

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 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 (Responsively)

The law of the Lord is perfect,

reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure,

making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right,

rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear,

enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure,

enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey.

In keeping them is great reward.

*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 sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Help us to speak words of blessings and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #88
(Blue Hymnal)

“ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR”
(Verses 1 and 4)

(Refrain)

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, The King and blessed One.

(Refrain)

4. Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

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

1 Peter 3: 14-15; John 9: 24-25

SERMON

**“STANDING ON THE PROMISES,
OR SITTING ON THE PREMISES”**

REV. TOM GOMOLA

PRAYER

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
March 3, 2024 – MARCH 10, 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
Anna Ruth Lloyd---stomach cancer surgery 5 weeks ago - very serious and weak condition, sister-in-law of Carolyn King
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

Mary Lynn Barnes March 3 Julia Kegley March 6 Jerome Mettetal March 9

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: Bethel Presbyterian Church, Dandridge, TN 37725
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 Reverend Tom Gomola with us as our speaker today. Tom is the husband of Teresa Kendall and has visited with us on several occasions. Rebekah Cote will be with us on March 10th.

SESSION MEETING: The next monthly session meeting will be next **Sunday, March 10th** in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Let's help homeless women stay out of the rain! During the month of March Presbyterian Women are having an umbrella drive to benefit **The River** in Johnson City. You may bring new or gently used umbrellas and leave on the pew in the narthex. These will be taken to The River and distributed to women who need them in April. Thank you for supporting a worthy cause!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Our PW meetings are on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. We have several upcoming projects, and we look forward to your input and participation! Our next meeting is **March 20th!** Please join us!

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.

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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 25th Offering	\$ 525
Difference	\$ -785
Other Giving	\$ 14
Year to Date	\$ -618