



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
July 28, 2024

Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'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

"SANCTUARY"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Be with us, Lord, as we are gathered here to worship You.

Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door, but enable us to bring all that we are to You.

So that we might experience Your touch upon all aspects of our life.

We pray this because of, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

*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)

“I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: ‘Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.’”(Daniel 9:4-6)

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON**

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets.” (Daniel:9-10)

***OPENING HYMN #370 “JUST AS I AM , WITHOUT ONE PLEA”**
(Blue Hymnal) (All Verses)

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
4. Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (Hebrews 13:16)

“Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

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 ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE (Responsively)

5 “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.

6 **But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.**

7 “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.

8 **Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!**

SERMON

“WHY SHOULD I PRAY, WHEN GOD ALREADY KNOWS WHAT I NEED?”

REV. TOM GOMOLA

SERMON NOTES:

P _____ R _____ A _____ Y _____

A _____ C _____ T _____ S _____

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 #464 “JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”**
(Blue Hymnal) (All Verses)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us, Joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

***GO IN GOD’S NAME**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

I will serve Thee because I love Thee, You have given life to me; I was nothing before You found me, You have given life to me. Heartaches, broken pieces, Ruined lives are why You died on Calvary; Your touch was what I longed for,
You have given life to me.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
July 28, 2024 – August 4, 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

Julia Kegley-----recuperating at home from two fractures in her back

John Landers, II----medical and mental health issues, son of Kevyn Torbett

Joan Mathes-----serious eye problems and other health issues, aunt of Dickie Jones (lives in Israel)

Sally McPeak-----dealing with the loss of her husband, Mike McPeak, and several health issues

Phyllis Painter-----eyes, shoulder and leg issues, friend of New Bethel members

Carolyn Shaw-----mobility issues, wife of Dr Angus Shaw

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

Phyllis Painter July 29

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Larry and Linda Smith July 28

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: Hopewell 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.

DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES: The New Bethel family of faith extends its heartfelt sympathy to the Hodges family on the death of Rondy Hodges, the son of Peggy and Graham Hodges and the brother of Linda Smith and Mark Hodges. Rondy passed away last Sunday evening, July 21.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please add Rev. Tom Gomola's contact information to your New Bethel Directory.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Our Presbyterian Women meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p. m. in the fellowship hall. The current project for the Presbyterian Women is collecting backpacks and school supplies for students at Emmett Elementary. Donations can be placed on the pew in the narthex.

PF RURITAN BOOK SALE: In search of used books, puzzles, games, DVDs, CDs for the Piney Flats Ruritan book sale during Piney Flats Days. Items for all ages and genres are welcome. Donations can be put in the box provided in the narthex until July 27 (or give to Mary Lynn, Linda, or Larry). Piney Flats Days is the first weekend in August on the campus of Mary Hughes School and the Piney Flats Community Center. Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the Veterans luncheon in November.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Our church directory is in need of an update. Sandra and Mary Lynn plan to work on it this month. If you know of changes, please send them ASAP to either Sandra or Mary Lynn by e-mail: mlbarnes0303@gmail.com or csmleonard878@outlook.com

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 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
July 21 Offering	\$ 2,745
Other Giving July 14	\$ 187
Year to Date	\$ -1,028