

**NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023



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

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

LITURGY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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)

**Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
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)

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*OPENING HYMN #376  
(blue hymnal)

**“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”**  
(verses 1, 3, 4)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above; Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

SPECIAL MUSIC

SAVING GRACE

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 23; Acts 2: 42-47**

SERMON

**“COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT”**

SCOTT WISE

PRAYER

COMMUNION

\*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 #313**

(Red hymnal)

**“THE KING IS COMING”**

(verses 1 and 3)

1. The marketplace is empty, No more traffic in the streets, All the builders' tools are silent, No more time to harvest wheat; Busy housewives cease their labors, in the court room no debate, Work on earth is all suspended As the King comes thru the gate.

*(Refrain)*

*O the King is coming, the King is coming! I just heard the trumpets sounding, And now His face I see; O the King is coming, the King is coming! Praise God, He's coming for me!*

3. I can hear the chariots rumble, I can see the marching throng, The flurry of God's trumpets Spells the end of sin and wrong; Regal robes are now unfolding, Heaven's grandstands all in place, Heaven's choir is now assembled, Start to sing "Amazing Grace!"

*(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

May 7, 2023 – May 14, 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)
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)
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)
Jerry Graham	(Blockage that could cause a stroke, Katie's friend's Dad)

### PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Sally McPeak	May 8	Carolyn Byrd	May 10
Lena Collins	May 12	Marcia Torbett	May 13

### PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Sherry Brademeyer May 13

### 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, Johnson City, TN 37604  
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).

**PASTOR SEARCH:** Be in prayer for our Presbytery, the Committee on Ministry, our Session, and our Congregation as we continue our search for a part-time pastor.

**PULPIT SUPPLY:** We are happy to have Scott Wise with us again this Sunday. Dr. Angus Shaw will be here for our Mother's Day Service next Sunday.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The women of the church will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Please join us!

**PATRIOTS CORNER:** Honor and remember your veterans on Memorial Day weekend by purchasing a flag to be placed in the green space between Eastman Credit Union and Piney Flats Drug Center. A yellow ribbon with your honoree's name will be attached to the 12" x 18" American flag, then placed in neat rows to create the Patriots Corner. Flags are \$10 each and all proceeds will go to the Ruritan's Annual Veterans Luncheon that feeds around 120 veterans each year near Veterans Day. Forms are available in the Narthex.

**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.

**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 30th Offering-----	\$ 522
Difference-----	\$ -643
Other Giving-----	\$ 847
Year to Date-----	\$ -711