

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ascension of the Lord



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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward one another. So I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.

With the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we see the greatness of Christ's power at work in us who believe. God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the glory of the heavenly places!

*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, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN #355

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ how much I love you! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.
2. All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing.
Jesus Christ how much I love you! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1; John 17: 6-19

SERMON

“Clamor and Conflict”

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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 #324

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

(Verse 3)

Open my mouth and let me bear Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart illumine me, Spirit divine!

*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 16, 2021 – May 23, 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)
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)
Shelley McKee	(Healing and recuperation after shoulder surgery 5-3; friend of several church members)
Harold Barnes	(Double pneumonia, Mountain Home VA Hospital, Church Member)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Teresa Wright May 21

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: Preston Hills Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37664
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.

PENTECOST OFFERING: The Pentecost Sunday is May 23. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons ingrained during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person’s life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, our congregation participates in helping children, youth, and young adults.

NEW BETHEL CEMETERY OFFERING: The New Bethel Cemetery Offering will be collected soon. Be sure to give to this special offering that helps to support the upkeep of the cemetery and honor those who have gone before us.

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
MAY 9th OFFERINGS.....	\$ 390
DIFFERENCE.....	-\$ 492
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 0
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	\$3,411