buford

The Doxology and Benediction .....Pastor Jay Augustine



## ~Sermon Notes~

“...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church...” Matthew 16:18

### Points/Topics:

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**Visitors, please register your attendance on the Big Bethel Guest Registration Form by scanning the QR code to the right. Thank you for worshipping with us. You are always welcome!!!!**





Big Bethel AME Church

**Dec  
14**

**6:00 pm  
Meet & Greet**

**7:00pm  
Show time**

**Featuring**

**Marcus  
Johnson**  
Jazz Musician

**Save the Date**

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# Thrive



## Let's Connect!

### THE WHAT...

A College and  
Young Adult  
Ministry

### THE WHEN...

Next Shift  
Worship EVERY  
Sunday @ 2pm

### THE WHERE...

Across from GSU  
Commons  
Big Bethel AME Church  
220 Auburn Ave NE Atlanta, GA 30303

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Contact: Rev. Jessica Buford  
[JBUFORD@BIGBETHELAME.ORG](mailto:JBUFORD@BIGBETHELAME.ORG)

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WORSHIP FOLLOW-UP



EVERY OTHER  
TUESDAY  
@ 7PM

FOR MORE DETAILS  
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## JOIN US FOR



## SMALL GROUP

Location: Zoom

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87238857567>



Christmas on the Ave

## Come on Home for Christmas

**ALL DECEMBER, COHFC A LOVE OFFERING**

**This offering will be used to make a contribution, on behalf of Big Bethel, to organizations serving the less fortunate. There are several ways to donate: offering envelopes, the kiosk, and Cash App**



**Sun  
Nov. 30  
&  
Sun  
Dec. 7**

### 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, December 7th or December 14th

contact: Jacquelyn Jones 678-642-0562, or Tawanna Jones 678-662-7141

**Sun  
Nov. 30  
&  
Sun  
Dec. 7**

### Poinsettias for loved ones

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

Contact: Shelley Webster, shelly@shelleywebster.com

**Sun  
Dec. 14**

### Gifts of Warmth

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

contact: Gwen Langley 404-643-3640, or gloria Howard 678-485-8850

**Sun  
Dec. 14**

### 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: Jackie Washington 404-808-6485 or Carolyn Smith 678-641-8251

**Sun  
Dec. 21**

### 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.

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*Christmas on the Ave*  
**A Come on Home for Christmas Event**

*"A Soulful  
Christmas at  
Big Bethel"*

**Save the Date**  
**Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm**

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# GIVING TUESDAY



## December 2, 2025

Join Big Bethel AME Church in the spirit of generosity this  
Giving Tuesday!

Your gift helps support our Outreach and Benevolent  
Ministries, providing hope, help, and healing to those in need.

♥ We will gladly provide the necessary paperwork for matching funds  
through your corporation — doubling the impact of your gift!

Let's give together and make this season brighter for our  
community!



**BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
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*Join us for*  
**NEW MEMBERS  
COMPLETION SATURDAY**

Dates : November 22, 2025,  
December 13, 2025  
8:45 AM - 2:00PM



Registration

All classes offered with Recognition Service in  
December. You may register by scanning the QR  
Code or go to Member Resources on the church  
website and click the Discipleship New Members  
registration button.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Daily Morning Prayer Call (1-605-472-5512 Access Code:772576#).....	Monday - Saturday, 6:00 - 6:30 am
Church School.....	8:45 am
Traditional Worship Service .....	10:00 am
Contemporary Worship Service (THRIVE Next Shift) .....	2:00 pm
Big Bethel Village Worship By Phone 202-962-1123 673604#.....	3:00pm Sundays
Wednesday Virtual Bible Study (ID: 847 251 8679 Password: adultclass).....	12:00 noon and 6:00pm
Love Feast.....	8:00 am Saturday before First Sunday
Holy Communion.....	First Sundays
Discipleship New Members Class.....	8:45 am 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
Baptism.....	As Announced

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Monday.....	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Tuesday—Friday.....	10:00 am—4:30 pm

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Big Bethel Mass Choir .....	Wednesday @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before First Sunday
Johnson-Schofield Men's Choir.....	2 Saturdays before Second Sunday
Babcock-Young Voices of Unity/Big Bethel Chorale.....	Wednesday @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before Third Sunday
Bearden-Scott Youth Choir.....	2 Saturdays before Fourth Sunday
Big Bethel Praise Ensemble.....	2 Thursdays @7:00 pm and Saturday before Fourth Sunday

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