

Bethel Presbyterian Church

September 20, 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#476

"Stand up for Jesus"

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:

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. 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

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader 2: Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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"

Hymn of Comfort: AA#132 "God is a wonder to my soul" Elder Braham

Prayer List:

Elder Hernel Braham

Keeping in special prayer sister Barbara Lewis recovering from her visit to the hospital. She is now at Arista Care..... 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 Ruddy, 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

- Online voter registration deadline is 21 days before the election and coming up fast. Check and update your status especially if your name, address, and so on changed since the last time voting or if you are voting for the first time, get registered soon. The right to Vote is your voice.
- Hello World Jeriel Carlton Pellew a healthy 6 lbs15.6oz, 20" tall, baby boy was welcomed by first time parents Jarel and Carrisa Pellew 9/9/2026 3:17am. Dad, Mom and the whole family thank you the BPC for your love and support.

Closing Hymn: AA#479

"I shall not be moved"

Elder Braham

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Tene Howard

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

The coffee hour

"Let's talk about it"

Host Elder, Eric Williams and friends