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# Worship Experience

## All Saints Day
## & Holy Communion

## "The Kingdom to Come and the Kingdom at Hand"

**Revelation 7:9–17**

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# The Order of Liturgy
## Sunday, November 1, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
**The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Presiding Liturgist**

Worship in Music……...……The Big Bethel Mass Choir
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 #77 Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing.....Licentiate Ariel Nash

The Prayer of Invocation…….....…The Reverend Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.
(Prayer chant)

Worship in Music……...The Big Bethel Mass Choir

The Responsive Scripture Reading..… I John 3:1-6, NRSVUE ….....The Reverend Shrala R. Askin

Minister: [1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

**People: [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.**

Minister: [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**People: [4] Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.**

Minister: [5] You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

**ALL: [6] No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.**

The Preface to the Decalogue…….AME Hymn #258
From all that dwells below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

The Decalogue…….....The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine

Minister: And God spake all these words, saying: I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the House of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Minister: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any-thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and the fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law**.

Minister: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law**.

Minister**:** Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shall not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is with-in thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law**.

My soul be on thy guard,
Ten thousand foes arise:
And hosts of sin are pressing hard,
To draw thee from the skies.

Minister: Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law**.

Minister: Thou shalt not kill.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Minister: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law**.

Minister: Thou shalt not steal.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Minister: Thou shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Minister: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

**People: Lord have mercy upon us and write these laws upon our heart.**

Nearer my God, to Thee! Nearer to Thee,
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Minister: Hear what Christ our Saviour saith, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Gloria Patri…….……AME Hymn #627
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Project 2026…….....Sister Charita Walters

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

The Big Bethel Ministry Moment.....Worship & Arts Ministry-Heaven Bound & Come On Home For Christmas

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

Persons Transitioned to the Church Triumphant.....Sister Martinique Mix & Brother Sam Stephens

Christian Stewardship Worship in Giving..... The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins

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 Mass Choir

The Proclaimed Word....."The Kingdom To Come and The Kingdom At Hand".....Pastor Jay Augustine
(Revelation 7: 9-17, NRSVUE)

The Invitation.....The Reverend Jeffrey L. Streator, Ph.D.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion.....Pastor Jay Augustine

**The General Confession**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sin and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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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

## THIS IS THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL ELECTION OF OUR TIME

**Early voting has surpassed previous early voting statistics in Georgia. As of a few days ago, approximately ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (1,800,000) people have voted during early voting.**

### THIS IS A MIDTERM ELECTION. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

**There are 3 points we should consider during this election.**

1. **MIDTERMS TAKE THE TEMPERATURE.**
   Midterms allow voters to say whether the country should stay the course or correct the course. Midterms differ from Presidential Elections in a distinctive way – reaction, or correction to what happened two years earlier.

2. **FINANCING IS A KEY DIFFERENCE IN GEORGIA'S GUBERNATORIAL AND U.S. SENATE RACES.**
   It takes money (contributions) to pay for ads, campaign stops, travel, and other necessary ways to get the message out to the community. However, who has the most money does not necessarily mean that the well-funded candidate will be the winner.

3. **MAKE A VOTING PLAN AND DO YOUR RESEARCH.**
   It's important to come to the polls prepared to vote in local races. There are constitutional amendments on the ballot. Don't just watch social media videos; do some reading on candidates; read some journalism. Be intentional about how you conduct research.*

**Some content is from a recent panel discussion at Emory University.*

### OUR MIDTERM 2026 KEY RACES IN GEORGIA ARE:

| | |
|---|---|
| U.S. Senate | Mike Collins vs. Jon Ossoff |
| Governor | Rick Jackson vs. Keisha Lance Bottoms |
| Lieutenant Governor | Greg Dolezal vs. Josh McLaurin |
| Secretary of State | Tim Fleming vs. Penny Brown Reynolds |
| Attorney General | Brian Strickland vs. Tanya Miller |
| Commissioner of Agriculture | Incumbent Tyler Harper vs. Katherine E. Juhan-Arnold |
| Commissioner of Insurance | Incumbent John King vs. Keisha Sean Waites |
| State School Superintendent | Incumbent Richard Woods vs. Lydia Powell |
| Commissioner of Labor | Incumbent Barbara Rivera Holmes vs. Nikki Porcher |

### THE FACTS REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS TO VOTE ARE:

The Secretary of State's website has key dates for the current election cycle.

