



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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"To Make Christ Known"

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

"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)**

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2 **I trust you, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame. Do not let my enemies' triumph over me.**

3 No one who waits for you will ever be put to shame, but all who are unfaithful will be put to shame.

4 **Make your ways known to me, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me because you are God, my savior. I wait all day long for you.

7 **Do not remember the sins of my youth or my rebellious ways. Remember me, O Lord, in keeping with your mercy and your goodness.**

8 The Lord is good and decent. That is why he teaches sinners the way they should live.

9 **He leads humble people to do what is right, and he teaches them his way.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious God, you are our Redeemer, always at work for our good. Yet we confess that we often trust our own plans over Yours. We resist when love requires sacrifice, and we withhold compassion when it costs us something. Forgive us, Lord. Through Jesus, who paid the full price for our redemption, restore our hope, renew our trust, and reshape our lives so that we may reflect Your steadfast love to all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." **1 Peter 2:24**

***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 #485**

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

(Blue Hymnal)

(All verses)

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
(Refrain) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

MARCIA MCGRATH

SERMON SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2: 18-25

- 18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.
- 19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God.
- 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.
- 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.
- 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." (from Isaiah 53:9)
- 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.
- 24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."
- 25 For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

SERMON.

“BEING LIKE CHRIST, WHEN THINGS ARE REALLY HARD”
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 #150

“COME CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING”

(Blue Hymnal)

(All verses)

1. Come Christians, join to sing Allelulia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

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 27, 2026 – October 4, 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-----currently in ICU, 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
 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

Samuel Spoon September 28 Ed Campbell September 29

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Issac and Karisa Miller September 28 Hugh and Carolyn Byrd September 30

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Lt. Matthew Musick A naval aviator who was deployed in January to the middle east area
 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: Erwin Presbyterian Church, Erwin, TN 37650
 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 worshipping with us today and pray that your life will be enriched by the power of the Holy Spirit

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: World Communion Sunday will be observed on October 4.

FALL FESTIVAL: New Bethel is hosting a Fall Festival again this year. It will be held on Saturday Oct 24, from 11:00-3:00. Details to follow.

BABY SHOWER: There will be a baby shower in the fellowship hall on Saturday, Oct 3, at noon for Scott and Maryl Greene. Maryl is the daughter of Jon and Anne White and grew up at New Bethel. Baby Greene, whose gender has not been revealed, is registered at Target.

THANK OFFERING: The Women's Thank Offering will be on October 25.

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.

CORRECTION IN DIRECTORY: Please make this correction to your personal copy of the church directory...Carolyn King's cell number is incorrect. Please change it to 423-268-2514. All copies on the table in the entryway have been corrected.

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
September 20th Offering	\$1,222
Other Offerings	\$ 66
Year to Date	\$9,262