



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



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

KATIE MCMILLAN

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)

### **Psalm 105: 1-4**

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.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal and gracious God: We confess we are sinners who need a Savior. We are disciples who need Your loving discipline. We fail to learn the lessons You teach. We resist Your way of living. We break Your law. We rebel against Your grace. Forgive us our pride, willfulness, and stubbornness. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we will be changed. May we grow more and more in Your likeness. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist)

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. **2 Corinthians 5:19**

\*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 #455

**“I AM THINE, O LORD”**

(Red Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

1. I am Thine, O Lord— I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy  
love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee.  
(Refrain)  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer  
nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.
2. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the power of  
grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope  
And my will be lost in Thine.  
(Refrain)
3. O the pure delight of a single hour That before Thy  
throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend.  
(Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

**Romans 12:1-5**

12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

12:2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

12:4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function,

12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

SERMON

**“STOP SQUIRMING ON THE ALTER”**

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 #281**  
(Blue Hymnal)

**“GUIDE ME, O THY GREAT JEHOVAH”**  
(All Verses)

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through; Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

**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.

\*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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### **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 Dobrovolc 315-520-6804

**SESSION:** The session will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after worship today.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:**

The next PW meeting will be Wednesday, **August 19**, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**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:

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| Weekly Budget Needs             | \$1,534 |
| August 9 <sup>th</sup> Offering | \$ 910  |
| Other Offerings                 | \$ 0    |
| Year to Date                    | \$8,835 |