# Worship Experience

Sunday
November
22

# "Go Back and Give Thanks"

**Luke 17:11-19**



**Preacher**

**Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine**

Senior Pastor Big Bethel AME Church

## Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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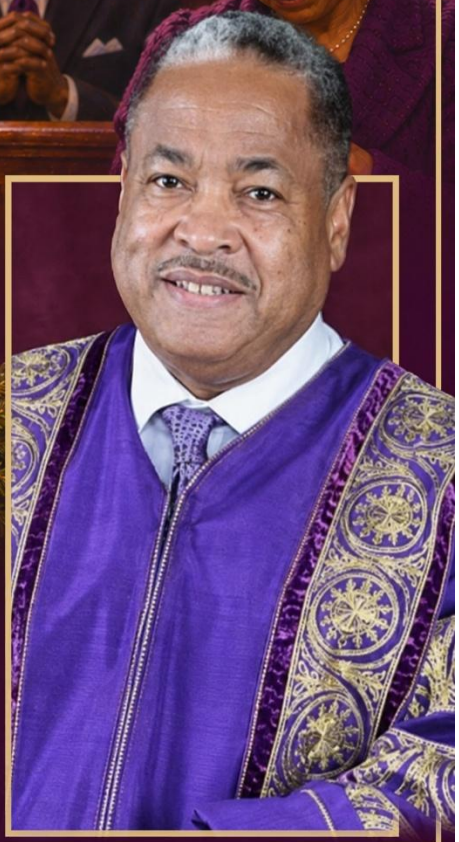
Leading Lady Michelle Burks Augustine

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**



Michelle Burks Augustine
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# 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

Youth Sunday @ Big Bethel AME Church
The Order of Liturgy
Sunday, November 22, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
**The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, Presiding Liturgist**

Worship in Music.....The Bearden-Scott Youth Choir
Sister Nicole Chapman, 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.....Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart.....Brother Arrington Walters

The Prayer of Invocation.....Brother John White
(Prayer chant)

Worship in Music.....The Bearden-Scott Youth Choir

The Responsive Scripture Reading.....Psalm 100….....Sister Olivia Carter

Leader: 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**People: 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

**ALL: 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

The Big Bethel Ministry Moment.....Come On Home For Christmas
Sister Tawana Jones

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.....Brother Xavier Carter Jr.




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 Bearden-Scott Youth Choir

The Proclaimed Word....."Go Back and Give Thanks".....Pastor Jay Augustine

(Luke 17:11-19, NIV)

The Invitation.....The Reverend Dr. Caarne White

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

*Join us for Thanksgiving Fellowship downstairs in Bishops Hall immediately following the worship service.*

# 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

# Big Bethel AME Church

# Come On Home for Christmas 2026

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **ANGEL TREE**<br>**NOV 22** |  | ***Gifts for Children***<br>Select an angel from our tree to bless a child from the Fulton County Department of Family & Children's Services. |
| **POINSETTIAS**<br>**NOV 22 & 29** |  | ***Decorate the Church***<br>Purchase a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary and honor or remember a loved one. |
| **SICK & SHUT-IN / CAREGIVERS**<br>**NOV 29 & DEC 6** |  | ***Provide Contact and Care***<br>Provide contact and small gifts for our sick and shut-in members and their caregivers. |
| **GIFTS OF WARMTH**<br>**ENTIRE MONTH OF DECEMBER** |  | ***Share Warmth***<br>Donate new socks, hats, gloves and blankets for our unhoused neighbors. |
| **SEASONED SAINTS**<br>**DEC 12** |  | ***Celebrate Our Seniors***<br>Support our seniors with a special holiday party, lunch or brunch. |
| **ANNUAL COHFC CONCERT**<br>**DEC 20**<br>**(WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY)** |  | ***A Joyful Celebration***<br>A joyful celebration of the season through music, worship and the arts. |
| **EMILY'S HAVEN & TRINITY HOUSE**<br>**DEC 23** |  | ***Support Our Community Agencies***<br>Provide Christmas donations for administrative and functional supplies for Emily's Haven and Trinity House. |
| **SATURDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**<br>**TBA** |  | ***Celebrate Our Students***<br>Support our Saturday School students with a special pizza party. |

## *A Celebration of Faith, Hope, & Joy*

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH | COME ON HOME FOR CHRISTMAS 2026

BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH

## SONS OF ALLEN MINISTRY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH E.L.I.T.E.

Empowered Leaders Inspiring Tomorrow's Excellence

# 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.

**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND COME HUNGRY!**

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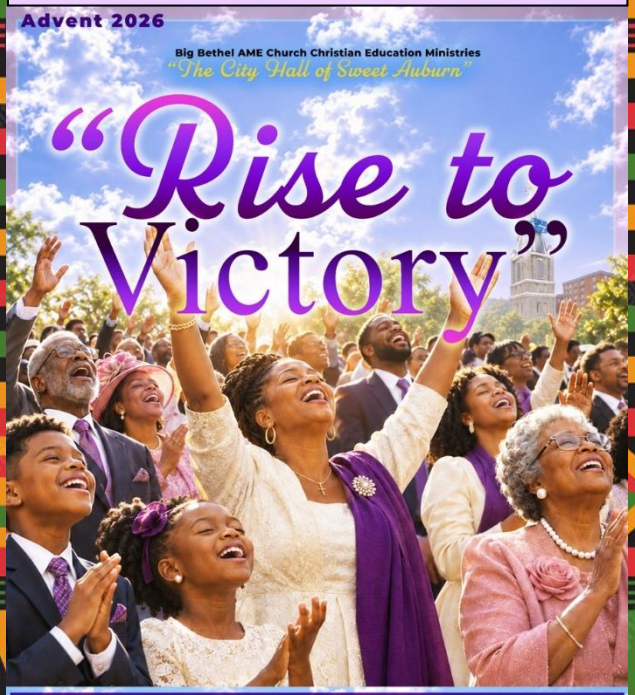
**COMNG SOON...**

**Advent 2026**

Big Bethel AME Church Christian Education Ministries

*"The City Hall of Sweet Auburn"*

# "Rise to Victory"



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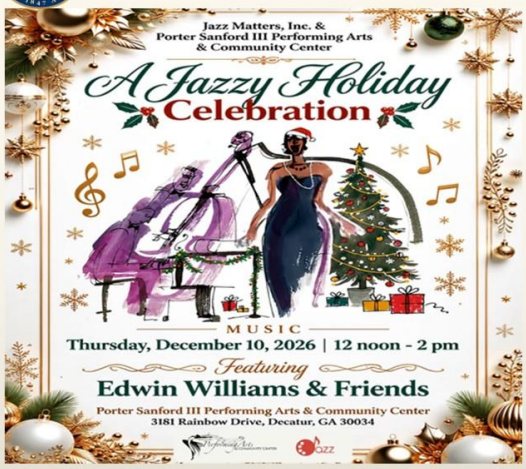
## Big Bethel Senior Ministry Outing




4th Annual Jazzy Holiday Celebration

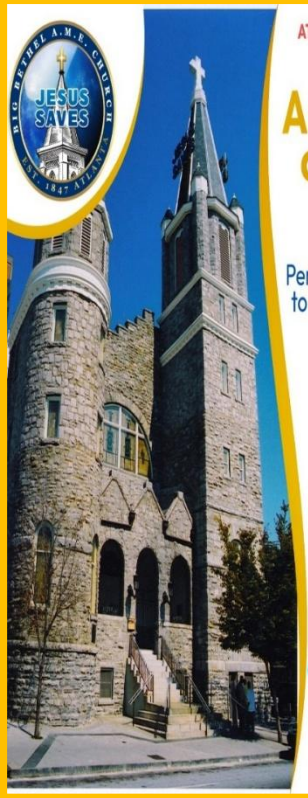
December 10, 2026 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Porter Sanford III Performing Arts Center
3181 Rainbow Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30034

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



ATTENTION *Big Bethel Members*

## Are you missing out on church news & event info?

Perhaps your contact information needs to be updated! Scan the code below or go to the website.

Member Contact Update

www.bigbethelame.org/member services

*Be in the know!!*

***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

| Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | First Reading | Psalm | Second Reading | Gospel |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **November 22, 2026** | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24<br><br>Psalm 100 | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24<br><br>Psalm 95:1-7a | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Matthew 25:31-46 |

## SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

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| **Acolytes/ Stewards** | | **Altar Servers:** Brothers Tim Crim and Tony Jones | |
| **Choir** | The Bearden-Scott Youth Choir<br>Sister Nicole Chapman, Director | **Trustees** | Brother Floyd Baxter &<br>Brother Keith Halford |
| **Philippians** | Sister Kimberly D. Eason, Sr., Esq. | **Ushers** | Usherette Board #3 |
| **Stewardesses** | *Bussey-Watson Stewardess Ministry*<br>Sisters Alicia Oden & Delaine Jones | **AV Ministry** | Sister Phyllislorena Smiley &<br>Brother Brandon Collins |

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

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The Reverend Dr. Garland D. Higgins, Executive Pastor
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

### 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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