

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas



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

Praise the Lord! Praise God in the heavens.

Praise the Lord from the earth!

Young and old alike.

Men and women together.

Praise the Lord!

*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.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN #53

“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
(Refrain) This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!
2. Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
(Refrain)
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
(Refrain)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MARY LYNN BARNES

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

KATIE WRIGHT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148 and Colossians 3: 12-17

SERMON

“LIKE A RICH TREASURE”

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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 #339

“BE THOU MY VISION”

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
3. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*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.

*Indicates that those who are able may stand. The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are from the Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
December 26, 2021 – January 2, 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)
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.)
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

Phillip Orr December 27 Kassie Smith December 31

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Jennifer Procopio December 27

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: Cove Creek Presbyterian Church, Roan Mountain, TN 37687
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.

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING: Next Sunday we will be receiving our Five Cents A Meal Offering. Our special collection bucket will be in the Narthex. Remember to bring your change and let's see how much of the bucket we can fill.

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION: The Ordination and Installation of officers will be during our Sunday morning service on January 9th. Byron Barnes will be ordained and installed, and Mary Lynn Barnes will be installed.

SESSION MEETING: The Session will meet on January 9th in the fellowship hall. We will be using Zoom as well for those unable to attend in person.

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 19TH OFFERINGS.....	\$2,585
DIFFERENCE	\$1,535
OTHER GIVING.....	\$ 465
YEAR-TO-DATE.....	\$7,656