

Bethel Presbyterian Church
300 East Fifth Street,

April 13, 2025, 10am, est.



Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

PALM SUNDAY

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

L: The journey has been long and sometimes very difficult.
P: During this Lenten journey we have seen miracles and mysteries.
L: Now the Lord comes to us in victory.
P: Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.
L: Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!
P: Hosanna in the highest! AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: GG#837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Devine" Elder Hernel Braham

Call to Confession: *Please Stand* Liturgist

Let each of us confess our sin to God. Please pause in silent reflection with God.....*Pray together the*

Prayer of Confession: Liturgist

Holy Father, 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

BLESSINGS OF THE PALMS Rev. Tene Howard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: Bro: James Howard

Almighty God,

as we celebrate the triumphant entry of your Son, Jesus, into Jerusalem, we humbly ask for your grace to illuminate our hearts and minds. May we see beyond the festive parade of palms and recognize the true meaning of this holy week, the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord.

Help us to follow Jesus on the way of the cross, united with him and all the faithful, seeking to live lives that reflect your love and truth. May we be guided by your Word and Spirit that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace. Grant us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. Amen. - Ashe'

Hymn: AA#258

“There Is Power In The Blood”

Elder Hernel Braham

SELECTED SCRIPTURES: Readers: Brother James Howard, Marcus McArthur

Palm Sunday (Year C)

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

31If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it'" 32So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34They said, "The Lord needs it." 35Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

36As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,

38saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" 39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

1O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

2Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." 19Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

20This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. 21I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. 22The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. 25Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

26Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

27The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. 28You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

29O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Special Selection: GG #288

“Spirit of the Living God”

Elder Braham

Preaching Time--The Word:

Rev Tene Howard

Scripture reading: ""

The Sermon: ""

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...Amen'

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's in your heart 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. 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 focusing on "[Deepening Your Prayer Life](#)". The zoom link is attached to your email.
- **Elder Charlotte Wright and Staff hosted a fabulous reopening of the BPC Community Soup Kitchen yesterday. Volunteers arrived on time at 11 o'clock transforming the Fellowship Hall into BPC restaurant. Mari's kitchen and support staff prepared complete hot meal including choice of salads, deserts, and drinks. The youth added interesting conversation, music and TV**

shows from back in the day to spice up the event between occupants. A glorious time was had by all with God's blessings "all things are possible". THANK YOU, THANK YOU to God be the Glory.

- Lent started on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday) and ends at sundown on Thursday, April 17 (Holy Thursday). During this Lenten season, consider a strong prayer connection with God. We need guidance, strength, and a deeper connection with God. Reflecting on our actions, seeking to grow in faith and compassion. 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, before beginning his public ministry. Check out the *triple threat* Rev. Tene Howard in her role in ministry as the teacher/educator.
- Congratulations to Veronica Smith for acceptance to Law School. Veronica a young gifted speaker of the word, singer, activist, County Sheriff's department employee, and if that's not enough she is completing her studies at Rider University this semester. Blessings to you Veronica and your support team. All things are possible through Christ.

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"

ORGANIST

PRAYER LIST:

Brother Marcus McArthur

"Heavenly Father, we come to you in prayer lifting up those in need around the world, suffering from war, hunger, shelter, sickness, uncertain times...., asking for your loving presence to surround them in their struggles. Let it be your will to grant strength, comfort, and hope. Lord we pray for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, that you guide them towards the healing and support they require. May your compassion shine through each one of us, enabling us to be instruments of your love.

Dear God we lift in prayer, families impacted by fires, storms, airplane crashes, job loss and all other events causing harm and grief. We lift in prayer Elder David Roebuck, Rev. Tene Howard, Elder Charlotte Wright, Sister Yvonne Ruddy, Sister Veronica Bethel. 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, also in Arista-Care and lonely sister Elaine Young missing her son Derrick, Brother Waverly Gaither battling a major health crisis's at Overlook Hospital also we lift up the caretakers that assist with care and compassion.

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; We are sick, lonely, tired and troubled; but we know trouble don't last always.

We pray that You comfort the families O'Lord from near and far of beloved Deacon Frazier "Fritz" Tharpe, Sister Jody Barber, James Ronald Rawles, Rev. Joseph Ford Sr all called home to glory. We look to you All Mighty God in heaven to guide us through these, dark days, difficult times in Jesus name. Amen-

THE HYMN OF COMFORT:

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ELDER BRAHAM

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Closing Hymn: AA:373 "Standing on The Promises"

BENEDICTION:

THE Coffee HOUR hosts

PAUSE FOR A SHORT Break

ELDER BRAHAM

ALL/ Elder Braham

Rev Tene Howard

BROTHER James H& Eric W