



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026



"To Make Christ Known"

Mission Statement: To know Christ and to make Christ known

250TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TOM GOMOLA

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL READING

LITURGIST

LARRY SMITH

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

"SANCTUARY"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

People of God, lift your eyes and look upon the heritage we have received. For 250 years, the Lord has been our refuge, our strength, and our guide.

From generation to generation, His faithfulness has endured. We are a people blessed beyond measure. (cont.)

As we celebrate this historic milestone, let us remember the promises of the past and look forward to the future with hope. Let us fix our eyes on the ultimate Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Come, let us bow down and worship the Almighty God. Let us lift our voices in songs of thanksgiving, praise, and rededication.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Most Merciful God, we confess that over these 250 years, we have frequently wandered from Your paths. We have often taken Your many blessings for granted, mistaking our prosperity for our own righteousness. We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed—by what we have actively done, and by the urgent good we have left undone. Cleanse us from our hidden faults, and soften our hearts so that we might walk in humility and truth.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON** (Liturgist)

Hear the good news: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

***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 #561**

“MY COUNTRY ‘TIS OF THEE”

(Blue Hymnal)

(All verses)

1. My country, ‘tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the
pilgrims’ pride, From every mountainside Let freedom ring.
2. My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom’s song; Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that
breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.
4. Our fathers’ God, to Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom’s
holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

JON WHITE

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.

2 Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. (cont.)

I Peter 2: 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority,
14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

Titus 3:1 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.

Matthew 22: 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax. "They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

21 "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

Romans 13: 7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

1 Timothy 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—

2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Jeremiah 29: 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Acts 5: 28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!

SERMON

"DUAL CITIZENSHIP: LIVING ON EARTH FOR HEAVEN"

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**

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 #564 “O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES”**

(Blue Hymnal) (Verses 1, 2, and 3)

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!

Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

3. O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine!

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“I WILL SERVE THEE”

I will serve Thee because I love Thee, You have given life to me;
I was nothing before you found me, You have given life to me.
Heartaches, broken pieces, Ruined lives are why You died on Calvary,
Your touch was what I longed for, You have given life to me.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
July 5, 2026 – July 12, 2026
9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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
Penny Bowery-----Surgery and chemo, ovarian cancer, stage 3, friend of Marion Reed
Mary Cross-----health issues, mother of Denise Torbett
Ramona Fender-----undergoing treatment for colon cancer, granddaughter of Sandra's friend
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
Wendy Rayfield-----undergoing treatment for colon cancer after surgery, wife of a friend of Sandra's
Debbie Smith-----breast cancer treatment, friend of Becky Wise
Mary Nelle Smith-----is now at home recuperating from sepsis, Sandra's sister-in-law
Vanessa Smith-----heart valve repair surgery on July 7th, daughter-in-law of Larry and Linda Smith
Jerry Vaughn-----open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father
Garrett Workman-----in the hospital recovering from colon cancer surgery, father of Sandra's great-grandson, Greyson

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Dean Barnes July 5 Eric Spoon July 9

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Eric Spoon and Melanie Spoon July 5 Eddie and Sharon Ramsey July 10

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Lt. Matthew Musick A naval aviator who was deployed in January to the middle east area
Will Markham serving in Middle East now, Sherry
 Brademeyer's cousin's son
Carson Reaves 82ND Airborne Division, 2nd Brigade mobile combat team, Ft. Bragg, NC, Ron
 Reed's great nephew

PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church
This week: Amity Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN 37743
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 McMillan	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.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Please join us after worship today in the fellowship for a hot dog luncheon!

NEW UPDATED DIRECTORY: An updated church Directory is available at the front entrance. One per family please! Also if you need to add/delete info or something is incorrect in it, please notify Mary Lynn Barnes.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The Presbyterian Women are collecting school supplies for the 2026-2027 school year. These will be donated to Emmett Elementary School in Sullivan County the last week in July. Please leave items on the table in the "yellow classroom," (2nd door on the right as you go down the back hallway) any Sunday, July 12-26.

Choose donation items for Back-to-School supplies:

Backpacks-elementary age appropriate: boys or girls

Pencil pouch for binders (but no pencil boxes)

#2 pencils

Cap erasers

Composition books (wide ruled)

Colored pencils

Clorox (or any brand) disinfectant wipes

Highlighter pens

Kleenex (or any brand) tissues

Crayons

Washable markers

Paper towels

Glue sticks

Quart-size baggies

Hand sanitizer

The next PW meeting will be Wednesday, **August 19**, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be no PW meeting in July.

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
June 28th Offering	\$1,275
Other Offerings	\$ 0
Year to Date	\$ 522