

NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

"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 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)**
Romans11: 33-36
Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"
"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Almighty God, You alone are sovereign — above all, in all, over all. And yet, how quickly we are to take credit unto ourselves for successes achieved, decisions made, ministry offered, goods shared, gifts given. Forgive us for our self-sufficiency. Remind us that any competence comes from You alone. By Your Spirit, set us free to see and to share Your glory, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." **Romans 8:1–2**

***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 #457** **"TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY"**

(Red Hymnal) (All Verses)

1. Take time to be holy, Speak often with God; Find rest in Him always, And feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, Help those who are weak, Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, The world rushes on; Much time spend in secret With Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, Like Him Thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy, Let Him be Thy guide, And run not before Him, Whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, Still follow Thy Lord, And, looking to Jesus, Still trust in His word.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

24:1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.
24:2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.
24:3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.
24:14 "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD.
24:15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."
24:16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,
24:17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed,
24:18 and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."
24:19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. (cont.)

24:20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good."
24:21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!"
24:22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses."
24:23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."
24:24 The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey."
24:25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

SERMON **"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE…,"**

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 #333** **"SEEK YE FIRST"**
(Blue Hymnal) (All Verses)

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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
November 15, 2026 – November 22, 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----------broken hip surgery after a fall, 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
Kevyn Torbett----------recovering at home after hip replacement, 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

Hudson Fuller November 15 Kim Barnes November 16 Kevyn Torbett November 17
David Kegley November 19

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Becky Wise November 10

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Lt. Matthew Musick A naval aviator who was deployed in January to the middle east area

PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church
This week: First Presbyterian Church Kingsport, TN 37660
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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: The shoeboxes are due and will be dedicated today. If you have not previously donated to cover shipping, please include $10 in the offering plate today. The church will make one check for shipping and include it when the shoeboxes are taken to the designated shipping location. Thank you for your contributions to Operation Christmas Child.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW will meet this Wednesday, **November 18**, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be finalizing plans for the annual Christmas party. Please join us!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Women's Christmas party will be held on Thursday, **December 3**, in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. Make a reservation by giving $5.00/person to Mary Lynn Barnes by Sunday, **November 29**. If you plan to play B-I-N-G-O, bring a wrapped gift to the party. And don't forget to bring diapers and wipes to donate to The River. Hope to see you there!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Our Thanksgiving Offering will be received on **November 22nd**. The recipients of this offering will be one or more charitable organizations determined by the session. Last year half went to the River and half to Isaiah House.

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING: A collection for 5 Cents a Meal Offering will be taken Sunday, **November 29**. This offering will continue to be taken each 5th Sunday, and you may contribute at any other time as well.

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY: The Advent season is upon us! The sanctuary will be decorated after worship on Sunday, **November 22**. We will put up and decorate the tree, set up nativity scenes, put candles in the windows, and hang wreaths. All who can stay and help will be appreciated!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, **November 29**, for the purpose of electing officer(s), and approving the 2027 church budget.

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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.

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
November 8 Offering	$ 682
Other Offerings	$ 380
Year to Date	$ 9,856.50