

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PHONE 423-538-8688

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

LITURGY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARY DOBROVOLC

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)

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues;

God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

for where he is, we would be also.

*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 mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #78

“ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED”

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I!
2. Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died For human creatures’ sin.
4. But drops of grief can ne’er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; ‘Tis all that I can do.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

KATIE WRIGHT

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

KATIE WRIGHT

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

MATTHEW 21: 12-17; ISAIAH 6: 1-8

SERMON

“WHY ARE YOU HERE, TODAY?”

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 #357 “O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE”**

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1 and 3)

1. O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly
paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret;
help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer,
dearer company, In work that keeps faith
sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

***GO IN GOD'S NAME.**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL 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
FEBRUARY 18, 2024 -- FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

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

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
Joan Mathes-----serious eye problems and other health issues, aunt of Dickie Jones (lives in
Israel)
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

Ian Shepherd February 18 Rusty Shepherd February 18 Ryne Smith February 19
Jack White February 23 Lindsey Smith February 24

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Dean and Kim Barnes February 22

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: Amity Presbyterian Church, Morristown, 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.

CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS: **Janie Torbett** has a new e-mail address. Please make this change in your personal New Bethel Directory. Her new e-mail address is: **djanie1944@gmail.com**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: **Tab Torbett** is moving to **American House** (Old Broadmore) **Room 157, 406 E. Mountain View Road, Johnson City, TN 37601** Please make this change in your personal New Bethel Directory.

TODAY'S SERVICE: We are pleased to have Dr. Angus Shaw back with us today and he will be with us again next week. **On March 3rd Tom Gomola** will be our speaker. Tom is the husband of Teresa Kendall and has visited with us on several occasions. **Rebekah Cote will be with us on March 10th.**

PASTOR SEARCH: Be in prayer for our Pastor Nominating Committee as they begin their work and continue to pray for all those involved in the process as our search for a part-time pastor enters a more active phase.

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
February 11th Offering	\$ 580
Difference	\$ -730
Other Giving	\$ 50
Year to Date	\$ -459