

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 24, 2023



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

LITURGY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARY LYNN BARNES

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

(Blue Hymnal, #9)

"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

(1st verse)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom
captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For the Mighty One has done great things, and Holy is God's name.

*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.

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Lighting of the Advent Candle.

The Brademeyer Family

Christmas Eve: Lighting of the Christ Candle

Dickie and Marcia Torbett

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #53**
(Blue Hymnal)

“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”
(All Verses)

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
(Refrain)
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!
2. Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
(Refrain)
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to one Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
(Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIIC

NEW BETHEL CHOIR

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

“THE CHILD”

PREACHER ALBERT WILLIAMS

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.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
December 24, 2023—December 31, 2023

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

Harold Alison-----recovery from open heart (valve) and by-pass surgery, friend of Dean and Janie Torbett
Matt Amick-----some improvement of paralysis - still in serious condition, neighbor of Rodney Smith
Billy Bagnell-----brain tumor; 20-year-old friend of Rodney Smith
Harold Barnes-----continued improvement in health, church member
Tommy Forrester-----brain cancer, friend of Mary Lynn Barnes
Jerry Graham-----A-Fib issues, friend of Katie Wright's
Don King-----recovery from broken leg, church member
Pam King-----healing and recovery from stroke, church member
John Landers, II-----medical and mental health issues, son of Kevyn Torbett
Phyllis Painter-----eyes, shoulder and leg issues, friend of New Bethel members
Carolyn Shaw-----mobility issues, wife of Dr. Angus Shaw
Larry Smith-----recovery from shoulder surgery, church member
Bill Snapp-----lung and shoulder issues, church member
Willene Spence-----eyes and leg issues, former minister's wife
Dean Torbett-----recovery from heart valve surgery, church member
Janie Torbett-----recovery from shoulder surgery and leg issues, church member

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Phillip Orr December 27

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Jennifer Procopio December 27

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES.

PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church
This week: Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN 37743
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.

TODAY'S SERVICE: We are happy to have Pastor Albert Williams with us today. Dr. Angus Shaw will be back on December 31st and we will also have Communion and a congregational meeting that day.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: This meeting will be held immediately following the service on **December 31st**. The agenda includes election of an officer to replace Mark Procopio. The Nominating Committee has recommended Julia Kegley to fill this position. The budget for 2024 will also be presented.

PASTOR SEARCH: Continue to 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.

CLERK OF SESSION NEEDED: New Bethel needs 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 serve our church in this way, let any session member know.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: Thank you to all who contributed to the Joy Offering last week. The total received is now \$365 and it is not too late if you still wish to donate.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: The New Bethel Carolers received a blessing and had a great time as they sang to several church members last Sunday evening.

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:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 1,165
December 17th Offering	\$ 1,690
Difference	\$ 525
Other Giving	\$ 430
Year to Date	\$ -254