

Bethel Presbyterian Church
300 East Fifth Street,

January 5, 2025, 10am, est.



Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

COMMUNION DAY ORDER OF SERVICE

PRESIDING

Minister of the Word:

Liturgist:

Music Ministry:

Pianist

Pinch hitting for Elder Roebuck, on the rebound recovering from a bug is

10:00am

Praise and Worship:

Elder David Roebuck

Elder Fredrica Williams

Elder Hernel Braham

Sister Dollie Lowe

Elder Hernel Braham

Elder Braham & Friends

10:10am

The Welcome:

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand

Elder Jeffery Wright

Please stretch out your arms to God...hold'em high and let us praise him together!

Leader: We come O God, with great expectation. We come with hopes and dreams in this new year of 2025. O God, we have seen trouble in our mist on day one. We look to you Lord. We look to You.

ALL: Lord; We thank you for watching over us and caring for us through the up's, downs, twists and turns in the old year and we thank you for your promises of peace, healing and justice.

Leader: Lord, You have led us in the past. Guide us now, and always, that we might choose to do your will and follow your way into the new year and beyond. Grant us a chance at a new start forevermore.

Please be seated: **Opening prayer, let us pray together 30 seconds in silent prayer**

First Sunday in the new year 2025.

PRAYER

Reader: Marcus McArthur

Dear God, hear our prayer we come to thank you for all the blessings you gave us this past year. As we begin this new year we ask for your presence in every step we take. Fill our hearts with joy, guide us with wisdom and help us to walk in faith. Bless our families, friends and those we love with good health and happiness. Surround us with your peace, protect us from harm, and give us courage to face the challenges ahead. Let the new year 2025 be filled with hope, answered prayers, and new opportunities. May we always remember to trust you, do your will and to share with others in Jesus name I pray. Finally, Dear God, bless the person who shared this prayer with us so that we might be able to share with others. Amen, amen and ashe'

OPENING HYMN: AA:175

"COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

Elder Hernel Braham

Call to Confession:

Elder Jeffery Wright

Here Ye, Here Ye; Come as you are in humility and faith and let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Eternal and Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess before You that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinful-ness, transgress Your holy commandments.

In your mercy, forgive us Lord for what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Lord forgive us of our sin. **Leader:** Let us pause for 30 seconds in silent reflection,,,,,,,,, Amen. ...Ashe

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Elder, David Roebuck

Gloria Patria

Organist

Hymn: PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Greet your neighbor,

AA: #498

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Liturgist

Organist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Brother James Howard

Lord God Almighty, 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'

COMMUNION

Elders: Roebuck, Braham, Williams, and Deacon Wright

INVITATION TO THE LORDS TABLE:

Elder, David Roebuck

Hymn: Lets us break bread together

Elder Eric Williams

Blessing and Charge

Elder, David Roebuck

Hymn: AA#:142

"Guide My Feet"

Elder Hernel Braham

SELECTED SCRIPTURES, (NKJV):

Readers: Brother James Howard, Marcus McArthur & Deacon Frazier Tharpe

Second Reading

Gospel

John 1:(1-9) 10-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to **testify** to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but **he came to testify to the light**. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Open Testimonials: please feel free to share how God's blessings impacted your life. Speak from the heart (2 or 3 minutes). Thank you for sharing!

1st. Testimonial: Brother James Howard

2nd Testimonial: Brother Marcus McArthur

3rd Testimonial

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Luke 23:42

Amen, Ashe

Special Selection: AA# 400

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

Elder Braham

Preaching Time--The Word:

Elder: David Roebuck

Scripture reading:

“Isaiah 55:1-8: James 4:1-10”

The Sermon:

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The Invitation:

Elder, David Roebuck

CHILDREN CIRCLE: “Children’s Sabbath; Teach a Child, and Transform the World”

Messenger:

Parents, bring the children to service so they can participate and learn just a little bit about Hope, Love, Joy, Peace and so much more. Thank you for joining us today. Ashe

HYMN: AA: #616

“JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN”

Organist

Let Us Offer Our Gifts to God

Deacon Babatunde & Brother R. Wright

This is the season of giving. We can’t beat God giving so give what you can in the name of Jesus.

