

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Aug 16, 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: Elder Braham and friends

Welcome: Liturgist

Call to worship: This is the day the Lord has made, Come! Let us worship! Let us praise Him, Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: AA#120 "Joyful, Joyful, we adore you" 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: "Gracious 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 humbly repent. Have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, walk in your ways, in the power and the glory of your name. Lord forgive us!"

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: Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Reader 2: Gospel Matthew 15:10-20

Hymn of Preparation: AA#424 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" Spiritual Leader

Introduction of the Messenger:

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**The Word** Scripture Sermon Rev Tene Howard

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✠ **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"

Hymn of Comfort: AA#435

"Pass me not O'Gentle Savior"

Elder Braham

Prayer List:

Elder Hernel Braham

Special Prayers for sister Pearl Lowe, at JFK out of CCU, God willing return to us soon..... Keeping in special prayer Brother Jim Howard and his family.....Elder David Roebuck and family.....

..... Lifting all servants of God, Elder Nick Stevens, Elder James Plummer, Elder, Hernel Braham, , Rev. T. Howard, Rev. Dr. Leonard Bethel, Rev. Fonda Dortch-Taylor, Rev. Glenn Benson, Elder Charlotte Wright family, Sister Yvonne Rutty, Sister Veronica Bethel, Pamela Bethel, Elaine Young, Minette Braham, Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, Brother, George Bowen, Brother John & Donna Cheatwood, Gus Spruill, Pius, Cory, brother Fred Cook, the Caretakers, others whose names not called, the hungry, homeless, victims of violence ...Lord have mercy on the innocent children of the world and others impacted by war and violence..... *We give thanks to God for the good news shared in testimony*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

A moment of personal Testimony: Anybody, come. On Zoom raise your hand be acknowledged.

Announcements:

Liturgist

- Folks it's August already and in just three short weeks' bible study will resume. Dust off your bible and start getting ready. time is passing in a flash and before you know it Rev Tene Howard & Elder Hernel Braham co-leaders will be prepared and looking for you.
- Labor day is coming and campaigning is heating up so get informed, get things in order early, register, find your voting site then VOTE-VOTE
- Tariffs are about tax and paying more for things (gas, electric, water, materials, food, everything) everybody pays including churches. Remember that we paid less for stuff before tariffs, but our income remains the same or less, everything we buy cost more. For churches like BPC, when money is tight contributions(income) decline even disappear.
- Climate change is real and our area seems to be getting hit hard, storms, flooding, too much heat, etc. Check on your neighbor and others as we navigate through troubling times.

Closing Hymn: AA#427

"Lead on O King eternal"

Elder Braham

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Tene Howard

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

The coffee hour

"Let's talk about it"

Host Elder, Eric Williams and Brother Jim Howard