

**Sunday
Dec
14**

Third Sunday of Advent



CELEBRATING CHRIST'S TIME OF ARRIVAL

Preacher

Rev. Jessica Buford, MDiv.

Thrive: College & Young Adult Pastor

Big Bethel AME Church



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

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**Dec
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Christmas Jazz

**6:00 pm
Meet & Greet
7:00pm
Show time**

Featuring

**Marcus
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Jazz Musician

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\$30**



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**Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine Senior Pastor
Michelle Augustine Leading Lady**

Big Bethel AME Church
The Order of Liturgy
December 14, 2025, 10:00 AM
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine
Senior Pastor and Presiding Liturgist

Worship in Music The Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Sister Monique Griffiths, Director

The Doxology All Worshipers (standing)

The Opening Hymn.....AME Hymn #106 O Come All Ye Faithful.....The Reverend Charmain Purvis

The Prayer of Invocation The Reverend Purvis
(Prayer Chant)

The Scripture Reading(Luke 1:46b-55).....The Reverend Monica C. Jones, Ph.D.

Minister: ^{46b} My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,

People: ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;
⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Minister: ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

People: ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

Together: ⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Worship in Music The Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Sister Griffiths, Director

Lighting of the Advent Candle—JOY

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

Worship through Creative Expression.....The Kwanza Sol Dance Ministry
Sister Rosalyn Johnson, Director

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

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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 MusicThe Johnson-Schofield Male Choir
Sister Griffiths, Director

The Proclaimed Word **"Joy In Expectation "** The Reverend Jessica Buford
(Luke 1:39-45, NRSV)

The Invitation The Reverend Shralla Askin

The Doxology and Benediction The Reverend Buford



~Sermon Notes~

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

Points/Topics:

[illegible]

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!!!!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR DRIVE-UP FOOD GIVEAWAY!



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*Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
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.
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come early!**

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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

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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 4:30 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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benita7816@att.net



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**JAN
29**

6:30^P_M

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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 Service10:00 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 ChoirWednesday @ 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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