

Bethel Presbyterian Church
300 East Fifth Street,

March 9, 2025, 10am, est.



Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

PRESIDING

Minister of the Word:
Liturgist:
Music Ministry:
Pianist / Organist

Rev. Tene Howard
Elder Fredrica Williams
Elder Hernel Braham
Brother Jarel Pellew; Sister Dollie Lowe

10:01am Praise and Worship:
10:07am The Welcome:

Elder Braham & Friends
Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand

Liturgist

Psalm 100

L: 100 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

L: 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

L: 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

OPENING HYMN: GG:839

"Blessed Assurance"

Elder Hernel Braham

Call to Confession:

Please Stand

Liturgist

Let each of us confess our sin personally to God. Please pause for a moment in silence..... **Pray with me the**

Prayer of Confession:

Liturgist

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord forgive us of our sins., Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Rev Tene Howard

Gloria Patria

Organist

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Greet your neighbor,

Liturgist

Hymn: AA: 498

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Organist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Bro: 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'

SELECTED SCRIPTURES: The Revised Common Lectionary. The First Sunday in Lent (Year C)

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

Reader 1: Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13

8b "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader 2: Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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| Preaching Time --The Word: | Rev Tene Howard |
| Scripture reading: | "" |
| The Sermon: | "" |
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| The Invitation: | |

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'

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, BPC, 300 East 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

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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

Announcements:

Liturgist

- 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 focus on "Deepening Your Prayer Life". The zoom link is attached to your email.
- Plans are underway to reopen the BPC community soup kitchen Saturday April 12. Please contact Elder Charlotte Wright for further information ASAP.

Lent started on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday) and ends at sundown on Thursday, April 17 (Holy Thursday). Lent is the solemn Christian religious observance in the liturgical year commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry. Several BPC members attended the open invitation Ash Service at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church kicking off the official beginning of the Lenten season.

CHILDREN CIRCLE: "Teach a Child, and Transform the World"

Messenger: Children are precious gifts from God and we love them. Let us remind ourselves that it takes a village to raise a child to compassion, competence, and character. We celebrate their gifts and

strengths. We pray for them. Lord, help us to hear the dreams, and concerns of the children and to never give up on them. Amen,,, Ashe'

HYMN: #AA616

"JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN"

PRAYER LIST:

Brother Marcus McArthur

"Heavenly Father, we lift up those in need today around the world, war, hunger, shelter, sickness,, asking for your loving presence to surround them in their struggles. Let it be your will to Grant them strength, comfort, and hope in these difficult times. Provide for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, and guide them towards the healing and support they require. May your compassion shine through us, enabling us to be instruments of your love in their lives.

Dear God we lift in prayer this morning, families impacted by fires, storms, airplane crashes and all other events causing harm and grief. We lift in prayer Deacon Frazier Tharpe, Elder David Roebuck, Rev. Tene Howard, Elder Charlotte Wright, Sister Yvonne Ruty, Sister Veronica Bethel, Elder Fredrica Williams. Brother, Frank McArthur, Sister Pearl Lowe, Rev. Dr Bethel. Also we lift up brother Cory, Brother Pius. We lift up Rev. Fonda, Bro. Plummer, Tony McArthur, Kevin McArthur, Cousin Janice, Sister Judith Horne-Johnson, sister Brenda McArthur-Puckett, and sister Elaine Young in Arista-Care lonely and missing her son Derrick.

Heavenly Father hear our prayer for all the members of this church family, the sick, the homebound, the travelers and let it be your will that they return safely and healthy. Merciful God we lift up names not called out today. You have them on Your list, some are grieving today, some in this congregation now in recovery, comfort them; sick, lonely, tired and troubled;

Comfort the families from near and far of Sister Jody Lynn Perry-Barber. Sister Jody was called home to joined the Heavenly Saints in your kingdom this week. She was a good and faithful servant, loved family, strangers and friends. Rest in Power Sister Jody and may God shine the joy, unspeakable joy. We miss your bright shining smile and laughter already. We look to you All Mighty God in heaven to guide us through in Jesus name. Amen-

THE HYMN OF COMFORT:

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ELDER BRAHAM

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELDER BRAHAM

Closing Hymn: GG:307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ALL/ Elder Braham

BENEDICTION:

Rev Tene Hoard

THE Coffee HOUR hosts

BROTHER James H& Eric W

PAUSE FOR A SHORT BREAK,