

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

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

"TAKE MY LIFE"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.
He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
God's mercy extends from generation to generation.
Holy is God's name!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jim and Katie Wright, and Gary Vaughn

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***OPENING HYMN #25**

"AWAY IN A MANGER"

1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

KATIE WRIGHT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 80: 3-4; Hebrews 10: 5-10

SERMON

"HOW COULD ONE APPROACH"

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PRAYER

***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 #41

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

1. O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant. O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

(Refrain)

O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning. Jesus to Thee be all glory given:
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
(Refrain)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exaltation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
(Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
December 19, 2021 – December 26, 2021
9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

Willene Spence	(Health, Former Minister's Wife)
Martha Crussell	(Declining Health, Church Member)
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 Profitt	(Recent Cancer Surgery, Friend of Several Church Members)
Jimmy Joe Amick	(Bladder Cancer, Friend of Rodney Smith)
Emely Runion (About 4)	(After several surgeries and with health issues since her birth, she is doing better and now able to sit up. Prayers for her continued progress and for her parents as they take care of her)
Sarah Brown	(Tumor, Friend of Becky Wise)
Janie Johnson	(Loss of husband Curt to liver cancer on September 13th, cousin of S. Leonard)
Kassie Smith	(Recent loss of son, Church Member)
Deborah Reagan Blizzard	(In the hospital suffering from COVID-19. She is young but not doing well. Requested by Sherry Blizzard.)
Teresa King	(Undergoing cancer treatment)
Wayne Timberlake	(Major surgery on his colon and liver on April 1 st . Friend of Rodney Smith)
Harold Barnes	(Back at the VA, Church Member)
Garrett Workman (age 27)	(Dealing with serious liver disease, medicine's helping. Friend of S. Leonard)
Doug Huff	(Recovering from stroke suffered August 15 th ; friend of several.)
Amanda Wise	(Following a heart attack on August 30; mother of Scott Wise.)
Holston Presbytery	(As searches are underway to fill several positions. Rich Fifield, Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, and Kim Fifield, Treasurer, are retiring at the end of the year. Jim Austin, Director of Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, leaving at end of year)
Mary Cross	(Was in the hospital at Franklin Woods, is now at home, Denise Torbett's mother)

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Mickey Church December 19 Bill Snapp December 20 Garry Sweeney December 21

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: Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37663
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 continue to have in person worship services on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and live streaming broadcast online. You can find a link to the online broadcast and the church bulletin on the church website at www.newbethelpres.org.

ADVENT SEASON IS HERE!: During the Advent Season we will continue the tradition of lighting the Advent Candles each service. Volunteers are needed to talk about and light the candle during each of these services. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those interested in participating this year. Volunteers are still needed for December 24, 2021. Thank you!

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The Christmas Joy Offering that we receive today has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. Please give as you can to this special offering that has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

DISASTER RELIEF: A special offering will be received next Sunday to assist with emergency needs of the communities in the path of recent tornadoes in Kentucky and surrounding states. All funds will be sent to an agency that the session selects. (Samaritan's Purse is one possibility.) If you want to mail a check, make it out to New Bethel Presbyterian Church, and send it to 592 New Bethel Road, Piney Flats, TN 37686. In the memo section add "disaster relief".

In addition, the session has voted to send \$1,000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund, designating specifically for Disaster Relief-USA Disasters and Emergencies, tornado damage from December 11, 2021. This amount was taken from our Building for the Future Fund and has already been sent.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY: At this time, we are no longer accepting canned food items for our food pantry because it is felt that we can help feed the hungry more efficiently by making monetary donations to support our local food pantry which is located at Edgefield United Methodist Church. You are encouraged to be a part of this important ministry by making your checks to **New Bethel Church** with "**Community Food Pantry Donation**" on the memo line.

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 2020 budget is shown below:

WEEKLY BUDGETARY NEEDS.....	\$1,050
DECEMBER 12TH OFFERINGS.....	\$1,366
DIFFERENCE	\$ 316
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 791
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	\$6,121