

# Bethel Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2026

*An inclusive place of worship.*



**Liturgist:** Elder, Fredrica Williams; **Spiritual Leader:** Ruling Elder, Hernel Braham; **The Word:** Rev Tene Howard, Elder David Roebuck; **Organist:** Elder, Dollie Lowe; **Pianist:** open; **Scripture Reader:** Brother, Jim Howard, Brother, Marcus McArthur; **The Offering:** Deacon Babatunde Ayroinde, Elder Michael Lawrence, Brother Richard Wright

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### PRELUDE/GATHERING

#### Call to Worship

Liturgist

*This is the day the Lord has made.*

***We will rejoice and be glad in it.***

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

***maker of heaven and earth***

*Let us worship God*

#### Hymn: AA#533

“” Congregation / Spiritual Leader

#### Welcome:

Liturgist

Good morning! It is good to be here together in the House of the Lord. We are so glad you are with us today. God is so good, he woke us up this morning, we are grateful, blessed and we welcome you.....

#### Call to Confession:

Liturgist

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. When we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us. Let us pray the Prayer of confession:

**Prayer: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy O'Lord forgive us of our sins.**

#### Assurance of Pardon:

Elder David Roebuck

#### Hymn: AA#652

“Gloria Patria”

#### Passing of The Peace: Hymn: AA#498

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

#### Prayer for Illumination & Scripture Readings:

Bro. James Howard & Bro. Marcus McArthur

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen, Ashe'*

Today's scriptures The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter comes from Revised Common Lectionary (Year A)

**Reader 1** First reading Acts 1: 6-14

**Reader 2:** Gospel John 17: 1-11

#### Hymn of Preparation: AA#565

“” Spiritual Leader

#### Introduction of the Messenger:

#### The Word

Scripture

Sermon

Elder, David Roebuck

#### The Opportunity

#### Affirmation of Faith

Apostle Creed

Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father All Mighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen, Ashe'

**CHILDREN CIRCLE:** A tribute to Mother

**HYMN: AA#549** "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

**The Offering:** Elder Mike Lawrence, Brother Richard Wright 2nd, Deacon Babatunde

Let Us Offer Our Gifts to God. In hope that the church can be a refuge for us and others, let us give our tithes and offerings to God.

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**Prayer of Dedication**

God, who faithfully fortifies the world you created, bless our gifts and use them to protect all creation and allow us all to flourish in Your justice and love. Amen.

**DOXOLOGY: AA#651** "Praise God"

**Hymn of Comfort: AA#504**

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Elder Braham

**Prayer List:**

*Elder Hernel Braham*

Traveling mercy.....

Elder Nick Stevens, Elder James & Barbara Plummer, Elder & Hernel & Minette Braham, Elder, David Roebuck, Rev. T. Howard, Rev. Dr. Leonard & Veronica Bethel, Rev. Fonda Dortch-Taylor, Elder Charlotte Wright family, Sister Yvonne Ruddy, Sister Pearl Lowe & Elaine Young, Brother Stevie & Dosha McArthur, Brother Lee McArthur, George Bowen, John & Donna Cheatwood, Gus Spruill, Pius, Cory, Fred Cook, the Caretakers, others whose names not called, the hungry, homeless, victims of violence, the innocent caught in the middle of violence, the crossfire of war...Lord have mercy on the innocent children and others impacted by the violence and threats.... We give thanks to God for Aron Wright progress in his recovery and others who are healing. Let it be your will..... **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

**Acknowledgement:**

**Moment in History:**

**Announcements:**

**Liturgist**

- Bible Study and prayers of comfort Online ZOOM every Thursday at 7PM. Rev Tene Howard & Elder Hernel Braham co-leaders.
- Community outreach: Soup kitchen program open every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Hot soup.... Thanks to Mari Wright and the staff for their commitment. Contact Elder Charlotte Wright or Elder Michael Lawrence to get involved.
- Congratulations to the class of 2026 graduates. Despite it all you have achieved an important milestone in life. Parents, family and friends are all proud of you. God bless!
- VOTE

**Closing Hymn: AA#489**

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Elder Braham

**BENEDICTION:**

Elder, David Roebuck

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

**The coffee hour** "Let's talk about it" **Host Elder, Eric Williams and Brother Jim Howard**