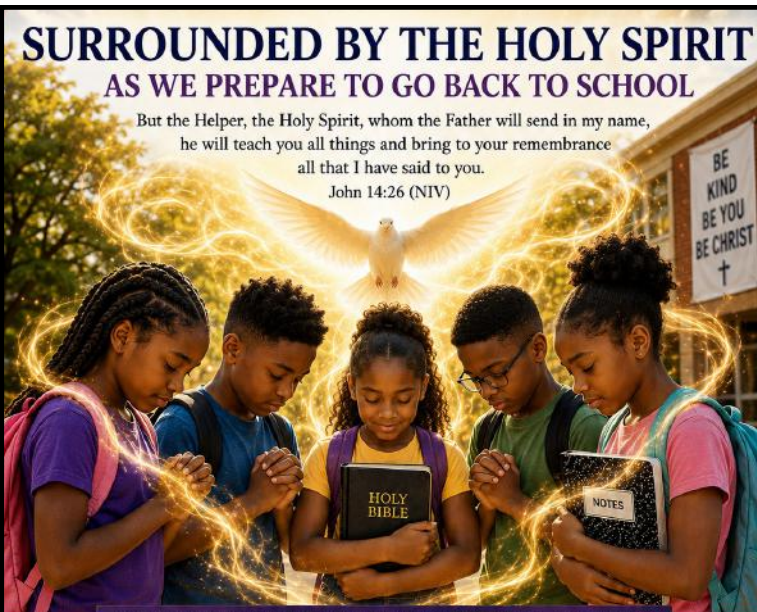


BETHEL

AME CHURCH, PORTLAND, OREGON

5828 NE 8th Avenue, Portland OR 97211

August 23, 2026



**SURROUNDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
AS WE PREPARE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL**

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance
all that I have said to you.
John 14:26 (NIV)

AS YOU STEP INTO THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR, REMEMBER:

 YOU ARE LOVED. God loves you unconditionally. You are His child, and nothing can separate you from His love.	 YOU ARE EQUIPPED. The Holy Spirit will guide you, teach you, and give you wisdom every step of the way.	 YOU ARE STRONG. When challenges come, lean on God. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. <u>Philippians 4:13</u>	 YOU CAN SHINE. Let your light shine in your school, your classroom, and your community. <u>Matthew 5:16</u>	 YOU HAVE PURPOSE. God has a plan for your life. Make this year count for His glory.
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Pray before you go. Listen while you learn. Be kind to others. Make good choices. And always remember—you are never alone. The Holy Spirit goes with you, surrounds you, and empowers you.

HAVE A SAFE, BLESSED, AND SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!



*Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.
Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)*

Bishop Francine A. Brookins, Presiding Prelate
Reverend Spencer F. Barrett, Presiding Elder
Reverend Phillip E. Ross, Pastor

August 23, 2026 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Praise & Worship Instrumental Music

PROCESSIONAL

The Doxology #647

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen!”*

The Call to Worship

**Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem!**

*People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had Rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

*People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in The courts of
our God.*

**Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved Thy habitation,
the place where Thy Honor dwelleth.**

People: For the Lord is in His Holy temple, let all the earth keep Silence before Him.

**Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable
In Thy sight, O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.**

**ALL: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done Marvelous things! Make
a joyful noise unto the Lord, All the earth, sing praises.**

The Morning Hymn. The Congregation

The Invocation

The Choral Response The Bethel Music Ministry

The Ministry of Music The Bethel Music Ministry

The Scripture Reading *John 5:1-8*

The Preface to the Decalogue ***“From all that dwell below the skies” #69***

✚ Summary of the Decalogue

✚ Gloria Patri ***“Glory Be to the Father” #626***

Reading of Appointment	Sister Carol Ann Drayton
Announcements/Recognition of Visitors	Sister Michele Jordan
Worship through Altar Call/Giving	Rev. Phillip E. Ross
Offertory Prayer	<i>“All Things Come of Thee, Oh Lord”</i>
The Song of Sermonic Preparation	The Bethel Music Ministry
The Word Proclaimed	Rev. Dion Jordan
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Rev. Ross
The Apostles Creed	See Insert
The Doxology	#647
<i>“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen”!</i>	
The Benediction	

RECESSIONAL

OFFICERS OF THE DAY

Steward - Sister Kiara Bennett Trustee - Sister Norma Gaines



Let's



*Get into The
Holy Word
at Bethel!*

Bible Study with Pastor

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

12:00 noon **LIVE** @ BETHEL and
ZOOM - ID: 8718286140, Passcode: 12345
Call In # 253-205-0468

Membership Ministries

† Church School with Sister Margaret Marshall

"LIVE", Sunday Mornings 10:00am

Wednesday Evenings 6:00pm

605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#

† Bible Study with Brother Paul Marshall

Thursday Afternoons 12:00pm

605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#

If you didn't get a chance to give your Tithes/Offering the last few Sunday's we have a QR code for your convenience! **Using your cell phone camera, point at QR code, a link will appear on your screen, select the link to be taken directly to Givelify.** Don't have a cell phone? The link is www.givelify.com.

QR Code



Pray without Ceasing!

