

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

LITURGY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARY DOBROVOLC

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

"OPEN OUR EYES LORD"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now— as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

*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 are people who still love darkness rather than light.

We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.

We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable,

but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. (con't on next page)

***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 #442 "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"**

(blue hymnal)

(verses 1-4)

1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

***GO IN GOD'S NAME**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"MAY THE LORD, MIGHTY GOD"

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever;
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

*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 12, 2023 – March 19, 2023

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)
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

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, Bristol, TN 37620
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.

PULPIT SUPPLY: We are pleased to welcome Gary Helton back to the pulpit today. Next Sunday, Marcia Torbett will present the question “Did Jesus Ever Laugh?” as she shares her message on Joy. McKayla Torbett and Zeb Dougherty will be providing the music to accompany this unique presentation.

During the month of April, Larry Smith will speak on the physical death of Jesus Christ on April 2nd. Dr. Shaw will fill the pulpit on April 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Scott Wise will be back with us on April 30th.

SPECIAL OFFERING: The first special offering of the year is the One Great Hour of Sharing, which will be received on April 2nd. In this season of Lent we follow Jesus’ example; walking alongside the most vulnerable to partner in repairing harms inflicted upon them. Each gift to this offering helps improve the lives of those suffering and vulnerable through three life-saving programs. These programs help to restore streets to live in, share bread with the hungry, and loose the bonds of injustice. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

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

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
March 12th Offering-----	\$ 725
Difference-----	\$ -440
Other Giving-----	\$ 120
Year to Date-----	\$ -842