

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PHONE 423-538-8688

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

March 24, 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)

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

Those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

"Hosanna in the highest!"

Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

*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)

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #113
(Blue Hymnal)

“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!”
(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. “Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!
All creation, join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MARY LYNN BARNES

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

SAVING GRACE

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

Luke 19: 29-38

SERMON

“LESSONS FROM A DONKEY”

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 #89**
(Blue Hymnal)

“HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”
(Verses 1 and 3)

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
3. “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

***GO IN GOD'S NAME**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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.

Individual prayers and liturgical texts for worship are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*. Copyright 2015.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
March 24, 2024 – MARCH 31, 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-----recently diagnosed with double pneumonia
Willene Spence-----eyes and leg issues, former minister's wife
Judy Sweeney-----recuperating from recent cardio-version procedure
Tab Torbett-----is in the VA receiving treatment for pneumonia

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Willene Spence March 28 Jim Wright March 29

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: Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, 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.

TODAY'S SERVICE: We are very blessed to have Dr. Angus Shaw back to lead our service today. Scott Fellows will be here for our Easter service next Sunday.

LEADING OUR SERVICES IN APRIL: In April our services will be led by Dr. Shaw on April 7th, Rev. Tom Gomola on April 14th, Dr. Rebecca Cote on April 21st, and Rev. Gomola on April 28th.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: Make plans to attend our Maundy Thursday service this Thursday, March 28th, at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Shaw will be our speaker and serve communion as we remember Jesus's last meal with his disciples.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: **Tab Torbett**, VA Mountain Home, 809 Lamont Street, Building 162 CLC-2, Room S-154, Johnson City, TN 37684

CROSS DECORATING: Next Sunday, the New Bethel tradition of decorating the Easter Cross will continue. Come early with flowers to help decorate the cross that will be in the sanctuary.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: Last week you heard of two of the causes that One Great Hour of Sharing supports, hunger and disaster assistance. The other third of your One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to the Self-Development of People program. It invests in communities by responding to experiences of oppression, poverty, and injustice. Be sure to include your gift to this special program as we receive our offering today.

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 **Wednesday, April 17th!** Please join us!

PASTOR SEARCH: Please be in prayer for our Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue their work in the 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 |
| March 17th Offering | \$ 1,445 |
| Difference | \$ 135 |
| Other Giving | \$ 15 |
| Year to Date | \$-1,512 |