

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
300 East Fifth Street,



Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

Apr 14, 2024, 10am, est.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**The Gathering: Sister Judith Horne-Johnson**-----Let us, *Fellowship and mingle in God's name; BPC is a community of faith and today we answer His call to assemble in worship and praise.* Look around, speak to a neighbor, a friend, or a stranger and appreciate the opportunity to be in God's house..... Amen and Ashe'.

### 10am: Welcome:

**Elder, Fredrica Williams**

Good Morning, and Welcome. Welcome to Bethel's Sunday worship service. We have so much to be thankful for while receiving the many blessings God has in store for his church. Just, being back to worship in the sanctuary with you and to have the Rev. Tene Howard here to deliver the message we are grateful. We hope that however you worship, you feel that you are part of our community of faith. When we gather in his name we become the body of Christ and can work together to offer hope to those in need of it the most.

As a community when we care for each other we are stronger with the Spirit directing us all. Look at what God is doing here at BPC using people of good will from many backgrounds and walks of life to help repair his sanctuary, restore his church that reflects the past and looks towards the future. Four years ago, Rev. Doris Glaspy delivered the message "Be Not Afraid" there will be difficult days ahead but God is calling for action and when God calls He means business and will deliver no matter what. Through it all, inch by inch, a pandemic, storms, critical members leaving or passing along the way and even an earthquake and an eclipse this past week, BPC stands strong in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior because God delivers on his promises. Welcome! Amen...Ashe (pronounced Ash-AY) Thanks be to God.

### Announcements:

**Elder, Fredrica Williams**

Oh what a joyous day it is. God is good and upon this rock, the corner of East 5<sup>th</sup> and Roosevelt in Plainfield NJ, God's church stands. Scripture tells us "The church will reign triumphant even at the gates of hell." Matt 16:18.

- We are delighted and grateful that the honorable Rev. Tene Howard is with us. Rev. Tene has been on the frontline servicing the BPC congregation for more than two years now and we are forever grateful. She is a woman of God who practice what she preaches. Thank you, Rev. Tene. Agape' unconditional love! We are just delighted that you could be with us once again today. To God be the glory.
- Thanks to the members and friends of the community offering their services, talents encouraging words to help with the repairs, too many to single out thanks be to God for them. Special thank you is in order, for Iglesias Cristiana Manantial de Vida under the leadership of Pastor Samuels and Co-Pastor Cesar. Words cannot express the contributions they have made providing access to expert craftsmen, families and a host of small business owners that help make a difference every day. BPC is on the move folks

with Iglesias Cristiana Manantial de Vida partnering, working and worshipping God side by side in God's house of worship serving our community in God's name for a better tomorrow. God is so Good to us.

- BPC of Plainfield has been here in this block doing God's work servicing the community for a long-long time. Looking back, the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted life here at BPC and throughout the world. However, like all things sometime God pushes his servants to wake-up in order to keep moving forward. We need people of good will to be part of the renaissance taking place on this block, inside this church and beyond. It is time, it is time, God is calling....

Help us grow the church, invite people. Don't forget the children they are important too. Invite friends and family to come share in God's blessings. Let's help make this a place where all generations, backgrounds and faiths can feel comfort being here in the house of the Lord. Do your best in what you do and let God do the rest.

- Covid and other unknown viruses continue to challenge our community so please continue taking precaution in your daily routine. Be safe! Be careful!
- **A History Tribute:** Honors significant achievements of women and men of Bethel who made a difference but may not be famous. We've said it many times that one month is never enough to pay tribute, to educate and inspire the people of all generations and cultures. So as the stories come forth we will present them to you in our own voice. To God be the Glory!

*Now, let us prepare our hearts and minds for the next hour to give thanks and praise to God.*

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**Piano / Selection**

**Bro. Jarel Pellew**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Elder, Fredrica Williams**

We praise God, who is known to us in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We pray for God to bless us so that we may be a blessing to others. We pray for Jesus to be with us, as he promised to be, whenever we gather in his name. We pray for the Spirit to make our worship holy, joyful, and true. Glory!

**OPENING HYMN:** AA#117

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

**Elder Hernel Braham**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Elder, Jeffery Wright**

Dear God, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are Able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. **AMEN....** Ashe (pronounced Ash-AY)

**Call to Confession:**

**Deacon Frazier Thorpe**

Merciful 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 and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive 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. Amen, Ashe

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**Rev. Tene Howard**

**Gloria Patria**

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**

**Hymn: GG: #688 "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" Elder Hernel Braham**

**PREACHING TIME!!!**

**PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

**Brother James Howard**

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

**SCRIPTURES:** (New King James Version) **Brother James Howard & Deacon Frazier Tharpe**

1st Reading, O.T.

2nd Reading: N.T.

**SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION** .....

**Rev. Tene Howard**

**The Sermon:** ""

**PASSING OF THE PEACE:** Greet your neighbor, fist bump, handshake, wave, hello, etc....

AA: #498 "Let there be peace on earth"

**Bro. Jarel Pellew**

**LET US OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**ELDER JEFFERY WRIGHT**

Give thanks to God for He is good. Let us gratefully give of our offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry. We can't beat God giving. 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. Make a donation using your iPad, computer or the new advanced cell phones work also. *Pause for the collection*

**GIVE**

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**Prayer of dedication**

**Deacon Babatunde**

Dear God. Please Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on behalf of Your risen son Christ Jesus. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**DOXOLOGY: (AA) #651**

**Congregation**

**Bro. Jarel Pellew**

*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'

**Interlude:**

**Bro. Jarel Pellew**

**PRAYER LIST:**

**Brother Marcus McArthur**

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

**HYMN OF COMFORT:**

**ELDER H. BRAHAM**

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

**CLOSING HYMN: AA# 138: "GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"**

**Elder Hernel Braham**

**BENEDICTION:**

**Rev. Rev. Tene Howard**

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THE Coffee HOUR

Moderator, Elder Eric Williams