Mail your check to the church, drop it in the plate or mailbox at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 300 E 5th St, Plainfield NJ 07060. Use our online Give button highlighted on the program email. Make a donation using your iPad, computer or the new advanced cell phones work also. *Pause for the collection*

GIVE

[Bethel Online Giving](#)

Prayer of Dedication

Deacon Babatunde

Dear God. Please Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on behalf of Your risen son Christ Jesus. May we use these gifts to carry out the work you would have us to do. Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY: (AA) #651

Congregation

Organist

*Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen*

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’

Announcements:

Liturgist

- Pray more. The BPC Bible Study program co-leaders Rev. Tene Howard & Elder Hernel Braham request your attendance on **Zoom every Thursday night @7pm**. The study hour is open to everyone. The Bible study resume promptly on Thursday January 9, 2025. The zoom link is attached.
- Let’ us **Shake Off** the tribulations with Joyful celebration in prayer and worship in this new year. Pay attention to everything but don’t get consumed and overwhelmed with the news, mis-information, untruths and the turmoil amongst us. We can make BPC better together with a smile, good judgement, good fortune, using our talents and Almighty God leading us to where He wants us to be. Glory to God! Glory

PRAYER LIST:

Brother Marcus McArthur

Heavenly Father, we give thanks and praise to you for blessing the ministers bringing the WORD to your people at BPC. We thank you for the children and pray for a better life in the future. We thank you Lord for

the upkeep of BPC sanctuary a place of comfort and fellowship. Father God we come to you in prayer lifting up the families who lost their love ones to violence this first week of the new year. Holy Father lift them up and forgive us, forgive us as a people.

Father God, we come one more time lifting up our people in prayer. Some are suffering from tribulations beyond our reach, homelessness and so much troubling strife here on earth. Heavenly father we need YOU the healing doctor highest, our people need you, our world needs everlasting peace.

We lift in prayer this morning, all our brethren and sisters facing health challenges, Deacon Frazier Tharpe, Elder David Roebuck, Elder Charlotte Wright, Sister Yvonne Ruty, Sister Veronica Bethel, Sister Jodie Barber and Rev Bethel. Also we lift up brother Cory, protect him and provide a way out of homelessness, Brother Pius bless him and his family. Lord we lift up Rev. Fonda, asking you to strengthen her. Lift up Bro. Plummer, Tony McArthur, Kevin McArthur, Cousin Janice, Sister Judith Horne-Johnson, sister Brenda McArthur-Puckett to keep fighting to recover from health conditions needing your healing power, and sister Elaine Young in Arista-Care lonely and missing her son Derrick.

Lord hear our prayer for all the members of the church family, the sick, the homebound, the travelers let it be your will that they return home safely. Lord we lift up names not called out today, those that grieve Lord we lift in special prayer congregational members now in recovery, comfort them; heal the sick, lonely, tired and troubled Lord; let joy, unspeakable joy come in the morning. We look to you All Mighty God in heaven to guide us through in Jesus name. Amen-

THE HYMN OF COMFORT: AA# 504 "GUIDE MY FEET" **ELDER BRAHAM**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **ELDER BRAHAM**

Closing Hymn: AA#632 "Lord Make Me More Holy" **ALL**
BENEDICTION: **Elder, David Roebuck**

Three fold Amen

THE Coffee HOUR **hosts** **BROTHER James H& Eric W**

PAUSE FOR A SHORT BREAK, stretch, get some water, take about 5 minutes, we'll come right back and have a conversation about the issues of the day, week, past & future facing the people.

Bethel Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bethel Presbyterian Church's Bible Study Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88149636199?pwd=4kOkhRiOxJi3lVM6kBz9pB8UPBddQn.1>

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