



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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

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

"HOLY SPIRIT, THOU ART WELCOME IN THIS PLACE"

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.

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Omnipotent Father of mercy and grace,

Thou art welcome in this place.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Psalm 23

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

23:3 He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

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

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious and loving God, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.
You set a space big enough for us all, yet we confess that we have built walls between neighbors and family.
Forgive our fumbblings and failures in seeking true unity. Amen.

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

Turning a blind eye, a deaf ear, to the past sins of your purged and precious people? You don't nurse your anger and don't stay angry long, for mercy is your specialty. That's what you love most.
Micah 7:18b

***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 #139**

"COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2, 3)

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all-glorious, O'er all vic-
torious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy
word success; Spirit of holiness, On us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in
every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:1-9

- 4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
- 4:2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
- 4:3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
- 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
- 4:5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
- 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- 4:9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

SERMON

"OVERTHINKERS ANONYMOUS"

REV. TOM GOMOLA

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP Hebrews 13:16 “Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

OFFERING

***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 #67**

“BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE”

(Red Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 3)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

(Refrain)

This is my story, this is my
song, praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story,
this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am
happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

(Refrain)

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
October 11, 2026 – October 18, 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 rehab, complications from ovarian cancer, 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
 Rev. Dr. Angus Shaw-----experiencing knee pain, friend of New Bethel
 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-----recovering from a fall, New Bethel church member
 Dickie Torbett-----recovering from hip replacement surgery, New Bethel church member
 Kevyn Torbett-----fell, dislocated hip, scheduled hip replacement at JCMC, New Bethel church member
 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

Don King October 15 Cecilia Campbell October 17 Sandra Leonard October 17

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

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: First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton, TN 37643
 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 Dobrovolt 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

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The next PW meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

FALL FESTIVAL: New Bethel is hosting a Fall Festival again this year. It will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 11:00-3:00, and will be lots of fun! We are planning to have inflatables, pumpkin carving, a hayride, and a cake walk. Lunch will also be served, furnished by the church. If you would like to donate a dessert for the cake walk, you can drop it by the church after 10:00 AM that day in the fellowship hall. Spread the word!

HARVEST TABLE: The Presbyterian Women of New Bethel are once again collecting non-perishable food for our Harvest Table, which will be collected October 18 - October 25. Suggested donations include: canned pumpkin, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and cranberries/cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy mix, and really anything for a Thanksgiving meal. The Harvest Table will be in the choir area in the sanctuary, so leave donations there. The items will be taken to the Haven of Rest in Bristol after October 25.

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

VETERANS' LUNCHEON: Piney Flats Ruritan Club is hosting the 25th Annual Piney Flats Veterans Luncheon on Saturday, November 7, 12pm (noon) at Edgefield Methodist Church Christian Life Center, 745 N. Pickens Bridge Road, Piney Flats, TN. This event is to recognize and honor those who have served or are serving in our United States Armed Forces. All Veterans and their spouse or guest are invited. There is no charge; we wish to honor you! RSVP by Friday, October 30.

Send email to pineyflatsruritan@yahoo.com or call or text 423-737-1254.

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
October 4th Offering	\$
Other Offerings	\$
Year to Date	\$