

Sunday
Dec
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

LOVE

CELEBRATING CHRIST'S TIME OF ARRIVAL

CHRIST

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

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Atlanta's First Black Church

220 Auburn Avenue, NE
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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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Christmas on the Ave
A Come on Home for Christmas Event

“A Soulful Christmas at Big Bethel”

Dec 21st 4:30 pm

Light Reception following Concert

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR DRIVE-UP FOOD GIVEAWAY!



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Magnolia (GA) Chapter

Location:

Big Bethel AME Church

206 Auburn Avenue

(Big Bethel AME Church/Magnolia Links, Inc. Food Pantry)

Date:

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Time:

1:00 pm-4:00 pm or While Supplies Last

**Drive around the front of the church to the location.
We will continue distributing until we run out of food -
come early!**

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

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Big Bethel AME Church
The Order of Liturgy
December 21, 2025, 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist

Worship in Music The Babcock—Young Voices of Unity
Sister Tamika Kelly, Director

The Doxology All Worshipers (standing)

The Opening Hymn.....AME Hymn #112 Jesus, the Light of the World.....The Reverend Jessica Buford

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

The Scripture Reading(Matthew 1:18-25,NRSV).....Sister Ariel Nash

Minister: ¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit.

People: ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly.

Minister: ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

People: ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Minister: ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

People: ²³"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Minister: ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

All: ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Worship in Music The Babcock—Young Voices of Unity
Sister Kelly, Director

Lighting of the Advent Candle—LOVE The Hill and Cooke Families—
Sister Azira Hill and Sister Nancy Cooke

The Announcements and Welcome to Big BethelSister Racquel Battle
(**Everybody, Hug Somebody**)

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



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 Babcock—Young Voices of Unity Sister Kelly, Director

The Proclaimed Word "The Gift of God's Love" Pastor Jay Augustine
(Luke 1:46-55, NRSV)

The Invitation The Reverend Gwen Senate

The Doxology and Benediction Pastor Jay



~Sermon Notes~

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

Points/Topics:



Join us for fellowship after service as we celebrate our new members who have completed new member orientation.

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

Sunday Worship

December 28, 2025
10:00 am

Celebration of Kwanzaa



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Epiphany Sunday

January 04, 2026
10:00 am

Guest Praecher

**The Reverend Kimberly
McMichael**

Presiding Elder of the
North Atlanta District



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Strategic Planning

Part 1

**Saturday, January 24, 2026
at 8:30 am**

Save the Date



Presenter

**Dr. LaTonya N.
McIver Penny**

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JAN 29
6:30 P
BIG BETHEL AME CHURCH
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COMPLIMENTARY
REFRESHMENTS AT 6 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION



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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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