



Bethel Presbyterian Church

July 26, 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 let us gather family of God on this Holy day! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ. Come! Let us worship! Let us praise together. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: AA#464

"Climbing Jacob Ladder"

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. Let us confess together before God.

Prayer of confession: "Most 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. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

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 scripture readings from the **Revised Common Lectionary** (Year A)

Reader 1: First reading

Reader 2: Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Hymn of Preparation: AA#325

"Every time I feel the spirit"

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# ""

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.

DOXOLOGY: AA#651 "Praise God"

A moment of Testimony: Anybody

Hymn of Comfort: AA#449 "Have thine own way Lord"

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 family, Rev. T. Howard, Rev. Dr. Leonard Bethel, Rev. Fonda Dortch-Taylor, Rev. Glenn Benson, Elder Charlotte Wright family, Sister Yvonne Ruty, Sister Veronica Bethel, Pamela Bethel, Pearl Lowe, Elaine Young, Minette Braham, Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, Brother, 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 caught in crossfire of war...Lord have mercy on these innocent children and others impacted by violence. We give thanks to God for those progressing in recovery. Let it be Your will.....

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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.
- Get informed, get thins in order early, register, find your voting site then VOTE-

Closing Hymn: AA#313

"I've got a feeling"

Elder Braham

BENEDICTION:

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

Elder David Roebuck

The coffee hour

"Let's talk about it"

Host Elder, Eric Williams and Brother Jim Howard