

**NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024



*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

**"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 (Responsively)

Sing joyful songs to God, our Savior.

**Remember the Lord, who set us free.**

Blow the trumpet; sound the tambourine!

**Remember the Lord, the God of life.**

\*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)

**God of freedom, have mercy on us. We enjoy idle pleasures and pursue lives of leisure while others stoop to serve us and struggle to support themselves. We enact rules and regulations that benefit the wealthy at the expense of basic needs— human health and daily bread. Forgive us. Set us free to serve you and to seek the liberation of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #18**  
(Red Hymnal)

**"THE LOVE OF GOD"**  
(Verses 1 and 3)

1. The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.  
(Refrain)  
O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall for evermore endure The saints' and angels' song.
3. Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry.  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.  
(Refrain)

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

**ISAIAH 53: 1 - 9**

**SERMON**

**"WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR MESSAGE"**

DR. ANGUS SHAW

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 #341 “BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE”**  
(Blue Hymnal) (All Verses)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a  
foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation,  
purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
(Refrain)  
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my  
Savior all the day long; This is my story,  
this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of  
rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending,  
bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
(Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
(Refrain)

**\*GO IN GOD’S NAME.**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION “GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”**

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd’s care enfold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.

\*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

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**WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL  
FEBRUARY 4, 2024 -- FEBRUARY 11, 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**

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

Dickie and Marcia Torbett February 7

**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: Windsor Avenue 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](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Tab Torbett is moving to **American House** (Old Broadmore) **Room 157, 406 E. Mountain View Road, Johnson City, TN 37601**

**TODAY'S SERVICE:** Today we are pleased to have Dr. Angus Shaw with us. He will be with us each Sunday through February 25th.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There will be a congregational meeting following the service **next Sunday, February 11**. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. The following members will be placed in nomination: Mary Dobrovolc, Byron Barnes, Marcia Torbett, Marion Reed, Sharon Ramsey, and Janie Torbett.

**SESSION MEETING:** The session will meet **next Sunday, February 11th**, immediately following the congregational meeting.

**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:

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| Weekly Budget Needs   | \$ 1,310 |
| January 28th Offering | \$ 3,328 |
| Difference            | \$ 2,018 |
| Other Giving          | \$ 15    |
| Year to Date          | \$ -290  |