

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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25th Sunday after Pentecost



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

Worship is a special time where people seek to meet God and have their lives changed. To prepare your heart and lives to be changed for God's glory, we invite you to a time of reflective prayer and reverent silence seeking the Holy Spirit in your personal time of worship.

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **"OPEN OUR EYES, LORD"**

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

Praise the Lord! The Lord will never leave us alone. Let the name of the Lord be renowned throughout the earth, now and forever.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

*GLORIA PATRI

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Dear God, you gave us your only Son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN #376 **"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MELANIE SPOON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12: 28 – 34

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE

“THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS”

REV. ERIC SPOON

SERMON THOUGHT

Love – that is what we are supposed to do.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

“LOVE LIFTED ME”

**All my heart to Him I give; Ever to Him I’ll cling,
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul’s best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs.**

**Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Loved lifted me!**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“TO BE LIKE JESUS”

**To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus!
My desire to be like Him!
All thro’ life’s journey from earth to glory,
My desire to be like Him.**

**To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus!
How I long to be like Him!
So meek and lowly, so pure and holy,
How I long to be like Him.**

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

The *Call to Worship* and the *Prayer of Confession* are from the Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us today and pray that your lives will be enriched by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY CHURCH FINANCIALS:

WEEKLY BUDGETARY NEEDS.....	\$ 1,665.00
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING.....	\$ 2,653.00
DIFFERENCE.....	\$ 988.00
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 175.00

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON INFORMATION (This may change during the week):

Sermon Scripture:	Mark 13: 1 – 8
Sermon Title:	"Christmas Time is Coming"
Sermon Thought:	Prepare your life for what is coming.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OCC SHOEBOXES – TODAY: Want to pack a shoebox but do not know what to pack? We have a few copies of detailed gift suggestions for shoeboxes for the different age groups by the history cabinet in the Narthex. Feel free to take one, but please bring it back. Want a digital copy? Email Sandra Leonard at csmlleonard@embarqmail.com. Shoeboxes can be placed on the table in the Sanctuary. We will dedicate our shoeboxes **TODAY**.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY: Your Session has called a Congregational Meeting to approve Nominations for Church Ruling Elders for **TODAY**. The names in nomination are: Katie Wright, Marion Reed, and Dickie Torbett.

LET'S CELEBRATE – TODAY: It's time to officially welcome Samuel to his church family! So let's have a luncheon!!! The Presbyterian Women is putting on a lite lunch (soup and sandwiches) following worship **TODAY**. If you would like to bring a gift, Pamper or Huggie diapers size 3 or bigger and/or wipes will be appreciated. A gift card at a store like Target or Walmart is always useful too. Please plan to attend as we welcome Samuel to New Bethel and to life as a Christian.

PW MEETING – NOVEMBER 14: The next women's meeting will be held on **November 14 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**. We will be talking about the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service which will take place on **November 20 at 6:30pm**. Don't forget, New Bethel is hosting this year! We need to finalize plans for what will be served, setting up, etc. Please help spread the word.

CHILDREN'S HOPE ALLIANCE OFFERING – NOVEMBER 18: Donations to this offering help the Children's Hope Alliance support the children in their care. These children need our support to lift their lives with the blessings of the Lord. We will collect this offering on **November 18**.

NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING – NOVEMBER 18: Our November Stated Session Meeting will be on **November 18** immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 20: You are invited to join with other members from our community at New Bethel Presbyterian Church. This year's Thanksgiving Community Service will be on **Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30pm**. An offering of canned goods for the Community Food Pantry will be collected. Come and give thanks and celebrate the Lord!

DECORATING THE CHRISMON TREE AND SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT – NOVEMBER 25: Have you ever wanted to help decorate the Chrismon Tree or Sanctuary for Advent? Well now is your chance. Come and join together on **November 25 at 4:45pm** as we celebrate the birth of the New Born King and prepare our hearts and the church for Christmas!

PINEY FLATS' COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – DECEMBER 2: All are invited to join with others from our community and help to ring in the Christmas Season with the annual Piney Flats' Community Christmas Tree Lighting on **December 2 at 4:00pm**.

PW CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 5: Bingo!! Women, come play with us at the PW Christmas Party on **December 5 in the Fellowship Hall**. \$20 limit for gifts. Please invite a friend! No age limit. Can't wait to see you there!

SCHOOL SUPPLY AND PERSONAL HYGIENE PANTRY: Notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, pencil sharpeners, erasers, travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products or any other items students would need to be able to participate in class.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY: Tuna, salmon, beef stew, chili, meaty soups, luncheon meat, Vienna sausage, peanut butter, pastas, canned fruit, peas, pudding cups. Items can be brought at any time. Monetary donations can be made instead of food. Make check to New Bethel with "Community Food Pantry Donation" on memo line.