

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

LITURGY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

KATIE WRIGHT

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)

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

*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 the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively
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work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #485**
(Blue Hymnal)

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”
(All Verses)

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

(Refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done!

2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

KATIE WRIGHT

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

KATIE WRIGHT

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

MUSIC BY AMY COTE

***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

Psalm 5: 3; Jeremiah 33: 3; Daniel 6: 3-10

SERMON

“FAITHFUL”

DR. REBEKAH COTE

PRAYER

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
March 10, 2024 – MARCH 17, 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

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, Kingsport, TN 37664
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**](mailto: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 very blessed to have Dr. Rebekah Cote back to speak to us today and we also welcome members of her family that are here worshiping with us this morning. Scott Fellows will be our speaker on March 17th and again for our Easter service on March 31st. Dr. Angus Shaw will be our speaker on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

SESSION MEETING: The Session will meet this evening at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: The first of our Special Offerings will be received on Sunday, March 24th. The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering supports three programs: The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People program. These three work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. We will learn more about these programs in the weeks to come.

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.

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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
March 3rd Offering	\$ 1,172
Difference	\$ -138
Other Giving	\$ 100
Year to Date	\$ -756