

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PASTOR SCOTT WISE
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November 29, 2020
1st Sunday of Advent



Mission Statement: To know Christ and Make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME
OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ANN KING AND JON WHITE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"HOLY SPIRIT, THOU ART WELCOME"

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

**The time is drawing near. The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
Mark 1:1**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God-with-u. Even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away.
In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you;
Instead, we lash out- Against you, our neighbors, even those we love.
Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us!
Let your face shine until our tears are dried,
Our sins are faded, and our hope is restored.
After all, we belong to you. And in your hands, we can be made new.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**

SERMON **"Waiting, Wanting, Hope, and Thanksgiving"** PASTOR SCOTT WISE

PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION **"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE LAMB"**

I pledge allegiance to the Lamb, With all my strength, with all I am;
I will seek to honor His commands—I pledge allegiance to the Lamb.

The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are from the Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
November 29, 2020 – December 6, 2020

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

Willene Spence	(Health, Former Minister's Wife)
Martha Crussell	(Declining Health, Church Member)
Chuck Bowman	(Serious Illness, Friend of the McPeaks)
June Fields	(Cancer, Jim Wright's Mom)
Valerie Casady	(Cancer, Jennifer Procopio's Aunt)
John Landers, II (John, John)	(Medical & Mental Health, Son of Kevyn Torbett)
Robert Pierce	(General Health Condition, Church Member)
Matt Amick	Paralysis After Recent Surgery, Neighbor of Rodney Smith)
Elaine Profit	(Recent Cancer Surgery, Friend of Several Church Members)
Jimmy Joe Amick	(Bladder Cancer, Friend of Rodney Smith)
Emely Runion	(After heart surgery and a 3 month stay at Vanderbilt, this 2 ½ year old is home. Emely has other ongoing medical issues, so please continue to pray for her and the family)
Sarah Brown	(Tumor, Friend of Becky Wise)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Linda Smith December 5

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM OUR AREA:

COL. Michael Harvey (Army)
STAFF SGT David Roberts (Air Force)
Sailor Nicholas Shane Everding (Navy)

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
Pastor Scott Wise and the Session as they lead our church.

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.

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES: We will have online-only worship services on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM. You can find a link to the online broadcast and the church bulletin on the church website at www.newbethelpres.org.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS: With the increase in Covid-19 cases in our area, the session has voted to suspend in-person worship services at New Bethel until January 2021 at which time the session will review the conditions for live services. Meanwhile please join us online each Sunday morning for worship.

FYI: The new “Our Daily Bread” (December – January – February) is now available at the church in the narthex.

SCHOOL SUPPLY AND PERSONAL HYGIENE PANTRY: We accept donations throughout the year of notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, pencil sharpeners, erasers, travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products or any other items students would need to be able to participate in class.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY: We accept donations of tuna, salmon, beef stew, chili, meaty soups, luncheon meat, Vienna sausage, peanut butter, pastas, canned fruit, peas, pudding cups. Items can be brought at any time. Monetary donations can be made instead of food. Make checks to New Bethel with “Community Food Pantry Donations” noted.

WEEKLY CHURCH FINANCIALS: Please give as you are able. Your gifts and offerings can be mailed to the church at 592 New Bethel Road, Piney Flats, TN 37686. A summary of our current standing against the 2020 budget is shown below:

WEEKLY BUDGETARY NEEDS.....	\$1,596
NOVEMBER 22 OFFERINGS.....	\$ 752
DIFFERENCE.....	-\$ 844
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 140
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	-\$9,717