

**NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023



*Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known*

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

LITURGY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Smith

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

**"WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND"**

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing  
in his presence on holy ground.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\*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 (In Unison)

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*OPENING HYMN #234  
(blue hymnal)

**“I TO THE HILLS WILL LIFT MY EYES”**  
(all verses)

1. I to the hills will lift my eyes; From whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone, Who heaven and earth has made.
2. God will not let your foot be moved, Your Guardian never sleeps;  
God’s watchful and unslumbering care Protects and safely keeps.
3. Your faithful keeper is the Lord, Your shelter and your shade;  
‘Neath sun or moon, by day or night, You shall not be afraid.
4. From evil God will keep you safe, Provide for all you need;  
Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**PSALM 121; ROMANS 4: 13-17**

SERMON

**“GOD IS BECKONING”**

SCOTT WISE

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 #108      “ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME”**  
(red hymnal)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know,  
These for sin could not atone—Thou must save, and Thou alone:  
In my hand no price I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.
3. While I draw this final breath, When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown, And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

**\*GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*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**  
**March 5, 2023 – March 12, 2023**

**9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**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)
Matt Amick	(Much improvement of paralysis, but still a long way to go—neighbor of Rodney Smith)
Teresa King	(Undergoing cancer treatment)
Harold Barnes	(Continued improvement in health, Church Member)
Deborah Kinsler	(Recovering from cancer)
Pam King	(Prayers for complete healing and recovery from stroke, Church Member)
Tommy Forrester	(Brain Cancer, friend of Mary Lynn Barnes)
Kassie Smith	(Back pain much worse; having MRI & seeking further help; Rodney's wife)
Paige Phifer	(Undergoing cancer treatment, daughter of Dickie and Marcia)
AJ Torbett	(Shoulder surgery, grandson of Dickie and Marcia Torbett)
Judy Sweeney	(Heart procedure)
Phyllis Painter	(Pain in fractured pelvic bone due to fall in December)
Jimmy Joe Amick	(Bladder cancer has spread to lungs, friend of Rodney Smith)

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Julia Kegley    March 6            Jerome Mettetal    March 9

**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: Cross Anchor Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN 37745  
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](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**MARCH PULPIT SUPPLY:** We are happy to welcome Scott Wise back to the pulpit today and again on March 12th. Gary Helton will be here on March 19th and Marcia Torbett will bring us a "joyful" message on March 26th.

**COMMUNION:** Communion will be served during the morning worship service next Sunday, March 12th.

**SESSION MEETING:** Session will be next Sunday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**NEW BETHEL T-SHIRTS:** Warm weather is on the way, and we need to be thinking about summer apparel! New Bethel tee-shirts are now available! There is a sample hanging in the narthex with all sizes available: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X. They are \$20 and can be purchased from Byron Barnes. All proceeds go to New Bethel.

**CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS:** Sandra Leonard has a new email address as follows:  
[csmleonard878@outlook.com](mailto:csmleonard878@outlook.com)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** Did you know that some new parents do not or cannot fully prepare to take their newborn baby home from the hospital? The next project of New Bethel's Presbyterian Women is to help with this problem. We will be collecting items for newborn babies from now until Sun., April 2, for Niswonger Children's Hospital. Please put your donation on the table in the sanctuary. Remember, they only need newborn items for boys and girls 0-3 months, such as onesies, blankets, bottles, toys, diapers, etc. Monetary donations are great also, make check payable to New Bethel with designation for Niswonger and put in the offering plate.

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY:** Your monetary donations to feed the hungry are appreciated! These donations go to support our local food pantry which is located at Edgefield United Methodist Church. You are encouraged to continue to be a part of this important ministry by making your checks to **New Bethel Presbyterian 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 2023 budget is shown below:

This Week's Budgetary Needs-----	\$ 1,165
February 26th Offering-----	\$ 785
Difference-----	\$ -380
Other Giving-----	\$ 140
Year to Date-----	\$ -120