

# NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



*Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known*

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Worship is a special time where people seek to meet God and have their lives changed. To prepare your heart and life 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.**

PRELUDE

\*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

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
**He lays down his life for his sheep.**  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
**He knows us, and we belong to him.**  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

### **"GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*OPENING HYMN #333

**“SEEK YE FIRST”**

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (Children are asked to remain in their pews.)

Mary Lynn Barnes

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16-24**

SERMON

**“GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS”**

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PRAYER

\*APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, 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 he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #372

**“LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN”  
(Verse 4)**

Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart, in-a my heart  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, In-a my heart, Lord,  
I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**“I WILL SERVE THEE”**

I will serve Thee because I love Thee. You have given life to me.  
I was nothing before you found me; You have given life to me.  
Heartaches, broken pieces, ruined lives Are why you died on calvary.  
Your touch was what I longed for, You have given life to me.

\*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**  
**April 25, 2021 – May 2, 2021**

**9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:**

Willene Spence	(Health, Former Minister's Wife)
Martha Crussell	(Declining Health, Church Member)
June Fields	(Cancer, Jim Wright's Mom)
Valerie Casady	(Cancer, Jennifer Procopio's Aunt)
John Landers, II (John, John)	(Medical & Mental Health, Son of Kevyn Torbett)
Robert Pierce	(General Health Condition, Church Member)
Matt Amick	Paralysis After Recent Surgery, Neighbor of Rodney Smith)
Elaine Profitt	(Recent Cancer Surgery, Friend of Several Church Members)
Jimmy Joe Amick	(Bladder Cancer, Friend of Rodney Smith)
Emely Runion (About 4)	(After several surgeries and with health issues since her birth, she is doing better and now able to sit up. Prayers for her continued progress and for her parents as they take care of her)
Sarah Brown	(Tumor, Friend of Becky Wise)
Curt and Janie Johnson	(Curt, husband, recently had serious return of liver cancer after treatment in 2019: Janie, wife, is on oxygen 24/7 after battle with COVID-19 in September, cousins of S. Leonard)
Hugh Wise	(Hospice care and Covid-19, Father of Scott Wise)
Charles Perry	(To continue to gain strength after Covid-19 and relief from arthritic pain, Neighbor of Sandra Leonard)
Kassie Smith	(Recent loss of son, Church Member)
Deborah Reagan Blizzard	(In the hospital suffering from COVID-19. She is young but not doing well. Requested by Sherry Blizzard.)
Teresa King	(Undergoing cancer treatment)
Wayne Timberlake	(Major surgery on his colon and liver on April 1 <sup>st</sup> . Friend of Rodney Smith)

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

**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)  
Sailor Nicholas Shane Everding (Navy)

**PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:**

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church.  
This week: Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37660  
Pastor Scott Wise and the Session as they lead our church.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** We will continue to have in person worship services on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and also live streaming broadcast online. You can find a link to the online broadcast and the church bulletin on the church website at [www.newbethelpres.org](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:** As we resume in person worship service, please follow the CDC guidelines by wearing a mask and socially distancing.

**WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING:** The Women's Birthday Offering will be received today. Launched in 1922 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Birthday Offering celebrates Presbyterian women's history of giving. Now the Birthday offering is an annual tradition and has funded more than 200 mission projects that touch the lives of women and children. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit.

**FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING:** The Five Cents a Meal Offering will be taken on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Funds given through this offering go to fight hunger in our local area. Churches throughout Holston Presbytery apply for grants each year to address hunger issues. New Bethel has received grants in the past that were given to the Community Food Pantry run by Edgefield Methodist Church. A small gift of \$4.50 a month from each person will go a long way in helping eliminate hunger in our area.

**MORNING SERVICE MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>:** We look forward to Dr. Angus Shaw being with us on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the morning service. Pastor Scott Wise will be taking a well-deserved vacation.

**COMMUNION:** Communion will be observed on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW FLOORING:** Work will begin soon on installing new flooring in the hallway and the 5 carpeted rooms off the hallway.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN:** A couple of trees have been planted near the playground in memory of Anne Frazier and Don Ramsey. Plans are being made to begin a memorial garden in this area.

**EASTER LILIES:** Thank you to Denise Torbett for providing the lovely Easter Lilies that were placed on the pulpit and other areas of the sanctuary.

**WEEKLY CHURCH FINANCIALS:** Please give as you are able. Your gifts and offerings can also be mailed to the church at 592 New Bethel Road, Piney Flats, TN 37686. A summary of our current standing against the 2020 budget is shown below:

WEEKLY BUDGETARY NEEDS.....	\$ 882
April 18 <sup>th</sup> OFFERINGS.....	\$ 870
DIFFERENCE.....	-\$ 12
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 25
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	\$3,688