



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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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

SHERRY BRADEMEYER

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 96:1-9

96:1 O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

96:2 Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

96:3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

96:4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

96:6 Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

96:7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

96:8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

96:9 Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord God, we know that our lives are saturated with sin. The guilt of our transgressions is overwhelming. And yet, we know that if we repent of our failings and turn back to you, that you are a loving God who abundantly and relentlessly forgives. Therefore, we confess our need for your grace. We humbly pray for that forgiveness. By the power of your Spirit, help us break the cycles of sin in our lives. Reaffirm to us your love for us, that we might respond with gratitude and obedience. We pray this in the gracious name of Jesus. Amen.

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

And compassion is on its way to us. You'll stamp out our wrongdoing. You'll sink our sins to the bottom of the ocean. **Micah 7:19**

***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 #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 liftgate 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

SERMON SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4:1-11

4:1 So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin.

2 You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.

3 You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols.

4 Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So, they slander you.

5 But remember that they will have to face God, who stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and the dead. (cont.)

6 That is why the Good News was preached to those who are now dead[b]—so although they were destined to die like all people, they now live forever with God in the Spirit.

7 The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.

- 8 Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.
9 Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.
10 **God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.**
11 **Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.**

SERMON

“FOMO NO MORE”

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 #467**

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder Consider
all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
(Refrain)
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my
Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
(Refrain)
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
(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 18, 2026 – October 25, 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-----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.
 Ronnie Harless-----after a recent heart attack, a cancer was found on his lung, and he will be under going chemotherapy, Sandra's cousin
 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-----to have heart valve surgery soon. Sally McPeak's younger son, 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

Dickie Jones October 23

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, Greeneville, TN 37743
 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: Congratulations to Scott and Maryl Greene, Knoxville, on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Dupree Greene, on Monday, October 12. Her paternal grandparents are Scott and Patty Greene of Bluff City, maternal grandparents are Jon and Anne White of Jonesborough. Big sisters are Amber and Audree Greene. Welcome to the world little one!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A brief congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2026, for the purpose of electing a nominating committee for church officer(s).

HOLY COMMUNION: Communion will be served on Sunday, November 1.

MEN'S MEETING: The men of the church are invited to meet Wednesday, November 4, at 6:45 a.m. at Bojangles for breakfast and fellowship.

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

RURITAN CHICKEN SALE: To benefit the Piney Flats Fire Department and the Piney Flats Ruritan, fresh chicken tenders will sell for \$80 for 40 pounds. If you would like to order, please contact any of the following members by November 7: Scott Burton 423-534-1113 Ed Dupuis 423-0388-1796 Chris Berry 423-782-8398 or church members Larry Smith, Linda Smith, or Mary Lynn Barnes. Pick up date will be November 14 at Piney Flats Baptist Church from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. You will pay by cash or credit card at pickup. (card fees will be \$2.50)

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 a.m. 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 collected 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.

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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.

