

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 12, 2021

Third 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

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Trust and do not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen.

*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 THE ADVENT CANDLE

DICKIE AND MARCIA TORBETT

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN #59 **“WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS”**

1. While shepherds watch their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.
2. “Fear not,” said He, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind, to you and humankind.
3. “To you, in David’s town this day, is born of David’s line
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign.
4. “The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
All humbly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 12: 2 – 6; Philippians 4: 3 - 7**

SERMON **“NOW, AND TO COME”** PASTOR SCOTT WISE

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 #40

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ: While fields
and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding
joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make
His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as,
far as the curse is found
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of
His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love.

*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.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
December 12, 2021 – December 19, 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

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: Cold Springs Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN 37663
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.

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: God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Please plan to give as you can next Sunday, December 19th when we receive this special offering.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM “THE RIVER”: This past Thursday, the PW of New Bethel sent **1133 diapers, 800 wipes, A&D Ointment, and personal hygiene items** to “The River” in Johnson City for the women’s ministry there! They were most appreciative of your generous gifts to help other women and children!

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
DECEMBER 5TH OFFERINGS.....	\$ 376
DIFFERENCE	\$ -674
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 10
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	\$5,805