



# *Bethel Presbyterian Church*

*(On Line Worship Service)*

October 10, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Minister Johnetta Bush
<b>INVOCATION</b>	Reverend Tene' Howard
<b>GREETINGS</b>	Liturgist, Elder Fredrica Williams
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	Elder Jeffrey Wright
“But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.” Habakkuk 2:20 “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” Psalm 122:1	
<b>HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	Sounds of Joy Ensemble
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Elder Jeffrey Wright

Heavenly Father, we adore YOU! We magnify YOU. We bless YOUR Holy and Righteous Name. Beside YOU there is none other. We declare YOU and only YOU are Worthy of all of Our Praises. We gather this day to lift you up. We gather to give YOU glory. As the deer panteth for the water so does our soul long for YOU. We confess before YOU we have fallen short of Your glory. We confess we have not done the things YOU told us to do. We confess we have done the things YOU told us NOT to do. We come in the Name of Jesus asking for your forgiveness. We thank YOU that You are a GOD that will not stay angry forever and that YOU delight in showing us mercy. Mercy suits our case. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Your word says if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us. You will cast our sins as far as the east is from the west. We bow in humble submission unto YOU. We give YOU thanks for all that YOU have done. We give You thanks for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. For beauty in nature, Your glory we see, for joy and health, friends, and family. We ask Lord for your presence to be with us this day; that we may worship YOU in spirit and in truth. Open our minds and our hearts to receive Your WORD that we may never be the same in Jesus Name. Empower us to do YOUR WILL and Live YOUR Way. We pray this prayer in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

<b>CHILDREN'S CIRCLE</b>	Sister Chrystal McArthur
<b>MUSICAL SELECTION</b>	Sounds of Joy Ensemble
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE THEME</b>	Dr. Dorothy Dallah

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 12:25-37 Brother James Howard  
**SERMONIC SOLO** Elder Hernel Braham  
**GOSPEL MESSAGE** Pastor Gloria Lyde Smith

**“A Call to Unity” - Matthew 12:25-37**

**DECISIONS FOR CHRIST** Pastor Gloria Lyde Smith

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle Creed)** Liturgist, Elder Fredrica Williams  
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 rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Liturgist, Elder Fredrica Williams

- Clergy Appreciation Day is always the **second Sunday in October** ~ TODAY, and ALL of October is celebrated as **Clergy Appreciation Month**. The celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers.
- Happy Birthday to all October Celebrants. Birthdays are certainly a good time to reflect, celebrate, enjoy and remember the blessings of the Lord.
- Join us EVERY Wednesday (via ZOOM) for Bible Study at 7 PM followed by Prayer Service at 8 PM. Take the time to be rejuvenated and revived through Gods Word and Worship!
- Join us for Meet and Greet at OUR COFFEE HOUR following Morning Worship.
- What does the African American Church look like after the COVID 19 PANDEMIC? Check out OUR website and OUR FACEBOOK Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/NJBethelPresbyterianChurch>  
<https://www.bethelpresnj.org/index.html>
- Don't forget to invite a friend to Celebrate Christ with us!
- Please keep those on our Prayer List in Your Prayers!
- Our Baby Blessing and Baptism will be held on next Sunday, October 17, 2021 at our 10 o'clock Worship Hour.
- Join Pastor Smith for the Ordination Service of Donna Farms held at Metropolitan Baptist Church Scotch Plains, NJ on next Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 4 PM.

**PRAYER LIST** Brother Marcus McArthur

James 5:16 “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

Hear our Prayer, O Lord, keep us safe make our day and let us pray, Hear Our Prayer!

Remember to lift each other in prayer. We need each other as we are ONE body in Christ. Encourage one another through phone calls, emails, and cards. Let someone know YOU care!

## **WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER**

Elder Paul Broady; Deacon Dorothy Spence, Pearl Lowe, Elder Michael Lawrence; Elaine Young; Yvonne Ruddy; Veronica Bethel; Lee McArthur; Judith Horne-Johnson; Jackie Horne-Gordon, Sister Lela Mae Robinson; (Olu, Oyin and Ibrahim – in the Children’s Circle), MIT Yvonne Watts, Sis. Betty Roberts, the Roberts' family, Bro. Manny Hall, Sis. Loyes Harris, The Canada family, The Carter family, Sis. Maurice Williams, MIT Doris Halley Ross and Gregory, The Lyde, Sims, German, Smith, Butler, Reaves, Teagle, Trimble, Alexander, Worrell, Brown, Bland families, Sis. Mary Miller, Sis. Precious Eure, The Gary family, The Gerstorfer family, The Bradshaw family, Bro. Edwin Harris, Bro. Bill Mileham, Sis. Melissa Phillips, President Biden, Vice President Harris, our youth, our World Leaders, the Bethel Presbyterian Church and the Holy Trinity Christian Church.

Travelling Mercies are extended to Deacon Babatunde as he visits family in Nigeria.

We pray for a safe reopening of our churches and the healing of the nation through this pandemic season.

## **PRAISE REPORT**

Frank McArthur tested negative for Covid and is feeling fine.

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Elder Jeffrey Wright

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. **II Corinthians 9:7**

With glad and generous hearts, let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given. Let us present our tithes and offering to our God.

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Or you can click the **GIVE NOW link** located in YOUR worship email.

### **Let us pray:**

Lord, we thank You for Your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in You. You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. We ask You to take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful, proficient, providing name of Jesus. Amen

We thank our online local and across the country community for your financial assistance to the Bethel Ministry. YOU are a blessing and we are grateful to the Lord for your support.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Elder Hernel Braham

**MUSICAL SELECTION (Closing Selection)**

Sounds of Joy Ensemble

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Gloria Lyde Smith