

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The First Sunday of Christmas

December 31, 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

(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)

Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens. Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let us praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven. Alleluia!

*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)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #37**
(Blue Hymnal)

“INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY”
(All Verses)

1. Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing,
Tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
2. Flocks were sleeping; Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing
Greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

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

MARK 10: 17-27

SERMON

“HANDS FULL? OF WHAT?”

DR. ANGUS SHAW

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 #60**
(Blue Hymnal)

“SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT”
(All Verses)

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherd’s quake at the sight, Glories Stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

***GO IN GOD’S NAME**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
(Blue Hymnal, #41)

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”
(1st verse)

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O
come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore
Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

*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
December 31, 2023—January 7, 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

Matthew Wright January 5

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

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: Tri City Korean 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.

TODAY'S SERVICE: We are happy to have Dr. Angus Shaw back with us this morning. Our speaker for January 7th will be Reverend Teresa Kendall and Reverend Karen Russell will be our speaker on January 14th.

THANK YOU!: For those who were involved in the special music presentation in our church on Christmas Eve morning by voice, piano, direction, sound, and other talent, **we thank you!** The New Bethel church family was blessed!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: This meeting will be held immediately following today's service. The agenda includes election of an officer to replace Mark Procopio. The Nominating Committee has recommended Dickie Torbett to fill this position. The budget for 2024 will also be presented.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: Thank you to all who contributed to the Joy Offering last week. The total received is now \$405.

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.

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 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:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 1,165
December 24th Offering	\$ 937
Difference	\$ -288
Other Giving	\$ 40
Year to Date	\$ -482