



Bethel Presbyterian Church

September 27, 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:

Leader: With joy we come to worship God!

People: **We sing praises to God and declare God's marvelous deeds!**

Leader: O give thanks to the Holy One and remember God's wonderful works.

People: **Our hearts are glad; the Holy One has remembered us. Let us praise God together!**

Opening Hymn: AA#537

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

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

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader 2: Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Hymn of Preparation: AA#315

"Holy Ghost With Light Devine"

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 this church can be a refuge for us and others, let us give our tithes and offerings to God. If you are on Zoom we thank you for your gifts and sacrifice.

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#### Prayer of Dedication

~ God, who faithfully fortifies the world, bless our gifts, may we 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#348

"Somebody is Knocking At Your Door"

Elder Braham

Prayer List:

Elder Hernel Braham

Keeping in special prayer sister Barbara Lewis continues recovery 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 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

- Voter registration deadline is Oct 14, election day Nov 3rd. 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.

Closing Hymn: AA#533

"Count Your Blessings"

Elder Braham

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Tene Howard

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

The coffee hour

"Let's talk about it"

Host Elder, Eric Williams and friends