

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PHONE 423-538-8688
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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 Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*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)

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #598 "ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME"
(Red Hymnal) (Verses 1 and 3)

1. All the way my Savior leads me – What have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my guide?
 Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!
 For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
 For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

3. All the way my Savior leads me – O the fullness of His love!
 Perfect rest to me is promised In my Father's house above.
 When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day,
 This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
 This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 PSALM 16; TITUS 2:13 (KJV)

SERMON "MY REINS AND HOPE" DR. REBEKAH COTE

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 #91 “ ’TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS” (Red Hymnal) (Verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”
(Refrain)
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!
3. Yes, I've learned to trust in Jesus, And from sin and self to cease,
Now from Jesus simply taking Life and rest and joy and peace.
(Refrain)
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, He'll be with me to the end.
(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
April 21, 2024 – April 28, 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

Jana White April 25

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Maryl Greene April 27

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: Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN 37663
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 welcome Dr. Rebecca Cote back as our speaker this morning. Rev. Gomola will be back with us on April 28th. Dr. Angus Shaw will be with us the first two Sundays in May.

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING: The small yet dedicated congregation of Shawnee Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky began serving free dine-in meals at Café Ginkgo, named for a ginkgo tree located at the building's north entrance. Since August of 2019, an average of 30 meals were served each Monday in this economically disadvantaged area. In 2020, the pandemic put a stop to the program. With this year's Birthday Offering grant, Café Ginkgo will reopen with a renovated kitchen and improvements to the fellowship hall. **Our Women's Birthday Offering will be received with this morning's offering.**

DECORATION DAY: Decoration Sunday is **May 26** and preparations have begun. For Lunch we are planning to order chicken boxes again from KFC. Cost per box is \$10 and includes 3 chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, Cole slaw and a biscuit. Drinks and dessert will be provided. **Please let Mary Lynn know how many boxes you want by May 19. RSVP to 423-534-0060, call or text.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Support for the River continues In April when we will be collecting baby wipes and 2.5 gallon Hefty resealable bags, used for diaper distribution. In May we will be collecting band-aids (especially the large size) and resealable sandwich bags for personal care items for the ladies. Thanks for your support of this great organization.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: A reminder, Our Presbyterian Women meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at **2:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, May 15th!** Please join this very active group of ladies.

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
April 14th Offering	\$ 1,563
Difference	\$ 253
Other Giving	\$ 75
Year to Date	\$-2,227