

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 20, 2020
4th 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

Sherry and Rick Brademeyer

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

**My soul magnifies the Lord.
My spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For the Mighty One has done great things, and holy is God's name.**

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

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Luke 1: 47-55**

SERMON **"Nothing will ever be the same"** PASTOR SCOTT WISE

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 20, 2020 – December 27, 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.	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)
Curt and Janie Johnson	(Curt, husband, recently had serious return of liver cancer after treatment in 2019: Janie, wife, is on oxygen 24/7 after battle with COVID-19 in September, cousins of S. Leonard)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Bill Snapp	December 20	Garry Sweeney	December 21
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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, Johnson City, TN 37604
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 consider the conditions for live services. Meanwhile please join us online each Sunday morning for worship.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be dedicated today. If you have not already given your gift to this special offering, you can still do so by mailing it to the church or placing it in the “little mission church” in the narthex before December 31st. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

PLEDGE CARDS AND JOY OFFERING DEDICATION: The pledge cards and Joy Offering contributions will be dedicated during this morning's service. Thank you for sending in your pledge cards and for contributing to the Joy Offering and other special offerings throughout the year.

SESSION MEETING: The session will meet today at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Our Christmas Eve Communion service will be posted on our YouTube channel the afternoon of Christmas Eve. In addition to the Communion service and short sermon, we will have the lighting of the Christ Candle and special music. Please join us at your convenience for this special service.

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.

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
DECEMBER 13 OFFERINGS.....	\$ 2,750
DIFFERENCE.....	\$ 1,154
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 60
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	-\$ 9,416