

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fifth 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

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

*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

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN #426

“LORD, SPEAK TO ME, THAT I MAY SPEAK”

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wondering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart, And wing my words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'er flow In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6: 25-34; Luke 12: 14-21

SERMON

“A PRAYFUL REMEDY TO FOOLISHNESS”

DR. ANGUS SHAW

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 #389

**“O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED”
(Verse 3)**

O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

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

May 2, 2021 – May 9, 2021

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

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 st . Friend of Rodney Smith)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Karisa Miller May 3 Sharon Ramsey May 5 Sally McPeak May 8

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Rodney and Kassie Smith May 6

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: Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Limestone, TN 37681
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.

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

TODAY'S SERVICE: We are pleased that Dr. Angus Shaw is with us today to lead our morning service.

PENTECOST OFFERING: The Pentecost offering will be taken May 23. More information will be shared about this offering in the next few weeks.

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING: The total received so far for the Women's Birthday Offering is \$215.

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING: The Five Cents a Meal Offering will be received today. Funds from this offering go to fight hunger in our local area. A small gift of \$4.50 a month from each person will go a long way in helping eliminate hunger in our area.

MOTHER'S DAY: Next Sunday we will be honoring our mothers with special recognition.

COMMUNION: Communion will be served next Sunday, May 9th. Communion elements will be in the Narthex to pick up as you enter the sanctuary. For those wishing to participate at home, elements will be available in the pick-up container on the side entrance porch.

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

PATRIOTS CORNER: Flyers are available in the Narthex for those who wish to purchase a flag to honor veterans, first responders, and health care workers. The flags will be displayed on Memorial Day weekend in the grassy area between Eastman Credit Union and Piney Flats Drug Center.

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 25 th OFFERINGS.....	\$ 1,267
DIFFERENCE.....	\$ 385
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 270
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	\$ 4,073