



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026



Mission Statement: To know Christ and to make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TOM GOMOLA

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGIST

MARY LYNN BARNES

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)

Psalms 105:1-5, 7-8, 45b

Give thanks to God

105:1 O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

105:2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

105:3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

105:4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

105:5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

105:7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

105:8 He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations,

105:45b Praise the LORD!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord, so often we fail to seek Your heart and Your will for our lives. Instead, we become focused on our own wants, our own needs and our own ambitions. We confess that we can be narrow-minded, self-centered, and slow to listen to You. Forgive us, Lord, and give us ears to hear Your voice. Help us tune out the noise of the world and instead listen for the quiet whisper of Your Spirit, who faithfully leads us into Your good purpose. Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you." – **Isaiah 44:22**

***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 #370**

"JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1,2, and 3)

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy
blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a
conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within,
without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome,
pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise
I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:26-39

8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

8:27 And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

8:31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

8:32 He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?

8:33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

8:34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? (cont.)

*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.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
July 26, 2026 – August 2, 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-----tumor is shrinking as she continues to undergo treatment for colon cancer,
granddaughter of Sandra's friend.
Miranda Heaton-----battling cancer, prayers for her, her husband, Matthew, and their children,
daughter-in-law of Greg and Linda Heaton
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
Eric McPeak-----after battling a serious infection for over a year, he is now cleared to have heart
valve surgery on August 28th. Sally McPeak's younger son who grew up in our
church.
Sally McPeak-----various health problems, church member
Phyllis Painter-----eyes, shoulder and leg issues, a member of New Bethel
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-----at home hopefully awaiting more physical therapy, Sandra's sister-in-law
Vanessa Smith-----recovery from heart valve repair, daughter-in-law of Larry and Linda Smith
Jack Tottle-----cancer surgery, friend of Becky Wise
Jerry Vaughn-----open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father
Garrett Workman-----at home after colostomy surgery; doctors trying to decide on best treatment for
tumor in his colon and treatment for serious liver issues due to cirrhosis, father of
Sandra's great-grandson

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Painter July 29

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Greg and Linda Heaton (belated) July 16 Larry and Linda Smith July 28

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	82 ND Airborne Division, 2 nd 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: Blountville Presbyterian Church, Blountville, TN 37617
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 Dobrovols	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.

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.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER: Please make this correction in your personal copy of the directory:

Mary Dobrovols 315-520-6804

COMMUNION: Our next holy communion will be **August 2, 2026**.

SESSION: The session will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after worship on Sunday, **August 9**.

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.

PINEY FLATS DAYS: Piney Flats Days sponsored by the Piney Flats Ruritan Club will be happening at Mary Hughes School, **July 31-August 1**. On Friday is the book fair at the community center and 5K road race. On Saturday there will be live entertainment, including the Piney Pickers/Saving Grace dulcimer group from New Bethel, food and craft vendors, a car show, ax throwing, kids zone, and also the book fair. If you have any used books you would like to donate, you can leave them on the pew in the entryway, and we will see that they get delivered. The money the Ruritan makes goes right back into the community so come on out, have fun, and support a good cause.

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
July 19th Offering	\$1,750
Other Offerings	\$ 15
Year to Date	\$9,131