1. **FIND YOUR VOTING LOCATION**
   On Election Day, you do have to vote at an assigned polling location. You may vote at any early voting location within your county. You can find your polling place by logging into your My Voter Page and looking at your polling place information.

2. **VOTE**
   - When you arrive at your polling location, you'll need to bring a valid **photo ID** such as a driver's license, passport, or voter identification card.
   - The polls offer audio ballots for voters who are blind or have low vision, and booths for voters in wheelchairs. If you need help with your ballot, you can ask a family member or friend to come with you to the polls and fill the ballot in with your choices.

3. **ASK FOR A PROVISIONAL BALLOT**
   If poll workers are unable to confirm your identity, address, or other required information, you may request a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted once you resolve the issue with your County Board of Registrars by the end of the next day. If you go to the wrong polling location, a poll worker can help direct you to the correct one. After 5 p.m., if you're unable to travel to your assigned location, you may complete an affidavit and cast a provisional ballot. You will still need to follow up with your County Board of Registrars to ensure your ballot is counted.

### DISTRICT RACES

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|---|---|
| Public Service Commissioner District 3 | Fitz Johnson vs. Incumbent Peter Hubbard |
| Public Service Commissioner District 5 | Josh Tolbert vs. Sheila Edwards |

### USE YOUR VOTING SUPERPOWER:

As previously discussed, CONTINUE to go to www.myp.sos.ga.gov to:

**www.mvp.sos.ga.gov**

1. Check your voting status.
2. Find your voting precinct and voter ID card.
3. Print out a Sample Ballot to see all elections in your area.
4. Then — **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!**

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## HONORING OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day is fast approaching, and we want to recognize and lift up our Big Bethel veterans. If you have served in the United States Military and would like to be acknowledged, please scan the QR code to register. Registration cards are also available in the back of the sanctuary. Please place the card in the offering basket or give it to an usher.

Join us for this final

# Virtual Lunch & Learn Series–2026

Brought to you by Big Bethel Christian Education Ministries

Do you have questions about how the AME church is organized? Do you know the various committees, commissions and organizations and their functions? Do you understand the conferences that the AME Church holds and their purpose? Did you know that our hymnal includes important liturgy and other worship segments in addition to hymns?

*Then don't miss...*

## Two Books to Befriend:

### the AME Doctrine and Discipline and the AME Hymnal

Led by
**Sis. Donna Williams**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2026**
**1:30 pm**

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Led by
**Reverend Monica C. Jones, PhD**

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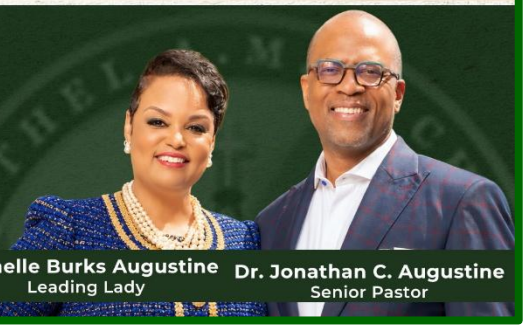

