



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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

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

"HOLY SPIRIT, THOU ART WELCOME IN THIS PLACE"

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.

Omnipotent Father of mercy and grace,

Thou art welcome in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalms 119:33-40

119:33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your law, and I will observe it to the end.

119:34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

119:35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

119:36 Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain;

119:37 be gracious to me according to your word.

119:38 Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

119:39 Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your laws are good.

119:40 See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness, be gracious to me.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Holy and Righteous God, Your law is perfect, reviving the soul. Your commandments are radiant, giving light to the eyes. We come before You today acknowledging that Your law is a mirror, showing us Your absolute holiness and our own deep need for a Savior. Please forgive us when we fail to obey and accept.

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

Psalm 103: 8 and 12 — "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love... as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us."

***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 #442**

"THE CHURCHES ONE FOUNDATION"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS"

Mary Lynn Barnes, Denise Torbett, Donna Carter, Sheila Lowery

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:54-56

54 "When you see a cloud rising in the west," he said to the crowds, "you say at once, 'It's going to rain,' and rain it does.

55 When you see the south wind getting up, you say, 'It's going to be very hot,' and that's what happens.

56 You impostors! You know how to work out what the earth and the sky are telling you; why can't you work out what's going on at this very moment?

Psalm 121:7-8: "The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Proverbs 3:23: "Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble."

Exodus 13:21: "By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so they could travel by day or night."

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

SERMON

"ROAD SIGNS"

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**

HOLY 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 #359 “MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST”**
(Blue Hymnal) (All verses)

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee. This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now Thee along I seek, Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
3. Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise; This be the parting cry My heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“TO BE LIKE JESUS”
To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus
All I ask, to be like Him.
All thru life's journey from earth to glory,
All I ask, to be like Him.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
September 6, 2026 – September 13, 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 soon. 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, recuperating at home
 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

Ed Carter (belated) August 30	Ruth Bowman September 7	Daniel Fuller September 8
Marcia McGrath September 8	Alie White September 11	Gary Vaughn September 12

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Rusty and Leigh Shepherd September 7	Gary and Mary Dobrovolc September 10
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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: Cove Creek Presbyterian Church, Roan Mountain, TN 37687
 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

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.

THE PATRIOT PAC SWAG SHOPPE: The Patriot PAC Swag Shoppe at Sullivan East HS is in need of donations. This organization helps provide items for students who are in need and cannot afford them. Please consider donating one or more items and placing them on the pew in the entryway of New Bethel through Sept 27. Only new items of the following age-appropriate range (14-18): Graphic tees, deodorant, gender neutral body wash, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, hair ties, jewelry. They DO NOT need bar soap, razors or shaving cream.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The next PW meeting will be Wednesday, September 16 at 2:00p.m. in the fellowship hall.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER: Please make this correction in your personal copy of the directory:
Mary Dobrovolc 315-520-6804

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 30th Offering	\$ 810
Other Offerings	\$ 120
Year to Date	\$8,391