

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARY DOBROVOLC

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

Alleluia! Christ is alive.

Let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

*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

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN

“JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”
(On the screen and in the bulletin)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring Of the Joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou art Father, Christ, our Brother---All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus With the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148; Revelation 21: 1-6

SERMON

“HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME”

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

“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”
(On the screen and in the bulletin)

1. Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

*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
May 15, 2022 – May 22, 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)
Audree Greene	(Hip surgery soon, born without a ball on one side—Maryl and Scott's younger daughter)

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: New Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN 37743
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.

PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING: Please give as you can to the Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering that will be received today. Your gift to the Birthday Offering helps fund real solutions in the areas of health, education, economic development, and the needs of women and children. This year a grant will help renovate transitional housing for several vulnerable people that have lost their homes for various reasons in Farmington, Maine. A second grant will provide funds for renovations and appliances for the Presbyterian Church in Lares, Puerto Rico that is the go-to location in the community for food, purified water, and personal items in an area recently damaged by hurricanes and earthquakes.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be Wednesday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Mary at mdobrovolc@aol.com

SESSION MEETING: The Session will meet this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Zoom will be available for members who are unable to be at the church.

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY CAMP: Holston Presbytery Camp does not want to turn any campers away because of a shortage of staff. They need to hire 2 more male counselors, 2 more female counselors, and 8 more day camp counselors. Counselors must be 18 years old or older to apply for these positions. For immediate consideration, text: Dave Cohn, Executive Director (606) 206-0336 or Madeline Horne, Program Director (919) 618-5622.

PATRIOTS' CORNER: On Memorial Day weekend, May 27 – 30, you may honor and remember veterans by purchasing a flag in their honor to be placed in the grassy area between Eastman Credit Union and Piney Flats Drug Center. Flags are 12 x 18 and a yellow ribbon will be attached to the flag with the name of the veteran on it. Flags are \$10 each and all proceeds support the Piney Flats Ruritan's annual Veteran's Day Luncheon in November. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex and can be mailed in or given to Larry Smith, Linda Smith, or Mary Lynn Barnes.

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
May 8 Offering.....	\$ 658
Difference.....	\$ -384
Other Giving.....	\$ 10
Year to Date.....	\$ -3,396