



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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)

Psalm 67:1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

67:2 that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

67:3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

67:4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

67:5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

67:7 May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy; as we gather to celebrate Your gift of love we recall with sorrow the times when we forget You and are divided one from the other. How often our thoughts, our words, and our actions, have betrayed the goodness You have shown to us. Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is broken. Heal the wounded relationships that separate us from You and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **Psalms 103:11-12**

***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 #84**

"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

(Red Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary;
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; As Thou has died for me, O may my
love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's
tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

16:15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

16:20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

16:21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

16:22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

SERMON

"WHAT A DIFFERENCE A VERSE MAKES!"

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 #56**
(Red Hymnal)

“GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU”
(1, 3, and 4)

1. Be not dismayed whate’er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.
(Refrain)
God will take care of you, Through every day, o’er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.
3. All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.
(Refrain)
4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

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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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
August 16, 2026 - August 23, 2026
9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

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, is 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, New Bethel 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
Dean Torbett-----injured his rotator cuff in a fall, will have MRI, New Bethel church member
Kevyn Torbett-----fell, surgery on broken hip went well, also injured eye, Princeton Transitional Care
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 Leonard's great-grandson

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Mary Cross August 16

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES.

Ed and Cecilia Campbell August 16

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	Is now released from the military and back home
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: Clinton Presbyterian Church, Mountain City, TN 37683
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

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS: New Bethel Presbyterian Church is honored to welcome baby Esther Grace McMillan. She was born to Katie and Adam McMillan on August 11, 2026, at 12:58 p.m. She weighed 7lbs 9oz and was 20 inches long. The pink rose bud on the altar is in her honor.

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING: The Five Cents a Meal offering will be taken on August 30.

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

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:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$1,534
August 9 th Offering	\$ 460
Other Offerings	\$ 0
Year to Date	\$7,761