

Bethel Presbyterian Church

September 13, 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, by making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: AA#

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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 in prayer 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:

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. 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 14:1-12

Reader 2: Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn of Preparation: AA#

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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# ""

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# "" Elder Braham

Prayer List:

Elder Hernel Braham

Keeping in special prayer Brother Jim Howard family. Elder David Roebuck and family. Traveling mercy for all our families and friends to and fro safely for vacation, holiday, back to school, work, celebrating the good times or providing comfort for those in need.

We lift 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 & Pamela Bethel-Benson, sister Barbara Lewis, Elder Charlotte Wright, Sister Yvonne Rutty, Sister Veronica Bethel, Elaine Young, Minette Braham, Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, Brother, George Bowen, Brother John & Donna Cheatwood, Gus Spruill, Pius, Cory, brother Fred Cook. All Caretakers and others whose names not called, the hungry, homeless, victims of violence ...Lord have mercy on children of the world and others impacted by war and violence..... *We give thanks to God for the good news for your grace and mercy.....* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

Personal Testimony: Anybody, come. On Zoom raise a hand if you like to have a word..

Announcements:

Liturgist

- The soup kitchen return after a brief pause 2nd Saturday in October.
- Congratulations and a huge thank you to Elder Dollie Lowe for serving BPC with music since 1985.
- Aurelia Willimas returns to Broadway coming soon
- Back to school & work for parents, teachers, students, crossing guards, the bus drivers, administrators traffic and congestion. Be alert, careful, cautious and safe wherever you are.
- It's time to increase our attendance and our commitment to our community and church.
- The Howard/ McArthur family thank you for the thoughts, prayers, the resolution BPC, text, etc . Brother James Howard Jr. "Sarge" final stop among fellow veterans located in Sacramento Valley National Cemetery with honor, 0900 hrs. 9/10/2026. We miss him already!
- Stay tuned to possible changes impacting elections , making sure your registration and documents are in order to VOTE. The right to Vote is your voice.

Closing Hymn: AA# ""

Elder Braham

BENEDICTION:

Elder David Roebuck

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

The coffee hour

"Let's talk about it"

Host Elder, Eric Williams and friends