

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Easter Sunday

March 31, 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)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*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)**

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #123**
(Blue Hymnal)

“JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”
(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW BETHEL CHOIR

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

John 3: 16-17

SERMON

“THE BOY WITHOUT A NAME”

SCOTT FELLOWS

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 #292**

(Red Hymnal)

"BECAUSE HE LIVES"

(All verses)

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love,
heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my
pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
(Refrain)
Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives
all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the
future. And life is worth the living just because He lives!
2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride,
and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.
(Refrain)
3. And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final
war with pain; And then as death gives way to
victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.
(Refrain)

***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.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
March 31, 2024 – April 7, 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)
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

Jim McClanahan April 4 Harold Barnes April 6

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: Cedarview Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37660
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 blessed to have Scott Fellows back with us to lead our service today. Leading our services in April will be Dr. Shaw on April 7th, Rev. Tom Gomola on April 14th, Dr. Rebecca Cote on April 21st, and Rev. Gomola on April 28th.

DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES: Please keep Sally McPeak and her family in your prayers. Sally's husband, Mike, passed away Wednesday night. Mike was a U.S. Marine who served our country in Vietnam. The service will probably be next week, but plans are incomplete at this time. Burial will be in Mountain Home VA cemetery.

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.

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: Thank you for your donations to our first special offering of 2024. The total amount given last week was \$460. If you didn't have a chance to give last week, you may still donate. Special Offering envelopes are available in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Thank you for donating over 40 umbrellas in March to benefit the ladies of The River! Our next projects for April and May: In April we will be collecting baby wipes and 2.5 gallon Hefty resealable bags. In May we will be collecting band-aids (especially the large size) and resealable sandwich bags. The Hefty bags are used for diaper distribution at The River, which occurs once per month. The sandwich bags are used to make bags of personal care items for the ladies. Our Presbyterian Women and The River thank you again for your support!

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 24th Offering	\$ 1,290
Difference	\$ -20
Other Giving	\$ 482
Year to Date	\$-1,532