Sunday
November
29

First Sunday of Advent

HOPE

"Waiting on Jesus"

Isaiah 64:1-4, NRSVUE



Preacher
Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor Big Bethel AME Church

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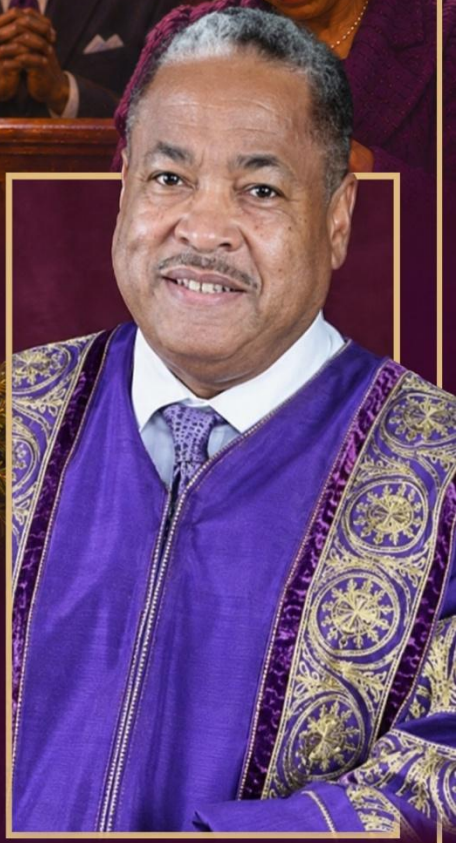

Welcome To
Big
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"The City Hall of Sweet Auburn"
Worship Times:
10:00 am Traditional
2:00 pm Contemporary
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Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

PEACE

Sunday, December 06, 2026
@10:00 AM



Guest Preacher

Bishop Vernon R. Byrd Jr.

Presiding Prelate

Seventeenth Episcopal District



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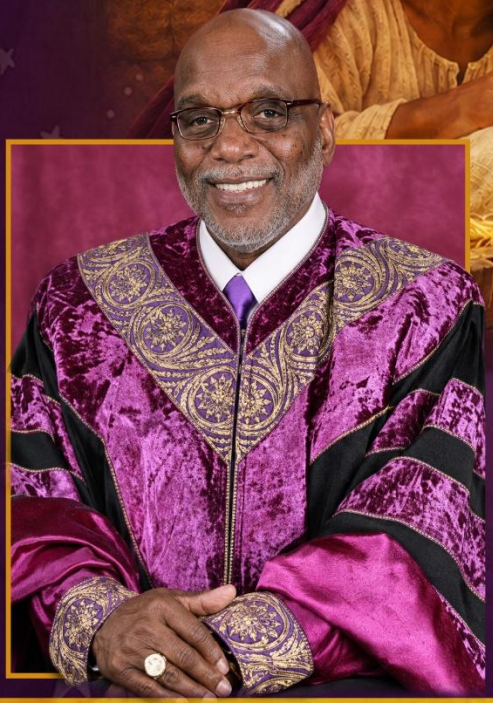
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

LOVE

Sunday, December 20, 2026
@10:00 AM



Guest Preacher

Bishop Jeffery B. Cooper Sr.
Presiding Prelate
Thirteenth & Eighteenth Episcopal District

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The Order of Liturgy
Sunday, November 29, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Presiding Liturgist

Worship in Music……..…….....….…….....The Big Bethel Young Adult Ensemble
Brother Cornelius Pettway, Director

The Doxology……..……..…..……..AME Hymn #69……..All Worshipers (standing)
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 Opening Hymn.....AME Hymn #106 O, Come All Ye Faithful.....The Reverend Charmain R. Purvis

The Prayer of Invocation.....Licentiate Ariel Nash
(Prayer chant)

Worship in Music.....The Big Bethel Young Adult Ensemble

The Responsive Scripture Reading.....1 Corinthians 1:3-9.....The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins

Minister: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: 4 I give thanks to my[a] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

Minister: 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—

People: 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—

Minister: 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Candle—HOPE.....Sister Delores Turner, Sister Karen Stephens & Sister McKenzie Stephens

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 Big Bethel Ministry Moment.....Come On Home For Christmas

The Announcements and Welcome to Big Bethel.....Sister Kimberly D. Eason, Sr., Esq.
(Everybody, Hug Somebody)

The Pastor's Perspective.....Pastor Jay Augustine

Christian Stewardship Worship in Giving.....The Reverend Jessica N. 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

Worship in Music.....The Big Bethel Young Adult Ensemble

The Proclaimed Word....."Waiting on Jesus" .....Pastor Jay Augustine
(Isaiah 64:1-4, NRSVUE)

The Invitation.....The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey L. Streator

The Doxology……AME Hymn #69……...All Worshipers (standing)
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The Benediction……..…….…….....…… Pastor Jay

~Sermon Notes~

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

Points/Topics:

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!!!!

