

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PHONE 423-538-8688
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 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

MUSIC BY MARCIA MCGRATH

*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 the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God. Let us all be jubilant with joy!
Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high. From the sanctuary
of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth. Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God. Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

*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)

**Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We
are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ,
that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*OPENING HYMN #260
(blue hymnal)

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
power are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we
can endure, For lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body
they may kill, God’s truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

KATIE WRIGHT

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

SERMON SERIES

“WHEN GOD BUILDS A CHURCH”
TODAY’S SUBJECT: “WORSHIP”

JAMIE KENT

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 #314
(Red hymnal)

“WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE”

1. There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come,
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye; All is
peace for evermore on that happy golden shore – What a day,
glorious day, that will be.

(Refrain)

*What a day that will be when my
Jesus I shall see, And I look upon His face – the One who
saved me by His grace; When He takes me by the hand, and leads me
through the Promised Land, What a day, glorious day, that will be.*

2. There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there; And for-
ever I will be with the One who died for me – What a day,
glorious day, that will be.

(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 21, 2023 – May 28, 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)
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)
Jerry Graham	(Blockage that could cause a stroke, Katie's friend's Dad)
Jimmy Joe Amick	(Previous bladder cancer has returned in several other areas of his body, 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, Morristown, TN 37814
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.

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: Today's sermon will be a recorded video of the May 7, 2023 sermon by Jamie Kent from his present church in Sparland, Illinois. Jaime is being considered for a part-time pastoral position at New Bethel and the session wanted the congregation to hear one of his sermons. Dr. Angus Shaw will be our speaker for our Decoration Day Service.

DECORATION DAY: New Bethel will be hosting a luncheon after church next Sunday, May 28, in observance of Decoration (Memorial Day holiday), which is a time-honored tradition in our church. Please join us for lunch in the fellowship hall at the conclusion of the regular worship service. The Presbyterian Women will be ordering KFC individual boxed meals which will include 2 pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes, cole slaw and a biscuit. Each box will cost \$5.00, payable that day. Drinks are furnished as well as dessert. If you would like to make a dessert, please see Mary Dobrovolc or email her: mdobrovolc@aol.com

MAY SESSION MEETING: The session will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

SPECIAL HONOR: This weekend has been a very special one for a beloved member of the New Bethel family. Mr. Tab Torbett will be returning home later today from Washington D.C. where he participated in an Honor Flight trip. Several friends will gather at the Tri-Cities airport to greet Tab when he returns. His plane is due to arrive this evening at 5:30 if you would like to be there to welcome him home.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING: A foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. Forty percent of the offering we receive will go to a local cause determined by the session. The Pentecost Offering will be received next Sunday, May 28th.

CEMETERY OFFERING: The Cemetery Offering will be collected next Sunday, May 28. Be sure to indicate "Cemetery Fund" on your check.

MISSIONARY VISIT: Joe and Cindy Platillero, missionaries to Spain that we support, are back in the States for several graduations and a wedding. They will be at New Bethel on June 4th to share about their ministry and Joe will be doing the sermon that Sunday. Cindy and her family attended New Bethel for many years, and they have been a blessing to our church throughout their lives.

PATRIOTS CORNER: There is still time to 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. Forms are available in the Narthex. See Mary Lynn or Linda Smith if you need more information.

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
May 14th Offering-----	\$ 2,394
Difference-----	\$ 1,229
Other Giving-----	\$ 15
Year to Date-----	\$ 268