

BETHEL

African Methodist Episcopal Church

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December 28, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.



The Rev. Brandon L. Thornton, *Pastor*

The Rev. Charles A. Lewis, *Presiding Elder, The Mobile District*

Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr., *Presiding Prelate, 9th Episcopal District*

Ministerial Staff

The Rev. Dr. Olivia Martin, *Itinerant Elder*

The Rev. Irmatine Chastang, *Itinerant Elder*

The Rev. Pamela Greene-Irby, *Itinerant Deacon*

The Call to Worship

Kyler Johnson, Worship Leader

The Prelude The Musicians
The Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessing flow: Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him
above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Call to Worship.....Reginald Washam

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

**Leader: Today our youth are leading us in worship, but we gather as one family —
children, teens, adults, and elders — united in the Spirit.**

People: One church, one voice, one purpose: to lift up the name of the Lord!

**Leader: God is calling this generation to rise, but He’s also keeping the wisdom of those
who have walked this journey before us.**

People: We thank God for every age, every stage, every story, and every testimony!

Leader: From the youngest praise dancer to the eldest prayer warrior,

People: We all come offering our worship and our witness!

Leader: Let everything that has breath — young and seasoned alike — praise the Lord!

People: We praise Him with joy, passion, reverence, and expectation!

Leader: Bethel, are you ready to worship together?

People: We’re ready! As one church, one family, and one voice!

All Together:

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us today.

Renew our strength, restore our joy, and unite our hearts.

Bless our youth as they lead and our elders as they guide.

We enter Your presence with gratitude and expectation.

Amen.

The Morning Hymn.....Bethel’s Youth Choir and Congregation

The Hymn of Praise..... No. 549 AAHH.....Choir & Congregation

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev’ry- where I go, I’m gonna let it shine. Ev’ry- where I go, I’m gonna let it shine. Ev’ry- where I go, I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine, shine, shine, I’m gonna let it shine. I’m gonna let it shine.

All in my home, I’m gonna let it shine. I’m gonna let it shine.

The Morning Invocation.....Madisyn Loveless

The Choral Response.....Bethel’s Youth Choir Congregation

“God our Father”

God our Father, God our Father

**We give thanks, we give thanks for our many blessings,
For our many blessings, for our many blessings Amen, Amen.**

The Scripture.....Mason Robinson

No. 743 – Childhood and Youth

Leader: In that hour came the disciples to Jesus, saying Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

People: **And He called to Him a little child, and set him in the midst of them and said,**

Leader: Truly I say to you, Except you be converted, and become as little children.

People: **You shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child.

People: **The same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

Leader: Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones;

People: **For I say to you, that is heaven the angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.**

Leader: Then there were brought unto Him little children, that He should lay His hands on them, and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

ALL: **But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven, and He laid His hands on them, and departed thence.**

The Prelude to the Decalogue *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Hymn No. 69

From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise; Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.

The Decalogue Tacaree Washam

LEADER: Let us express our commitment to keep God's law.

PEOPLE: God of our salvation, only You are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice Your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

SING: *NEARER MY GOD TO THEE!*

LEADER: Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

PEOPLE: Jesus also challenged us with a sacred commandment which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as our self! On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. (*THE ANVIL*, 2018)

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Selection.....Bethel's Youth Choir

The WelcomeKarson Johnson

The Announcements.....Sis. Morgan Peterson

The Giver's Affirmation

This is my seed. It shall meet all my needs.
I give it today, because I obey—my God and His command.

My tithe is out of Love and obedience . My offering is my sacrifice.
My return shall be magnified, because I've learned to give right.
I'm the head and not the tail, a lender and not a borrower, on top and not beneath.

Because I give, I am blessed— in the city and in the field.
I'm blessed because I give my God my best.
Today and every day, I am blessed!

The Bringing of the Tithes and Offering

Selection.....Bethel's Youth Choir

The Preached Word.....Pastor Thornton

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Affirmation of Faith

I believe in GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of GOD the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The BenedictionPastor Thornton

The Postlude The Musicians

People being Healed

Sis. Ann Coleman
Sis. Latasha Hall
Bro. Claude Hollings, III
Sis. Lillie Johnson
Bro. David Blackwell
Sis. Elaine McCants

Sis. Anita Lewis
Sis. Deborah Mack
Bro. David McCall
Bro. Ulysses McNeail
Bro. Walt Dickerson

Sis. Carolyn Oliver
Sis. Nicole Roker
Sis. Geneva Williams
Sis. Viola Wills
Sis. Mary Walker

Prayer List

Rev. Brandon L. Thornton and First Lady Shandra Thornton

Sis. Ardelia Andrews
Sis. Amelia Cade Bacon
Sis. Mary Bennett
Bro. Ronnie Blackmon
Sis. Emmer Bryant
Rev. Irmatine Chastang
Sis. Annie G. Cockrell
Bro. Chris & Sis. Lenor Drexler
Sis. Vernet Giles

Sis. Rosa Gordon
Sis. Julia James
Rev. Donna James' Mother
Sis. Faydene Morris
Bro. Tamyrick Nunn
Sis. Jackie Erskine-Porter
Sis. Aquilla Rush
Bro. John Rush
Sis. Tataneshia Rush

Sis. Diane Smith
Bro. Eddie Smith
Sis. Omega Taylor
Sis. Katherine Parker-Williams
Bro. Charles Wills, Jr
Sis. Donna Wills
Bro. Ronald Witherspoon
Sis. Vanessa Young-Dickerson

Bereavement

Please keep the following families in prayer:

Dunn/Greene/Giddens Families
Dale- Clark Family
The Jones Family
Pastor Brandon Thornton's Family

**If you have names to add to the Being Healed List, Prayer List, or
Bereavement List, please contact Sis. Emma Prince.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY will resume on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 6:30 PM

Weekly Activities

- **Sunday Church School** – 9:00 AM
- **Bible Study** – Will resume in December
- **Communion for Sick & Shut-In** – Wednesday after 1st Sunday.

Call the church office to schedule: 251-206-0013

Church Office Hours

- Tuesday–Friday | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Contact: 251-206-0013



Key Contacts

- **Facility Needs** – Sis. Dorothy Crittenden | 251-391-2810
- **Announcements** – Sis. Emma Prince | 251-554-6259
- **Admin Office** – | 251-206-0013
- **Pastor** – Rev. Brandon L. Thornton | 334-614-9217

Mass Choir Rehearsal will be held Saturday, January 3, 2026 – 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Bethel's College Students

Pray for their Success

Kennedy Black,
Alivia Cannon,
Hayley Cleaton
Chelsea Cooper,
Khelsea Cooper,

Sarah Fair
Kellen Fairley,
Marlon Fairley
Ethan Oliver
Jazzlyn Gaillard
Kierra Giles

Samiah Morris,
Jalen Prince-Woodland,
Winston Salter,
Wynstonee Salter

BETHEL HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Birthday for this week December Birthdays

Bro. David L. McCall ----December 28

Geralyne L. Buchanan ----- December 30

SERMON APPLICATION

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON

Since we forget 90% of what we hear, it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of what we may receive during the hearing of God's Word.

PARTICIPATE IN THE SERMON

SERMON SCRIPTURE: _____

SERMON TITLE: _____

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES: _____

THE OUTLINE OF THE MAIN POINTS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

WHAT WAS GOD SAYING SPECIFICALLY TO ME DURING THE SERMON?