

# NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 27, 2022

Fourth 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

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

\*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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*OPENING HYMN #443

**“O CHRIST, THE GREAT FOUNDATION”**

1. O Christ, the great foundation On which Your people stand  
To preach Your true salvation In every age and land:  
Pour out Your Holy Spirit To make us strong and pure,  
To keep the faith unbroken As long as worlds endure.
2. Baptized in one confession, One church in all the earth,  
We bear our Lord’s impression, The sign of second birth:  
One holy people gathered In love beyond our own,  
By grace we were invited, By grace we make You known.
3. Where tyrants’ hold is tightened, Where strong devour the weak,  
Where innocents are frightened, The righteous fear to speak,  
There let Your church awaking Attack the powers of sin  
And, all their ramparts breaking, With You the victory win.
4. This is the moment glorious When He who once was dead  
Shall lead His church victorious, Their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation His heavenly kingdom brings,  
The final consummation, The glory of all things.

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**PSALM 32; JOSHUA 5: 9 - 12**

SERMON

**“GOD HAS ALWAYS”**

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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.



**WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL**  
**March 27, 2022 – April 3, 2022**

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

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**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**

Willene Spence March 28 (100<sup>th</sup> birthday)

Jim Wright March 29 Jim McClanahan April 2

**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: Jennie Moore Presbyterian Church, Flag Pond, TN 37657  
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](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Willene Spence notified us that her address has recently changed from "One Liberty Place" to the following: Brookdale – Apt. 137, 375 Liberty Place, Bristol, VA 24201 Please remember to update your directory because this 911 change is already in effect!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The next monthly meeting of the PW will be on Wednesday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women of New Bethel are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Our Maundy Thursday service returns this year as we commemorate the event of Jesus Christ's Last Supper. Please make plans to join us for this special service.

**AID FOR UKRAINE:** A fifth Samaritan's Purse airlift departed this past Wednesday carrying more than 19 tons of relief, including medical supplies for area hospitals as they work to strengthen the logistics and supply chain for the suffering medical system in Ukraine. We encourage you to go to the Samaritan's Purse website to see the amazing work this organization is doing to assist the people of Ukraine. Earlier this week, New Bethel contributed \$1,000 toward this effort. A special offering will be received on April 10<sup>th</sup> to offset this contribution and any amount over \$1,000 will be sent for additional support. Please plan to give as you can.

**FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING:** This offering will be received next Sunday. The bucket will be in the Narthex for your contributions to combat hunger in our area.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:** This Lenten season, please consider giving generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Presbyterians worldwide are sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. One Great Hour of Sharing will be received on Palm Sunday, 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 20TH OFFERINGS.....	\$ 2,790
DIFFERENCE .....	\$ 1,748
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 68
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	-\$1,914