

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PASTOR SCOTT WISE
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December 13, 2020
3rd 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

Mary Lynn Barnes and family

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

"EMMANUEL"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us.
His name is called Emmanuel.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Promised One of God brings good news to the oppressed and binds up the brokenhearted. We are witnesses to the light of Christ! The Promised One of God proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners. We are witnesses to the light of Christ! The Promised One of God comforts all who mourn and gives a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. Rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, holding fast to what is good, we are witnesses to the light of Christ!

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

Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from You? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up. For the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

SERMON

"Life-Changing"

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PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"LET'S WORSHIP AND ADORE HIM"

Let's worship and adore Him,
Let's worship and adore Him,
Let's worship and adore Him,
Christ the Lord.
For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy,
Christ the Lord.

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

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
December 13, 2020 – December 20, 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 Proffitt	(Recent Cancer Surgery, Friend of Several Church Members)
Jimmy Joe Amick	(Bladder Cancer, Friend of Rodney Smith)
Emely Runion.	The now 3-year-old who had heart surgery in the spring, recently had another major surgery which has enabled her to sit up. Since she has other ongoing medical issues, please continue to pray for her healing and strength for her family.
 Sarah Brown	 (Tumor, Friend of Becky Wise)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Mickey Church December 19

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Dwight and Pam King December 19

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, Jefferson City, TN 37760
Pastor Scott Wise and the Session as they lead our church.

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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.

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 consider the conditions for live services. Meanwhile please join us online each Sunday morning for worship.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: A gift to the **Christmas Joy Offering** helps provide financial assistance to Church workers and their families and also provides support to develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Prayerfully consider how you can give to this special offering that will be **dedicated on December 20th**. Your donations can be mailed to the church or placed in the “little mission church” in the narthex before that date.

PLEDGE CARDS: Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support and for sending in your pledge cards for 2021. Dedication of the pledges will be during our service on December 20th.

SESSION MEETING: The session will meet next Sunday, December 20th at 6:00 p.m. This will again be a Zoom meeting and session members will receive invitations the week before the meeting.

FYI: The new “Our Daily Bread” (December – January – February) is now available at the church in the narthex and also in a box outside at the parking lot side entrance.

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 29 OFFERINGS.....	\$ 1,750
DIFFERENCE.....	\$ 154
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 0
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	-\$10,572