

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



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

"TAKE MY LIFE"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days;

Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.

Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*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.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

RICK AND SHERRY BRADEMEYER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened.

We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign

In our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant

Within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11: 6 - 9

SERMON

“IMAGE OF PEACE”

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SPECIAL MUSIC

THE GOSPEL GRASS

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #23 **“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”**

1. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
(Refrain)
Glo-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-r-i-a in excelsis Deo;
Glo-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-r-i-a in excelsis Deo.
- 2, Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?
(Refrain)
- 3, Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
(Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION **“GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”**

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

*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 5, 2021 – December 12, 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)
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)
Janie Johnson	(Loss of husband Curt to liver cancer on September 13th, cousin of S. 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)
Harold Barnes	(Back at the VA, Church Member)
Garrett Workman (age 27)	(Dealing with serious liver disease, medicine's helping. Friend of S. Leonard)
Doug Huff	(Recovering from stroke suffered August 15 th ; friend of several.)
Amanda Wise	(Following a heart attack on August 30; mother of Scott Wise.)
Holston Presbytery	(As searches are underway to fill several positions. Rich Fifield, Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, and Kim Fifield, Treasurer, are retiring at the end of the year. Jim Austin, Director of Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, leaving at end of year)
Shirley Crowe	(Several health issues, sister of Carolyn Byrd)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Linda Smith December 5 Dean Torbett December 10 Janie Torbett December 11

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: Clinton Presbyterian Church, Mountain City, TN 37683
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 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.

SPECIAL SERVICE: We are so glad to have the Gospel Grass with us again today. Thank you, Gospel Grass, for your message in music. We always look forward to your presentation.

ADVENT SEASON IS HERE!: During the Advent Season we will continue the tradition of lighting the Advent Candles each service. Volunteers are needed to talk about and light the candle during each of these services. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those interested in participating this year. Volunteers are still needed for December 24, 2021. Thank You!

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The Joy offering will be received on December 19th. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

PW CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual Presbyterian Women's Christmas party will be Wednesday , December 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be delivered by Simms. The PW will cover the first \$5.00 of the cost per person of the meal. The balance will be collected by Mary Lynn Barnes. BINGO!!! If you would like to play, please bring a wrapped gift to exchange as part of the game. The limit for a gift is \$20. Once again, we will be collecting disposable diapers for the River. Size 4 diapers or larger were requested but any size is appreciated. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Mary, Sherry, or Mary Lynn. Bring a friend! The more the merrier!!

ANNUAL PINEY FLATS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: The annual Piney Flats Christmas tree lighting sponsored by the Piney Flats Ruritan will take place today from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Free food and beverages will be served beginning at 5:00, with the lighting of the tree at 6:00, at the historic corner in the heart of Piney Flats. If you would like to donate cookies or Christmas treats for the occasion, contact Mary Lynn Barnes, 423-534-0060.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY: At this time, we are no longer accepting canned food items for our food pantry because it is felt that we can help feed the hungry more efficiently by making monetary donations to support our local food pantry which is located at Edgefield United Methodist Church. You are encouraged to be a part of this important ministry by making your checks to **New Bethel Church** with "**Community Food Pantry Donation**" on the memo line.

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.....	\$1,050
NOVEMBER 28 OFFERINGS.....	\$ 617
DIFFERENCE	\$ -433
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 52
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	\$6,479