

Bethel Presbyterian Church
October 25, 2026
An inclusive intentional worship experience



Liturgist: (think flow-transition focus on Holy One) Elder, Fredrica Williams **Spiritual Leader:** Ruling Elder, Hernel Braham; **The Word:** Rev. Tene Howard, Minister, David Roebuck; **Organist:** Elder, Dollie Lowe; **Pianist:** open; **Scripture Reader:** Brother, Marcus McArthur; **The Offering:** Deacon Babatunde Ayroinde, Elder Michael Lawrence, Brother Richard Wright

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Gathering: **This is the day the Lord has made** 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#560 "I'll be somewhere listening" 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: Minister David Roebuck

Hymn: AA#652 "Gloria Patria"

Passing of The Peace: Hymn: AA#498 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Liturgist

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: First Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Reader 2: Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

Hymn of Preparation: AA#368 "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus" Spiritual Leader

Introduction of the Messenger:

The Word	Scripture	Sermon
The Opportunity	Minister, Roebuck	

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. ~~~~~

**DOXOLOGY:** AA#651 "Praise God"

**Hymn of Comfort:** AA#351

"Jesus is calling"

Elder Braham

**Prayer List:**

*Elder Hernel Braham*

*Keeping in special prayer sister Barbara Lewis... 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, 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.....*

**PEOPLE**

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

**PRAYERS OF THE**

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

**Announcements:**

**Liturgist**

- Mail-in voting has started in New Jersey. The right to Vote is your voice. Understand the issues and vote.
- Bible Study every Thursday 7pm on zoom: Order of service review/flow study is underway as the first part, Rev Tene Howard & Elder Hernel Braham teacher. All are welcome
- Soup Kitchen resumes 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November.

**Closing Hymn:** AA#238

"I'm so Glad"

Elder Braham

**BENEDICTION:**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

Minister, Roebuck

**The coffee hour**

"Let's talk about it"

Host Elder, Eric Williams and friends