Bethel Presbyterian Church

November 22, 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 — Organist
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!
All**: 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.
All: **Our hearts are glad; the Holy One has remembered us. Let us praise God together!**
Opening Hymn: GG#643 **"**Now thank we all our God**"** — 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:
All: **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 Patriae
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 — Ephesian1:15-23
Reader 2: Gospel — Matthew 25:31-46

Hymn of Preparation: GG#647 — "Give Thanks" — 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: Listen to the children!!!! **Matthew21:16**
"Do you hear what these children are saying?"
"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read,
"'From the lips of children and infants
you, Lord, have called forth your praise……

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#348 "Somebody's knocking'" Elder Braham

Prayer List: *Elder Hernel Braham*
Keeping in special prayer Elder Charlotte Wright, Dr. Leonard Bethel, Rev. Fonda Dortch-Taylor, Sister Emily Jones and her brother, Elder Hernel's brother Livingston in need of prayer; *We* lift all servants of God, Elder Nick Stevens, Elder James Plummer, Elder, Hernel Braham, Rev. T. Howard, Rev., Sister Yvonne Rutty, Sister Veronica Bethel, *Sister Barbara Lewis,* Elaine Young, Minette Braham, Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, Brother John & Donna Cheatwood, Pius, Cory, brother Fred Cook. 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, hunger, neglect. *We give thanks to You-God for the good news for your grace*… **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** "THE LORD'S PRAYER**"**

Testimony:
Announcements: **Liturgist**

- The Advent season is upon us……Are you ready?
- Get ready in Bible Study, Scriptures-Word of God. The food for the spirit in each of us every Thursday 7pm on zoom, resume Dec 3rd: As we pause on Thursday to give thanks wherever you are.
- Soup Kitchen staff was back in operations, feeding the hungry second Saturday of the month.

Closing Hymn: GG#700 "I am gonna live so God can use me" Elder Braham
BENEDICTION: Rev. Tene Howard
Amen, Amen, Amen Congregation
The coffee hour **"**Let's talk about it**"** Host Elder, Eric Williams and friends