



Bethel Presbyterian Church

July 19, 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

Welcome:

Liturgist

Call to worship So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ. Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: AA#558

"Jesus Saves"

Congregation / Spiritual Leader

Call to confession We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul; to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

Prayer of confession: God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

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 scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary (Year A)

Reader 1: First reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

Reader 2: Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Hymn of Preparation: AA#513

"I love to tell the story"

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:

HYMN: AA# ""

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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

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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#420

"Leave it there"

Elder Braham

Prayer List:

Elder Hernel Braham

..... Lifting up 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, 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:

Announcements:

Liturgist

- Bible Study, catch up on reading the scriptures from the Sunday worship service during summer break. Keep track of any questions for Rev Tene Howard & Elder Hernel Braham co-leaders.
- Community...Free Folk Live Gospel Fest July 25 3:30pm Monument Square Park, New Brunswick.
- Sister Veronica Bethel celebrate her 85th birthday at home in Doylestown Pa later today with family and friends from near and far. On top of that Veronica and Rev. Bethel icing on the cake with 64 years of marriage together still going strong with much love and affection. A Joyous occasion filled with good food, conversation, music, story-telling, spoken word, laughter, memories, of from young and not so young is anticipated. A celebration fitting and well deserving for such a giving, caring couple. Much Love from BPC and God blessings and many more happy-healthy days and years ahead.
- Congratulations FIFA world cup teams. Non soccer/football fans and seasoned fans alike were treated to exciting moments throughout the event. Thank you all and Happy trails from the USA.
- Get informed. VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

Closing Hymn: AA#138

"Guide me O, thou great Jehovah"

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