VISITOR REGISTRATION

GIVING TUESDAY

December 1, 2026



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!

WAYS TO GIVE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

Givelify | Zelle | Pushpay | Giving App | Text to Give | In-Service | Kiosk | Mail

bigbethelame.org/giving-resources

BIG BETHEL FOOD PANTRY

Give a Blessing!

Help us spread love and compassion to our unhoused neighbors.

Share the warmth and joy of the holidays through the gift of giving.

How to Give

Shop our Amazon Wish List

Scan the code, select an item, and purchase it to support the outreach.

Donate food at the pantry

Bring ready-to-eat, non-perishable food on Sundays, November 29–December 13, 2026, after worship service.

DEC 13
Blessing Bag Preparation
Sunday, December 13, 2026
Immediately following worship service
Big Bethel Food Pantry

DEC 19
Community Blessing Bag Distribution
Saturday, December 19, 2026
10 AM–2 PM
Bethel Food Pantry

North Atlanta District Advent

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Theme: United in Love & Hope

1 Corinthians 13:13....."And now these three remain: faith, hope, & love. But the greatest of these is love"

Rev. Kimberly McMichael
Presiding Elder of
North Atlanta District



Sunday
November 29, 2026
3:00 PM.

Location:
Marietta Chapel A.M.E. Church
312 Rigby Street
Marietta, GA. 30060
(770) 428-8079

Thank you, pastors, for all of your hard, dedicated, sacrificial, and passionate work that you offer to God to bring Heaven to earth. Now may the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords repay you according to your sacrifice. May this week be one of peace and renewal.

Rev. Dr. Hope Sims Sutton
Host Pastor- Marietta Chapel A.M.E. Church



Rev. Carla Gaines, JD.
Pastor Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church
Speaker

