

**NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost  
November 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

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)

**The psalmist sings: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my 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)

**We acknowledge before you, O God, that we are drawn to false teachings. We have ignored the true teacher who calls us to lives of humility, kindness, and service toward others. Forgive us. Help us to practice the teachings of Jesus. Set us on your path, O God; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #457      "TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY"**  
(Red Hymnal)

1. Take time to be holy, Speak often with God; Find rest in Him  
always, And feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, Help  
those who are weak, Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, The world rushes on; Much time spend in  
secret With Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, Like  
Him Thou shall be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy, Let Him be Thy guide, And run not be-  
fore Him, Whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, Still  
follow Thy Lord, And, looking to Jesus, Still trust in His word.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

SPECIAL MUSIC

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**

**"MESSAGE IN SONG"**

**ACOMPELLING**

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 #587  
(Red Hymnal)

**“HE KEEPS ME SINGING”**

1. There's within my heart a melody—Jesus whispers sweet and low,  
“Fear not, I am with Thee—peace be still,” In all of life's ebb and flow.  
(Refrain)  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus—Sweetest name I know,  
Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go.
  
3. Feasting on the riches of His grace, Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,  
Always looking on His smiling face—That is why I shout and sing.  
(Refrain)
  
5. Soon He's coming back to welcome me, Far beyond the starry sky;  
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown, I shall reign with Him on high.  
(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 Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion.

**WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL**  
**November 5, 2023—November 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  
Valerie Casady-----cancer, Jennifer Procopio's aunt  
John Landers, II (John John)-----medical and mental health, son of Kevyn Torbett  
Matt Amick-----improvement of paralysis, but still a long way to go  
neighbor of Rodney Smith  
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  
Phyllis Painter-----pain in fractured pelvic bone due to fall in December  
Jerry Graham-----blockage that could cause a stroke, Katie's friend  
Jimmy Joe Amick-----previous bladder cancer has returned in several  
areas of his body, friend of Rodney Smith  
Bill Snapp-----out of the hospital and recuperating at home  
Billy Bagnall-----brain tumor; 20 years old, friend of Rodney Smith  
Janie Torbett-----recuperating at home after shoulder surgery  
Dean Torbett-----scheduled heart valve surgery  
Larry Smith-----recuperating at home after shoulder surgery  
Don King-----surgery on broken leg

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Anne White    November 8

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

Scott and Becky Wise    November 10

**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: Rosemont Presbyterian, 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](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**TODAY'S SERVICE:** Our service today will be by the group "Acompelling". Their name highlights the genre (acapella) and the message, which is compelling (the Gospel). They are mostly members of the Kingsport Seventh Day Adventist Church with a couple of recent additions. They are all amateur musicians and love bringing inspiration and hope through music. Their primary concert audiences are Senior Living centers...those folks who can't get to church. They plan to share several songs with short introductions, and a short message before the final song. Mike Miller will be with us for our service on November 12th and Dr. Shaw will be back to New Bethel on November 19th. Rebekah Cote will return on November 26th along with her niece and nephew for a special service of worship, praise, and thanksgiving.

**MONTHLY SESSION MEETING:** The Session will meet Sunday evening, November 19th at 6:30 in the New Bethel fellowship hall.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING:** Our Thanksgiving Offering will be received November 19th. The Session will decide a worthy organization or cause for this year's recipient.

**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. Also remember the Elder Nominating Committee as we seek to nominate members to our session.

**CLERK OF SESSION NEEDED:** New Bethel is in need of a Clerk of Session. Please be in prayer as this most important position must be filled as soon as possible. The clerk must be an elder, but not necessarily an active one. If you or someone you know would like to take on this role, let any session member know.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** You can make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas season by filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Located in the narthex are boxes, labels, and gift suggestion sheets. There are also rubber bands to place around your box. Please have your box at the church no later than Sun, November 12. Turn in \$10 per box to cover shipping, cash or check made out to New Bethel. Do not put money or checks in the box! (You can choose to buy your own plastic shoebox, but no "real" cardboard shoeboxes please.) [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

**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.

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**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:

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| Weekly Budget Needs               | \$1,165 |
| October 29 <sup>th</sup> Offering | \$1,087 |
| Difference                        | \$ -78  |
| Other Giving                      | \$ 535  |
| Year to Date                      | \$ 109  |