

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 31, 2019

4th Sunday in Lent



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 **"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"**

**Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

*GLORIA PATRI

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN

“I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY”

1. I will sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left His home in glory For the cross of Calvary.

Refrain

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me –
Sing it with the saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost but Jesus found me – Found the sheep that went astray;
Threw His loving arms around me, Drew me back into His way.

Refrain

3. Days of darkness still come o'er me; Sorrow's paths I often tread.
But the Savior still is with me; by His hand I'm safely led.

Refrain

4. He will keep me till the river Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over, Where the loved ones I shall meet.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANNE KING WHITE

*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 15: 1 – 2

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON TITLE

“GRUMBLING”

REV. ERIC SPOON

SERMON THOUGHT

We grumble about what we do not understand (or like).

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #280

“AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND”

VERSE 4

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"HERE I AM LORD"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

*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

March 24, 2019 – April 7, 2019

TODAY:	9:15 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship Service
	4:45 P.M.	KFC
	6:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal
TUESDAY:	6:30 A.M.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
SUNDAY:	9:15 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Worship Service/Communion
	4:45 P.M.	KFC
	6:30 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal

SERVING THE CHURCH

Offering Elders: Mary Lynn Barnes & Mary Dobrovolt

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)
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:

Jim McClanahan April 4 Harold Barnes April 6

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: Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN 37743

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.....	\$ 1,692.00
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING.....	\$ 1,067.00
DIFFERENCE.....	\$ -625.00
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 193.04

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

Sermon Scripture: John 12: 1 – 8

Sermon Title: "Anointing"

Sermon Thought: Be anointed with the Spirit of the Lord.

SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE – TODAY: Join us for some New Bethel March Madness as we collect new socks and underwear to be provided to those in disaster situations. We will be collecting socks and underwear for men, women, boys and girls of all ages. Any shape, size or color will be appreciated as long as it is new. We will dedicate these items **TODAY** as part of "Undie Sunday." If you have any questions, please see Mary Dobrovolc or Leigh Shepherd.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like an Easter lily to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning in honor of or in memory of please contact Denise Torbett at 423-341-4013 by **April 8**. The cost per lily is **\$10.00**.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – APRIL 2: All men are invited to breakfast at Bojangles on **April 2 at 6:30am**. We hope to see you there.

50¢-A-MEAL OFFERING – APRIL 7: We will collect our 50¢-A-Meal Offering on **April 7** as part of the Children's Moment. Be sure to bring your loose change to fill the pots of the children of the church.

APRIL STATED SESSION MEETING – APRIL 14: Our April Stated Session Meeting will be on **April 14** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

PW MEETING – APRIL 17: All women are invited to join us for our monthly PW Meeting on **April 17 at 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – APRIL 18: Our annual Maundy Thursday Worship Service will be held on April 18 at **6:30pm in the Sanctuary**. We will celebrate communion at this service as we seek to celebrate the Last Supper the Lord celebrated with His disciples.

EASTER EGG HUNT – APRIL 20: Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **April 20 from 12:00pm – 1:00pm**. Come and celebrate the joy of Easter with the children of the church!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING – APRIL 21: A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – APRIL 21: This year New Bethel is in charge of the Easter Sunrise Service held in the cemetery at Piney Flats Methodist Church on **April 21 at 6:45am**. Please see Mary Dobrovolc about signing up to donate food for the breakfast and please make plans to attend.

PW SPRING GATHERING – APRIL 27: All women are invited and encouraged to attend the Holston Presbytery PW Spring Gathering here at New Bethel Presbyterian Church on **April 27 from 9:30am – 12:30pm**. Please see Mary Dobrovolc with any questions.

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.