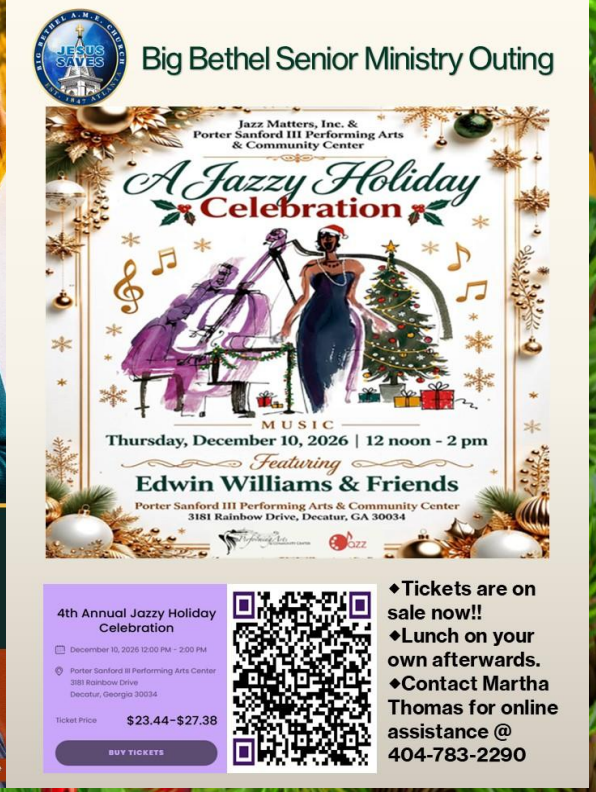


Advent Coordinator: Rev. Bridgette Hall


Advent 2026
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FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026
Immediately following morning worship service
THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION IS INVITED
1 ON THE MENU
Enjoy breakfast prepared by the Brothers of the Sons of Allen, with additional selections from Hudson Grille.
2 WHY WE'RE GATHERING
Show your support for the young men of E.L.I.T.E. and the Sons of Allen as they mentor and develop the next generation of leaders.
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2027 MEDICARE COVERAGE ALERT
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE
IS YOUR PLAN ENDING?
Some plans will end December 31, 2026.
If your plan ends and you don't choose another Medicare Advantage plan, you'll return to Original Medicare. Without separate drug coverage, you could pay out of pocket for prescriptions starting in January.
ABOUT 3.1 MILLION
people nationwide are enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans with drug coverage that are ending.
CALL THE NUMBER ON YOUR PLAN CARD TODAY
Ask whether your plan will continue in 2027. If it ends, compare plans with drug coverage. Enroll by December 7 for coverage starting January 1. If you miss that date, ask Medicare about a Special Enrollment Period.
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Sources Medicare.gov and KFF analysis of CMS data (October 27, 2026)
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Big Bethel Senior Ministry Outing
Jazz Matters, Inc. & Porter Sanford III Performing Arts & Community Center
A Jazzy Holiday Celebration
MUSIC
Thursday, December 10, 2026 | 12 noon - 2 pm
Featuring
Edwin Williams & Friends
Porter Sanford III Performing Arts & Community Center
3181 Rainbow Drive, Decatur, GA 30034
4th Annual Jazzy Holiday Celebration
December 10, 2026 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
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Ticket Price $23.44–$27.38
BUY TICKETS
◆Tickets are on sale now!!
◆Lunch on your own afterwards.
◆Contact Martha Thomas for online assistance @ 404-783-2290

Please remember our sick and shut-in with calls and prayers

Sis. Patricia Coles (404) 254-4806
Rev. Betty Miley (770) 323-6841
Sis. Brenda Queen (404) 274-0705
Sis. Miriam Redding
Sis. Lillian Taylor (404) 284-6414

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Sunday of Advent	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
November 29, 2026	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Acolytes/ Stewards		**Altar Servers:** Brothers Marvin Fleming and Samuel Stephens	
Choir	The Big Bethel Young Adult Ensemble Brother Cornelius Pettway, Director	**Trustees**	Brother Floyd Baxter & Brother Keith Halford
Philippians	Sister Kimberly D. Eason, Sr., Esq.	**Ushers**	Usherette Board #1
Stewardesses	*Bussey-Watson Stewardess Ministry* Sisters Daphne Stowe & Frankie Akins	**AV Ministry**	Sister Phyllislorena Smiley & Brother Brandon Collins

Finance Team | Sisters Linda Williams, Juanita Aiken & Olivia Alston;
Brothers Tony Jones, & Bro. Joe Patterson

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The Reverend Monica C. Jones Ph.D., Director of Christian Education & Chaplain for Big Bethel Village
The Reverend Jessica N. Buford, Thrive College & Young Adult Ministry Director

Itinerant Elders

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
The Reverend Shrala R. Askin
The Reverend Jessica N. Buford
The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins
The Reverend Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.
The Reverend Jeffrey L. Streator, Ph.D.
The Reverend Dr. Lairalaine M. White

Itinerant Deacon

The Reverend Maurice P. Eckstein

Associate Minister

The Reverend Dr. Caarne L. White

Superannuates

The Reverend George Davis
The Reverend Bessie Donaldson
The Reverend Wilbert O. Hobbs

Local Elders

The Reverend Betty Miley
The Reverend Evelyn Jones
The Reverend Charmain R. Purvis
The Reverend Gwen Senatle

Licentiate

Sister Ariel Nash

Daily Morning Prayer Call (1-605-472-5512 Access Code:772576#) ……..….Monday – Saturday 6:00 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:941 4160 8101|Passcode:939 252| Phone +13052241968) ....12:30 pm and 6:00pm

Love Feast.....In-person on Thursdays before Communion Sunday at 6:30pm

Holy Communion .....First Sundays

Discipleship New Members Class……Monthly Specified Saturdays -TBA

Board of Stewards…..... 1st Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Board of Trustees..... 2nd Tuesdays 7:00 pm

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.....Tuesdays @ 7:00pm and Saturday @ 10:00am before 1st & 3rd Sunday

Johnson-Schofield Men's Choir.....Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays before Second Sunday

Bearden-Scott Youth Choir.....2nd Saturdays before Fourth Sunday

Big Bethel Praise Ensemble.....2nd Thursdays @ 7:00 pm and Saturday before Fourth Sunday



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