

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent/Communion



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

"EMMANUEL"

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Congregation: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

*GLORIA PATRI

579

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN #9 "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – HOPE

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

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

Luke 21: 34 – 36

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE

“Watch”

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SERMON THOUGHT

Put aside the old for the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

All baptized believers are welcome to partake of the elements. In the tradition of New Bethel Presbyterian Church, you are invited to hold your bread and cup until invited to partake as a whole congregation.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #8

“LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES”

VERSE 1

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“LET’S WORSHIP AND ADORE HIM”

**Let’s worship and adore Him,
Let’s worship and adore Him,
Let’s worship and adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy,
Christ the Lord.**

*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.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
December 2, 2018 – December 9, 2018

TODAY:	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship Service/Communion
	4:00 P.M.	Piney Flats' Christmas Tree Lighting
	4:45 P.M.	KFC
	6:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
TUESDAY:	6:30 A.M.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
WEDNESDAY:	6:00 P.M.	PW Christmas Party
SUNDAY:	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship Service
	12:15 P.M.	Session Meeting
	4:45 P.M.	KFC
	6:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal

SERVING THE CHURCH

Offering Elders: Dickie Torbett & Marcia Torbett
Communion Elders: Denise Torbett & Katie Wright

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

Jesse Patrick	(Sharon Ramsey's Brother-in-Law)
Mrs. Willene Spence	(Health, Former Minister's Wife)
Leia Davis	(Started Chemo, Teacher at EHS, Friend of Sharon Ramsey)
Martha Crussell	(Declining Health, Church Member)
Chuck Bowman	(Serious Illness, Friend of the McPeaks)
Patsy Sells Boling	(Cancer, Carol Carter's Cousin)
June Fields	(Cancer, Jim Wright's Mom)
Valerie Casady	(Cancer, Jennifer Procopio's Aunt)
Millie McCamish	(Cancer, Jennifer Procopio's Grandmother)
Ned Tankersley	(Fractured Back, Friend of Several in the Church)
Kevin Nichols	(Back Surgery, Friend of Several in the Church)
Jennifer Orr	(Back Surgery Recovery, Daughter of Dean and Janie Torbett)
Tara Dugger	(Cancer Treatment, Friend of Sally McPeak)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Linda Smith Dec. 5

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM OUR AREA:

COL. Michael Harvey (Army)
STAFF SGT David Roberts (Air Force)
ENSIGN Scott Greene (Navy)
SAILOR Nicholas Shane Everding (Navy)

PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church.
This week: Newport Presbyterian Church, Newport, TN 37821
Reverend Spoon, our Minister, as he leads us.
Our Session and their leadership of our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you are worshipping 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.....	\$ 1,583.00
DIFFERENCE.....	\$ -82.00
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 105.00

PINEY FLATS' COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – TODAY: 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 **TODAY at 4:00pm.**

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – DECEMBER 4: All men are invited to the monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast on **December 4 at 6:30am at Bojangles.**

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 5: The PW Christmas Party will be on **December 5 at 6:00pm.** The meal will be catered by Simms and is \$10/person with a menu of: Choice of lasagna or chicken alfredo; salad & bread; dessert; and drink. Any excess money will be given to the PW general fund. Please consider bringing a donation of diapers and/or wipes (size 3 or larger) for the families at The River. We will be playing Bingo and if you would like to play, please bring a wrapped gift with a limit of \$20. Bring a friend! All women are welcome!

DECEMBER SESSION MEETING – DECEMBER 9: Our December Stated Session Meeting will be on **December 9 at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING – DECEMBER 16: By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. This offering will be collected on **December 16.**

NEW ELDER TRAINING – DECEMBER 16: New Elder training will be held on **December 16 at 2:00pm in the Session Room.** All newly elected elders are required to attend.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – DECEMBER 24: All are invited to come and celebrate the birth of our New Born King on **December 24 at 4:00pm.** This service will include Communion and a special offering. The offering will go towards the Children's Fund of New Bethel. This fund is used to support any needs that arise for children inside or outside of the church.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE OFFERING – DECEMBER 30: We will collect our Building for the Future Offering as part of worship on **December 30.** A gift to this offering helps support and ensure the future of New Bethel Presbyterian Church. Envelopes will be available for you to give your offering.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – DECEMBER 30: There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on **DECEMBER 30.** There **WILL BE WORSHIP** at 11:00am on **December 30.**

COLD MONTHS AND ATTENDING CHURCH: New Bethel is trying to her part to ensure that members know of cancellations because of unforeseen circumstances like severe weather. In these coming cold months, please check your email and Facebook regularly for postings about church cancellations, should you suspect the church might need to close. You can also sign up for text messages to be sent to you by texting **@bdbd7c to 81010.** Please see Eric Spoon with any questions.

"WHEN THE TIME COMES": Have you ever wondered about who will plan your funeral, if your wishes will be honored, or anyone even knows what your final wishes are? New Bethel has a new guide called, "When the Time Comes" to funeral planning. It is designed for those who wish to discuss their final wishes with the pastor or their family in advance. If this sounds like something you would like, please see Eric Spoon for a copy.

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.