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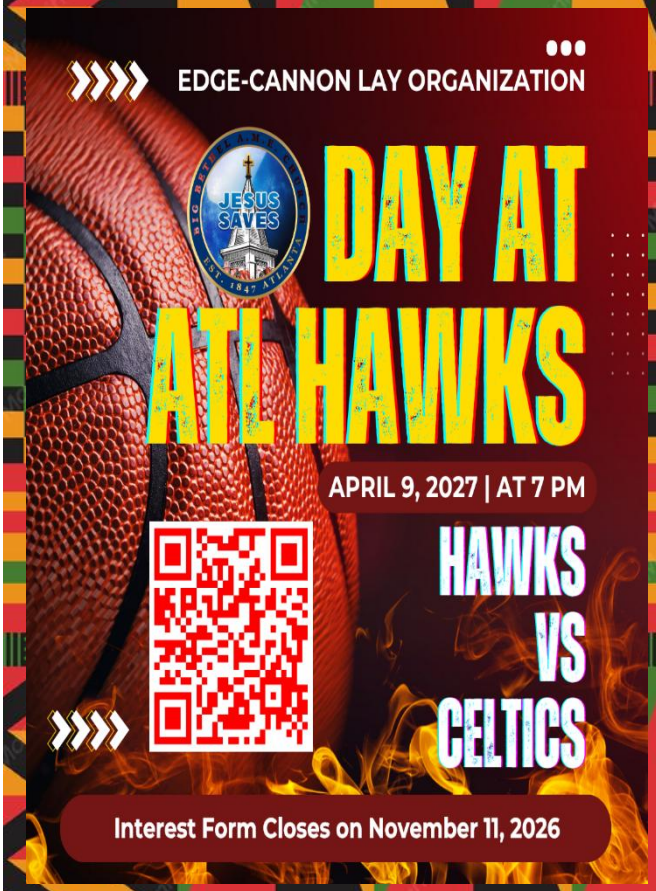
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# NOVEMBER 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1<br>Gordon Freeman<br>Milele Francis<br>William Petty | 2<br>**Charles Moore****<br>Felesia Long<br>Jasmine Freeman<br>Nicole Chapman<br>Shayla Turnipseed | 3<br>Tracy Oden | 4<br>Rev. Bessie Donaldson<br>Carl Hill | 5<br>Ezekiel Mack<br>Kandice Mitchell<br>Keanu Senatle | 6<br>Vera Webb | 7 |
| 8<br>**Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine** | 9<br>Larry McCalop<br>Robert Akins | 10 | 11<br>Ray Demille<br>Rose Jones<br>Keith Towles | 12<br>Maurice Daniels, Jr.<br>Paschell Mix<br>Stanley Pritchett Sr. | 13<br>Alvin Bailey<br>Ross Turner | 14<br>Autumn Brooks |
| 15<br>Ralph Taylor | 16<br>Barbara Johnson<br>Donna Crim | 17 | 18<br>Dr. Loretta Howell-Lillard | 19<br>Cornelia Jordan | 20<br>Jory Young<br>Phyllislorena Smiley | 21<br>Curnita Yates<br>Dennis Brazil<br>Vera Thomas |
| 22 | 23<br>Cabria Chabert | 24<br>Brianna Snowden<br>Deltonie Jinks<br>Tori Cooper<br>Zoe Turner | 25<br>Clarissa Carmichael<br>Viva Snowden | 26<br>Pamelle Fleming | 27<br>Chantia Robinson<br>Grace May<br>Jay Evans<br>Kennedy Camp | 28<br>Gary Horton<br>Ginea Karriel Williams |
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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

| All Saints Day<br>Nov 01, 2026<br>*(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)* | **First Reading** | **Psalm** | **Second Reading** | **Gospel** |
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| **November 1, 2026** | Revelation 7:9-17<br>Psalm 34:1-10, 22 | | 1 John 3:1-3 | Matthew 5:1-12 |

## SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

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| **Acolytes/ Stewards** | | **Altar Servers:** Brothers Marvin Fleming and Everett Jolly | |
| **Choir** | Big Bethel Mass Choir~Brother Cornelius Pettway | **Trustees** | Brother Floyd Baxter & Brother Keith Halford |
| **Philippians** | Sister Kimberly D. Eason, Esq. | **Ushers** | Usherette Ministry #2 |
| **Stewardesses** | *Bussey-Watson Stewardess Ministry*<br>Sisters Dorothy Glass & Sheila Henry-Lee | **AV Ministry** | Sister Phyllislorena Smiley & Brother Brandon Collins |

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The Reverend Jessica N. Buford, Thrive College & Young Adult Ministry Director

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The Reverend Maurice P. Eckstein

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The Reverend Dr. Caarne L. White

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The Reverend Bessie Donaldson
The Reverend Joyce C. Young

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

### Licentiates
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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