"Called To The Wall"

† Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday Mornings 7:00 am, 605-475-4077,
Passcode: 920644#

† Tuesday Evenings 6:00 pm, 605-313-5109, Passcode: 735111#

Prayer led by Exhorter Bobbi Smith - Morning Glory's

† Thursday Mornings 6:30 am, 605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#

ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST



HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO ALL CELEBRATING IN AUGUST



TODAY:

- † Sunday Prayer Time - Join the 5th District as we gather each Sunday evening at 6:00pm (for just 30 minutes). Your prayers matter. Your presents matter. Come in the room. **ZOOM** Meeting ID: 817 7575 8872, Passcode: Music.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH - BIBLE STUDY 12:00 noon **LIVE @ BETHEL** and ZOOM. Please join us as we do a more in-depth study of Sunday, August 16th's Scripture. Please plan to join us - ZOOM Meeting ID: 8718286140, PASSCODE: 12345, CALL: 253-205-0468.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

- † Youth and Children's Choir Rehearsal - 12:00pm
- † Choraleers Choir Rehearsal - 1:00pm

*Starting the 1st Sunday in September, the "Happenings In Our Church and Community" Newsletter will only be publish once a month.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5TH DISTRICT

MENTAL HEALTH MOMENTS

THURSDAYS ARE FOR HEALING!

Healing is not a journey you take alone.

1st THURSDAY
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Mental Health Ambassadors
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
All Group Sessions

2nd THURSDAY
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Seniors and Young Adults

3rd THURSDAY
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Caregivers and Children

4th THURSDAY
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
CLERGY ONLY

**All starting times are Pacific Time*

Rev. Francine A. Brookins
Presiding Prelate



National Black Business Month, observed every August, is a time to recognize and support Black-owned business across the United States. Established in 2004 by historian John William Templeton and engineer Frederick E. Jordan Sr., this month-long celebration aims to highlight the critical role Black-owned businesses play in



"To say that Lester Purry gives a powerhouse performance is a titanic understatement"

- Krista Garver, BroadwayWorld

Thurgood

BY GEORGE STEVENS, JR.

DIRECTED BY LOU BELLAMY
STARRING LESTER PURRY

SCAN FOR TICKETS



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*Pictured:
Lester Purry as Thurgood Marshall
photo by Shawnte Sims*

Prayer for the Sick & Shut-in, but Never Shut-out

*We are believing the promise of **James 5:14-15** for the following:*

Ainya Bradford, Mildred Scurlock, Cynthia Triplet, Jean Winters, Joil & Cynthia Southwell, Chrisanna Martines Woods, Stephanie Thompson, Ethel Love, Joan Cook, Elmira Davis, Rev. Maurice Wright, Elizabeth Taylor, Denson Fowlks, SataieVior Ayilola, Haley Peoples, Alyce Bowser, Rev. Jack Walker, Sister Dorothy Fuller, Luther Evans, Helen Irwin, Vashti Johnson, Keith Edwards, Yvonne Smith, Mother Judy Payne, Yvonne Woods, Evangelist Star Evans, Rev. Genevieve Fisher and Family and Rev. Doris Cope and Family. Special prayer for Montreal Matthew and Family, Rev. Phillip E. and Lady Andrea Ross, and the entire Ross Family,

.Please submit all requests to the Church Office Manager by Wednesday to have members included on the Prayer List. Please remember those who are currently unwell or grieving with prayers, cards, and phone calls.**

***Members who are absent can give their tithes and offerings by mailing to our address, through Givelify or can contact your Class Leader or one of our Stewards, and they will coordinate a safe way to receive your gifts and return them straight to the Bethel AME Church. We thank you for supporting this ministry and following the biblical principle of giving.*



TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH PASTOR

Email - RevPRoss@yahoo.com

Please provide your name, phone#, and email address.

You'll receive an appointment confirmation via email.

(ALL appointments will be scheduled for 30 minutes

UNLESS more time is requested when making the appointment)

A PRAYER FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Gracious and Loving God,

As our students return to school, we place each one of them into Your loving and protective hands. Thank You for the gift of a new school year—a new beginning filled with opportunities to learn, grow, discover, and become all that You have called them to be.

Lord, walk with our children and youth as they enter their classrooms, hallways, playgrounds, cafeterias, and school buses. Go before them, stand beside them, and watch over them. Calm every fear, ease every worry, and replace anxiety with confidence and peace.

Give our students wisdom to make good choices, courage to do what is right, patience when learning becomes difficult, and perseverance when they are tempted to give up. Help them to remember that their worth is not measured by grades, popularity, athletic ability, or what others may say about them. Remind them that they are wonderfully made, deeply loved, and created by You for a purpose.

Father, protect our students from danger, bullying, violence, negative influences, and anything that would cause them harm. Surround every school with Your protection. Let our schools be places where children feel safe, welcomed, respected, encouraged, and valued.

Bless the teachers, principals, counselors, coaches, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, office staff, and everyone who works to educate, guide, protect, and care for our students. Give them patience, wisdom, compassion, strength, and understanding.

Bless parents, grandparents, guardians, families, churches, and communities. Help us encourage our children, listen to them, pray for them, support their dreams, celebrate their accomplishments, and lovingly guide them through their challenges.

Lord, when our students face difficult days, remind them that they are never alone because You are with them. May they carry Your light wherever they go. Teach them to be kind to the lonely, welcoming to the new student, helpful to those who struggle, respectful to their teachers, and loving toward one another.

May this school year be filled with knowledge, friendship, laughter, growth, achievement, safety, and wonderful new memories. Open doors of opportunity for every student and help them recognize the gifts and talents You have placed within them.

We speak blessings over our students today. May their minds be ready to learn, their hearts ready to love, their hands ready to serve, and their spirits ready to grow.

Your Word reminds us:

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

— Proverbs 2:6

Lord, cover our students from the moment they leave home until the moment they safely return. Let Your goodness and mercy follow them throughout every day of this school year.

We dedicate our students, educators, families, and schools into Your care, trusting You to lead, guide, protect, and bless them.

In the mighty and precious name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen. 🙏 📖 💜

