

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent



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

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

*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.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN

“ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME”
(found on screen and in bulletin)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 63: 1-8; LUKE 13: 1- 9

SERMON

“A YEARNING FOR GOD”

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PRAYER

COMMUNION

*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 #559

“WE GATHER TOGETHER”

1. We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

*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
March 20, 2022 – March 27, 2022
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)
Matt Amick	(Much improvement of paralysis, but still a long way to go -- Neighbor of Rodney Smith)
Elaine Profitt	(Recent Cancer Surgery, Friend of Several Church Members)
Teresa King	(Undergoing cancer treatment)
Harold Barnes	(Continued improvement in health, Church Member)
David Cohn	(Who became the new director of Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center on 1-1-22)
Madeline Horne	(The Preschool Administrator, who began work at the newly opened Preschool at Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center on 1-4-2022)
Shirley Crowe	(Several health issues, sister of Carolyn Byrd)
Deborah Kinsler	(Recovering from cancer)
Susie Trimble	(Severe pneumonia in both lungs [non-Covid] – cousin of Rodney Smith)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

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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: Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Dandridge, TN 37725
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.

SESSION MEETING: The Session will meet at the Church this evening at 6 p.m. The meeting will be available on Zoom for those who can't be at the meeting.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: Each year during the Easter season we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. More information about this special offering will be included in the next few bulletins. This offering will be taken on April 10.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY: Your monetary donations to feed the hungry are appreciated! These donations go to support our local food pantry which is located at Edgefield United Methodist Church. You are encouraged to continue to be a part of this important ministry by making your checks to **New Bethel Presbyterian 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 2022 budget is shown below:

WEEKLY BUDGETARY NEEDS.....	\$ 1,042
MARCH 13TH OFFERINGS.....	\$ 219
DIFFERENCE	\$ -823
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 0
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	\$-3,632