

Bethel Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2026

An inclusive place of worship.

Day of Pentecost



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

Pentecost! 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: GG#297

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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 good. He woke us up this morning with the Holy Spirit in us. 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:

Rev. Tene Howard

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 on The Day of Pentecost from Revised Common Lectionary (Year A)

Reader 1: First reading

Acts 2: 1-4

Reader 2: Gospel

John 20: 19-23

Hymn of Preparation: GG#279

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Spiritual Leader

Introduction of the Messenger:

The Word

Scripture

Sermon

Rev. Tene Howard

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:

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.

[Bethel Online Giving](#)

Prayer of Dedication

God, who faithfully fortifies the world, 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#351

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Elder Braham

Prayer List:

Elder Hernel Braham

Traveling mercy.....

Lifting up in Prayer: All servants of God, Elder Nick Stevens, Elder James Plummer, Elder, Hernel Braham, Elder, David Roebuck, Rev. T. Howard, Rev. Dr. Leonard Bethel, Rev. Fonda Dortch-Taylor, Elder Charlotte Wright family, Sister Yvonne Rutty, Sister Veronica Bethel, Pearl Lowe, Elaine Young, Minette Braham, Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, Brother, Lee McArthur, George Bowen, Brother John & Donna Cheatwood, Gus Spruill, Pius, Cory, Fred Cook, the Caretakers, others whose names not called, the hungry, homeless, victims of violence, finally the innocent caught in the middle of violence, the crossfire of war...Lord have mercy on these innocent children and others impacted by violence from wars and threats of wars. We give thanks to God for Aron Wright progress in his recovery and others who are progressing in Your way. Let it be Your will.....

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

Acknowledgement: Memorial Day Tribute Leader-Elder, Michael Lawrence/Army Veteran;

Reader- Marcus McArthur: All branches of our military thank you for your service and being here today.

Friends, according to the [US Department of Veterans Affairs](#), Memorial Day, is a federal holiday held on the last Monday in May. It is the nation's foremost annual day to mourn and honor its deceased service men and women. Originally called Decoration Day, it was formalized by a "Memorial Day Order" issued by Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan in 1868.

The modern version calls on Americans "to observe Memorial Day by praying, according to their religious faith, for permanent peace." Let us take a moment to remember family members & friends. Down through the years, they served for a freedom and peace that all of us might one day enjoy in the USA and the whole wide-world! As we read the names Army Veteran-Elder Michael Lawrence pays tribute with the slow salute during the sound single toll of the bell in honor and remembrance.

Tennyson Moore/Navy

Norman Page/Navy

Thomas Steele/Navy

Geo(Bumpsy)West/Army-POW

John Greer/Army

Mosel Lee/Army

Preston Onque/Army

Richard Wright Sr./Army

Booker T. Lawrence/Army

Arthur Upperman Sr/Marines

Arthur Upperman Jr./Navy

Beverly King/Army

Anthony Calhoun/Marines

Nathaniel Calhoun/Navy

David Van Blake/Army

Trevor Rutty/Army

Kent Jordan/Army

Dr. Reid/Army

Joe Black/Army

Walter Nicholas Jr/Navy

Games Williams/Army

David Gaither/Navy

Arthur Vechete/Marines

Tyree Jones/Army

Paul Broady/Navy

Sidney Williams/Army

Charles Williams/Army

James Howard Sr/Army

Craig McArthur/Navy

Eddie Atkinson/AirForce

Julius Tharpe/Army
Ike Jordan/Army

Floyd Williams Sr/Army
Donald Flemings/Army

TAPS:

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 2nd Saturday monthly. Hot soup.... Thanks to Mari Wright and the staff for their commitment. Contact Elder Charlotte Wright or Elder Michael Lawrence to get involved.
- Congratulations is in order to the 2026 graduates. Be proud and hold your head high. You and your accomplishments matter. May God's blessings be with you this day and forevermore.
- VOTE

Closing Hymn: AA#489

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Elder Braham

Rev. Tene Howard

BENEDICTION:

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

The coffee hour

“Let's talk about it”

Host Elder, Eric Williams and Brother Jim Howard

May 24,2026 Scriptures
The Day Of Pentecost (Year A)

First Reading Acts 2:1-7

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Gospel John 20:19-23

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”