



Bethel Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2026

An inclusive place of worship.

Communion Sunday

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

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: We gather with joy to bless the name of the Lord.

Leader: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. The word of the Lord is right, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

People: We sing a new song to our God, for his counsel stands forever.

Leader: Come, people of God, and lift your voices in praise to the Lord!

All: Let us worship God together. Amen... Ashe'

Hymn: AA#175

"Come thou Fount of every Blessing"

Congregation / Spiritual Leader

Welcome:

Liturgist

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...

Prayer of Confession: *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 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 from the Revised Common Lectionary (Year A)

Reader 1: First reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Reader 2: Second

Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Hymn of Preparation: AA#262

"Nothing but the Blood"

Spiritual Leader

Introduction of the Messenger:

The Word

Scripture

Sermon

Elder, David Roebuck

The Opportunity

The Communion

Lords Supper

Assisted by Elder Braham

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"

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: **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, bless our gifts and use them to protect all creation and allow us all to flourish in Your justice and love. Amen.

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DOXOLOGY: AA#651 "Praise God"

Hymn of Comfort: AA#252 "Jesus keep me near the Cross" Elder Braham

Prayer List:

Elder Hernel Braham

Traveling mercy.....

Lifting up in Prayer: All servants of God names we called before, 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 Ruty, 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, and the crossfire of war...Lord have mercy on these innocent children and others impacted by violence. We give thanks to God for Aron Wright and others for their progress in recovery. Let it be Your will.....

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

Acknowledgement: GRADUATION RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2026! Bethel special recognition and acknowledgement of our family's students graduating from elementary school, high school, college, post college, medical and technical school on Sunday June 14th at the 10:00am Worship Service. Graduates are asked to contact Elder Charlotte Wright or an active family member of the congregation by June 12th. Or you can email the church office bethelpresnj@yahoo.com.

Reader-:

Announcements:

Liturgist

- Bible Study, understanding scripture, improving your prayer life and more all online Thursday at 7PM. We will pause for summer break, starting 1st week in July and restarting Thursday after Labor Day same link same time. 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 involve
- The primary election is over but the main election in November should be the opportunity to decide on leadership that shapes the future of democracy for our country. Get informed and be ready. God bless.

Closing Hymn: AA#400

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

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