

Bethel Presbyterian Church
300 East Fifth Street,



Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

Apr 28, 2024, 10am, est.

ORDER OF SERVICE

9:50am: The Gathering: -----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. Shake a hand, speak to a neighbor, a friend, or a stranger on zoom and appreciate the opportunity to be in God's house..... Amen and Ashe'.*

10am: Welcome:

Elder, Fredrica Williams

Good Morning, and welcome to the house of the Lord. Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church Sunday worship service in the zoom community, thank you for joining us today. We have so much to be thankful for while receiving many blessings God has in store for his church. Just, being back to worship in the sanctuary with you and to have the Rev. Fonda Dorth-Taylor here to deliver the message we are grateful. 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. Rev. Fonda, God bless your mom for hanging in there one day at a time, we pray for her. We're praying for you and the time you sacrifice to be with us here at BPC. You are helping make BPC a better place to worship and for us to do God's will.

Welcome! Amen...Ashe (pronounced Ash-AY) Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

Elder, Fredrica Williams

- **Housekeeping**-When you enter the Narthex men and women restrooms are located downstairs. Also, the restroom located on this floor is towards the end of Sanctuary Way outside the old chapel and former library. Water and refreshments can be found in Fellowship Hall. Please silence your cell phones in the Sanctuary during service. If you have to step out for any reason just step into the comfort room to your right or you can step out into the Narthex. As you can see much repair work has been done and there is more ongoing. Yet, we prepare the house of the Lord for what God has in store for us.
- We are delighted and grateful that the honorable Rev. Tene Howard and Fonda Dorth-Taylor has been on the frontline servicing the BPC congregation, not only from the pulpit but giving input and suggestions for more than two years and we are forever grateful. These two women of God practice what they preach and never fails in the purpose God has in store. Thank you, Rev. Fonda and 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 helping 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. God is so Good to us.

- BPC of Plainfield has been located here in this block servicing the community for many years. However, 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, BPC God is calling....

Help us grow the church, invite people. Don't forget the children they are important and a great gift to us. Invite friends and family to come share in God's blessings. We can make this the place where all generations, backgrounds and faiths feel comfort being here in the house of the Lord. So, do your best in whatever you can 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!
- Finally, Brother Jarel Pelew, senior musician will not be here today, unexpected events requiring his attendance. I like to recognize sister Dollie Lowe a member of the music and worship team for many years. She never fails to step up and keep the music flowing. Thank you sister Dollie for your years of music service here at BPC and may God continue blessing you.

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

Piano / Selection

Organist

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: GG#14

"For The Beauty of The Earth"

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

LORD GOD WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORDS IN SCRIPTURE 1st John 1:5-8

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us

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, Forgive us Lord. Amen, Ashe

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Rev. Fonda Dortch-Taylor

Gloria Patria

Hymn: GG: #628

“Praise I will Praise You Lord”

Elder Hernel Braham

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Brother James Howard

1 John 4: 7-12: 7Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. Amen- Ashe'

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

1st Reading: ACTS 8: 26-40

2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 13-21

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:16-30

PREACHING TIME!!!

REV. Fonda Dortch-Taylor

The Scripture:

The Sermon:

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SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION

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The Invitation

PASSING OF THE PEACE: Greet your neighbor,

AA: #498 “Let there be peace on earth”

Organist

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

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 so give what you can. 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

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'

Interlude:

ORGANIST

PRAYER LIST:

Brother Marcus McArthur

Dear God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Heavenly Father, 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. Heavenly Father we lift in prayer this morning, Sister Veronica Bethel and Rev Bethel, Rev. Fonda and her mother sister Evelyn Porter, Bro. James Plummer, Sister Judith Horne-Johnson, elder Hernel Braham, all the members of the church family, the sick and shut-in, those that grieve comfort them, the sick healing them Lord, those that celebrate, let joy come in the morning. We need you now Lord, to strengthen your people today, for the road ahead may be rocky in Jesus name. Amen-

THE HYMN OF COMFORT:

ELDER H. BRAHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: GG# 300:

"We are One in The Spirit"

Elder Hernel Braham

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Fonda Dortch-Taylor

THE Coffee HOUR

Moderator, Elder Eric Williams