

**NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024



*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)

**From God comes my salvation. For God alone my soul waits in silence.  
God alone is my rock and my salvation. God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

\*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)

**Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen;  
you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back  
to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #376    **"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"**  
(Blue Hymnal)                                  (Verses 1, 3, and 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.

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

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                                  **ISAIAH 52: 13-15; PHILLIPPIANS 2: 5-11**

SERMON                                  **"WHAT REALLY MATTERS"**                                  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 #263 “THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD”**  
(Red Hymnal) (Verses 1 and 2)

1. There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel’s veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though sinful, too, Wash all my sins away.

**\*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.

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**WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL**  
**January 28, 2024—FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

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

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**SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:**

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  
Julia Kegley -----recuperating at home from two fractures in her back  
John Landers, II----medical and mental health issues, son of Kevyn Torbett  
Mike McPeak-----various respiratory infections and other health issues for several months  
Sally McPeak-----acute bronchitis and pneumonia since mid-December  
Phyllis Painter-----eyes, shoulder and leg issues, friend of New Bethel members  
Carolyn Shaw-----mobility issues, wife of Dr. Angus Shaw  
Bill Snapp-----lung and shoulder issues, church member  
Willene Spence-----eyes and leg issues, former minister's wife  
Judy Sweeney-----heart ablation procedure at Vanderbilt on January 9th

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Becky Wise    January 29        Ann Mettetal    January 30        Vanessa Smith    February 2

**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: West Ridge Presbyterian Church, Mt. Carmel, TN 37645  
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:** Today we are pleased to have Dr. Angus Shaw with us as he begins a 5 week series of sermons. He will continue with us each Sunday through February 25th.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There will be a congregational meeting following the service on **February 11, 2024**. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

**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.

**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 2024 budget is shown below:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 1,310
January 7th Offering	\$ 1,181
Difference	\$ -129
Other Giving	\$ 0
Year to Date	\$ -998