



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2026



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE REV. TOM GOMOLA

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGIST

SHERRY BRADEMEYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

MUSIC BY MARCIA MCGRATH

\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

**"BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"**

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **James 3: 7-10**

7 We humans are able to tame and have tamed all other creatures—wild animals and birds, reptiles and fish.

**8 But no one has ever been able to tame the tongue. It is evil and uncontrollable, full of deadly poison.**

9 We use it to give thanks to our Lord and Father and also to curse other people, who are created in the likeness of God.

**10 Words of thanksgiving and cursing pour out from the same mouth. My friends, this should not happen!**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Most Holy God, I confess that I have struggled to tame my tongue. I lay before You the words I wish I could unspeak—every harsh reply, every broken confidence, and every word of gossip that has wounded another. Please cleanse my heart, for I know that my mouth speaks from the abundance within. Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord, and keep watch over the door of my lips. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that my speech may be seasoned with grace and bring life to everyone who hears it.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist)

The prophet Isaiah cries out, "I am a man of unclean lips," and an angel touches his mouth with a burning coal, declaring, "Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for". **Isaiah 6:5-7**

\*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.

\*OPENING HYMN #388

**“O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED”**

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

1. O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer And shield my soul from sin.
4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE **Proverbs 15:1-9**

- 1 A gentle answer quiets anger, but a harsh one stirs it up.
- 2 When wise people speak, they make knowledge attractive, but stupid people spout nonsense.
- 3 The Lord sees what happens everywhere; he is watching us, whether we do good or evil.
- 4 Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit.
- 5 It is foolish to ignore what your parents taught you; it is wise to accept their correction.
- 6 Righteous people keep their wealth, but the wicked lose theirs when hard times come.
- 7 Knowledge is spread by people who are wise, not by fools.
- 8 The Lord is pleased when good people pray, but hates the sacrifices that the wicked bring him.
- 9 The Lord hates the ways of evil people, but loves those who do what is right.

SERMON

**“LOOSE LIPS SINK DISCIPLES”**

**REV. TOM GOMOLA**

OFFERING

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP **Hebrews 13:16** “Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**\*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 #142 **“ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!”**

(Blue hymnal)

(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”**

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.

\*Indicates those who are able may stand. **Individual prayers and liturgical text for worship are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*. Copyright 2015**

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL  
 March 15, 2026 – March 22, 2026  
 9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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**SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:**

Melissa Alley-----receiving treatment for cervical cancer, friend of Sherry Brademeyer  
 Matt Amick-----still in serious condition, neighbor of Rodney Smith  
 Billy Bagnell-----brain tumor; friend of Rodney Smith  
 Stephanie Barnes-----recovering from surgery, sister-in-law of Mary Lynn Barnes  
 Roger, Linda Bowen----Roger recovering in a nursing home after hospital stay, friend of Byron Barnes  
 Ramona Fender-----38 year old, colon cancer, granddaughter of a friend of Sandra's  
 Miriam Frazier-----was in a serious car accident, cousin of Mary Lynn and Ann King  
 Ron Jones-----prostate cancer and long covid, friend of Jon White  
 Ben Kelley-----tests run on swollen leg, in Air Force in Idaho, friend and neighbor of Julia Kegley  
 Mike Martin-----recovering from wrist surgery, friend of Becky Wise  
 Joan Mathes-----serious eye problems and other health issues, aunt of Dickie Jones  
 Sally McPeak-----various health problems, church member  
 Phyllis Painter-----eyes, shoulder and leg issues, friend of New Bethel members,  
 Debbie Smith-----breast cancer treatment, friend of Becky Wise  
 Mary Nelle Smith-----recovering from broken hip, sister-in-law of Sandra Leonard  
 Jerry Vaughn-----open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

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**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Lt. Matthew Musick A naval aviator who was deployed in January to the middle east area

**PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:**

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church  
 This week: Rock Creek Presbyterian Church, Erwin TN 37650  
 The Session as they lead our church

Class		Current Session Members		Class	
Tom Gomola		(724) 992-0447	Eddie Ramsey	2027	(423) 306-1526
Byron Barnes	2026	(423)-794-6522	Dickie Torbett	2027	(423) 967-5831
Larry Smith	2026	(423) 747-7282	Mary Dobrovolc	2028	(315) 525-2454
Denise Torbett	2026	(423) 341-4013	Gary Vaughn	2028	(423) 956-6907
Mary Lynn Barnes	2027	(423) 534-0060	Katie Wright	2028	(423) 967-6534

## 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.

**BAD WEATHER WORSHIP CANCELLATION:** Check the church FB page, call an elder, or Pastor Tom.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING:** One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on **March 22**. As you consider your offering, ask yourself what the Lord requires of you. In Micah 6:8 we are told to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is a way to respond to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the world's most vulnerable.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The next PW meeting is this Wednesday, **March 18 at 2:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Easter Egg Hunt New Bethel Church, **Saturday April 4, Noon-1:30** -Lesson – Lunch - Easter Egg Hunt

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** The Maundy Thursday service will be **April 2 at 5:30 p.m.**

**PALM SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:** We are invited to attend a **Palm Sunday** evening singing service at St. Paul Methodist Church at **6:00 p.m.** Let Rev. Tom know if you have special music and want to participate.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The men's breakfast at Bojangles is at **6:45, the first Wed.** of every month with the Edgefield guys.

**THE RIVER:** River Ministry for Women at 125 W Main St, (beside 1st Presbyterian Church) Johnson City, needs bleach, disinfectant spray, and bottled water. They also need snacks such as cheese crackers and peanut butter crackers, packages of instant oatmeal, etc. If you wish to donate you can drop off items at New Bethel or deliver directly to them. Their winter hours are 8:00-1:00 Monday-Friday, closed on weekends. Items will be collected through March 29.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** There will be a choir number for special music on Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome! We will practice on Wednesday evening, **April 1, at 6:00**, and on Saturday morning, **April 4, at 10:00**, for an hour each. Please try to make these practices if you plan to sing.

**CHANGE IN PHONE NUMBER:** Kevyn Torbett's new phone number is 423-796-8500. Please make this change in your New Bethel directory.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** Please add these addresses to your New Bethel Directory:

Mr. Jack White  
650 Cedar Creek Rd  
Kingsport, TN 37664

Ms. Alie White  
431 Indian Creek Rd  
Corbin, KY 40701

**WIFI PASSWORD:** bethel592

**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 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.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Please use this QR Code for giving online.



**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 2026 budget is shown below:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$1,534
March 8th Offering	\$ 763
Other Offerings	\$ 50
Year to Date	\$ 771