Bethel Presbyterian Church

November 8, 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#157 "To God be the Glory" 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……

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 Hernel Braham
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: Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Reader 2: Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Hymn of Preparation: AA#312 "Spirit of God Descend upon my heart" 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 Corner:

Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (NIV) Jesus welcomed children openly, teaching that they hold a treasured place in the kingdom of God. Let me ……

The Offering: Elder Mike Lawrence, Brother Richard Wright 2nd, Deacon Babatunde

~~Let Us Offer Our Gifts to God. 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.~~

Bethel Online Giving

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#492 "I've got like a river" 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, Elder Charlotte Wright, Sister Yvonne Rutty, Sister Veronica Bethel, Elaine Young, Minette Braham, Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, Brother, Brother John & Donna Cheatwood, Pius, Cory, brother Fred Cook. All Caretakers and others whose names not called, the hungry, homeless, victims of violence …Lord have mercy on children all over the world impacted by violence….. *We give thanks to God for the good news for your grace and mercy*……

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "THE LORD'S PRAYER**"**

Honor our Veterans

Announcements: **Liturgist**

- The Vote is your voice heard loudly on Nov 3rd, still resonating around the whole world!!
- Bible Study every Thursday 7pm on zoom: Order of Worship flow study is an eye opener and Rev Tene & Elder Braham deserve all the accolade for preparation and teaching. Well, done!!!
- Soup Kitchen 2nd Saturday, monthly and special call occasions.

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