

# BETHEL

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**Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**The Reverend Brandon L. Thornton, *Pastor***

The Reverend Charles A. Lewis, *Presiding Elder, The Mobile District*  
Bishop Julius H. McAllister Jr., *Presiding Prelate, Ninth Episcopal District*

### **Ministerial Staff**

The Reverend Doctor Olivia Martin, *Itinerant Elder,*  
***Family, Community & Leadership Development Leader***

The Reverend Irmatine Chastang, *Itinerant Elder,*  
***Congregational Care & Discipleship Leader***

The Reverend Pamela Greene-Irby, *Itinerant Deacon,*  
***Worship & Evangelism Leader***

**Order of Worship**

**Worship Leader.....Rev. Dr. Olivia Martin**

**The Doxology.....Rev. Dr. Olivia Martin**

**“Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow”**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Pamela G. Irby**

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. (Psalm 122:1)

**People: We come to walk in God’s light. (Ephesians 5:8)**

Leader: Today is the **Fourth Sunday in Lent**, and the Lord opens blinded eyes. (John 9:35-38)

**People: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want. (Psalm 23:1)**

Leader: “Once I was blind, but now I see.” (John 9:25)

**People: We worship the Son of Man. (John 9:38)**

**The Opening Hymn.....Bad Boys of Bethel Choir and Congregation**

**Opening Hymn - #77 - “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, Mount of God’s redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I’m come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to save my soul from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above. Amen.

**THE INVOCATION.....Rev. Irmatine Chastang**

**Ministry of Music.....Bad Boys of Bethel**

**THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Dr. George W. Odom, Sr.**

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light. For the fruit of the Spirit is in I all goodness and righteousness and truth. Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that re proved are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

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**Visitors and Announcements**

**Bringing of the Tithes and Offering.....Bro. Vernell “Chuck” Smith**

**THE MINISTRY OF GIVING**

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 obedience and love. 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.

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**Sermon.....Rev. Brandon Thornton**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**THE BENEDICTION**

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**THE DOXOLOGY**

**SERMON APPLICATION**

**HEARING GOD’S WORD IN THE SERMON**

**PARTICIPATE IN THE SERMON**

SERMON SCRIPTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

SERMON TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE OUTLINE OF THE MAIN POINTS:**

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**WHAT WAS GOD SAYING SPECIFICALLY TO ME DURING THE SERMON?**