

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

LITURGY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

KATIE WRIGHT

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 (In Unison)

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Sin and death shall reign no more. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let this place resound with joy. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*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)

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. (cont. on next page)

Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.

Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN #113

(blue hymnal)

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!”

(all verses)

1. “Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!
All creation, join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

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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

LUKE 24: 1-6, 21-35, 44-53

SERMON

“OPENED TO SPLENDOR”

DR. ANGUS SHAW

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 #292

(red hymnal)

“BECAUSE HE LIVES”

(all verses)

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

(Refrain)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He Lives.

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride, and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

(Refrain)

3. And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

(Refrain)

*GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND 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

April 9, 2023 – April 16, 2023

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

Willene Spence	(Health, Former Minister's Wife)
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	(Out of the hospital in Lexington and back home in Pikeville with hospice care; 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

Marion Reed April 11 Dwight King April 12

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

David and Julia Kegley April 9

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: Today we welcome Dr. Angus Shaw back to the pulpit. He will be with us again on April 16th and 23rd. Dr. Shaw will also speak the last three Sundays in May. Scott Wise will fill the pulpit on April 30th and May 7th. If you have recommendations for speakers in June or July, please let one of the session members know.

COMMUNION: We will be serving communion during morning worship service next Sunday, April 16th.

SESSION MEETING: Our session will meet next Sunday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The baby donations delivered to Niswonger were accepted with much appreciation by three of the nurses who work directly with the children. This is an ongoing project. Any donations of items that newborns need to go home from the hospital can be placed in the yellow room (next room after the choir room). Please clearly label for Niswonger. Many thanks to those who donated and especially Mary Lynn Barnes volunteering to organize the project.

Our next women's meeting will be on April 19, at 2:00 p.m. Please plan to attend if you are able. All women are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend.

SEW HAPPY QUILTERS: The Sew Happy Quilters of Edgefield UMC have made 1950 heavy duty bedrolls in the last 7 years to provide to the homeless folks in upper East Tennessee. If you have any old quilts, blankets, flat sheets, fabric or thread that they could use in this ministry it would be appreciated. Please put it in the yellow room.

NEW BETHEL T-SHIRTS: T-shirts featuring our new logo are still available for purchase. There is a sample hanging in the narthex and sizes small through 3X are available. 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

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
April 2nd Offering-----	\$ 857
Difference-----	\$ -308
Other Giving-----	\$ 705
Year to Date-----	\$ -168