



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 1, 2024



"To Make Christ Known"

Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'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

"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) (Deuteronomy 4:6-9)

Thus says the Lord, "Observe my commandments carefully,
For this will show your wisdom and understanding to all."

No other people have a god near to them

The way the Lord our God is near to us whenever we pray to him.

No other people have such righteous decrees and laws

As we have from the Lord our God.

*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) (Mark 7: 6-7, 15)

Holy God, you give us commandments to live by because in you is life abundant and eternal life. Forgive us when we honor you with our lips, but our hearts are far from you. Forgive us when we do not follow your commands. Forgive us when we follow your teachings as though they were merely human rules. Forgive us and be merciful to us, O God. Fill our hearts with a desire to please you, for we want to live holy lives that praise you and bring you glory. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*OPENING HYMN #473

“FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”

(Blue Hymnal)

(all verses)

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
(Refrain)
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
(Refrain)
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight,
(Refrain)
4. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
(Refrain)
5. For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,
(Refrain)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (**James 1: 17**) "Every generous act of giving is itself a gift from God above."

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

SCRIPTURES Responsive Reading: Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless,

Who does what is righteous,

Who speaks the truth from their heart;

Whose tongue utters no slander,

Who does no wrong to a neighbor,

And casts no slur on others;

Who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord;

Who keeps an oath even when it hurts,

And does not change their mind;

Who lends money to the poor without interest;

Who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

GOSPEL READING: **James 1:17-27**

SERMON

"PREACHING TO THE CHOIR"

REV. TERESA KENDALL

PRAYER

COMMUNION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

(Responsive reading)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor's words on screen)

(Responsively)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastor's words on screen)

(Responsively)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (In Unison)

O God, send us out from this table to answer Christ's summons into a life that pleases you, a life of joy and gladness. Set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love for all. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***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 #495
(Red Hymnal)

“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”
(all verses)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll--- Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. My sin--- O the joy of this glorious thought—My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul
3. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll: The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so”--- it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

***GO IN GOD’S NAME**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

“I WILL SERVE THEE”

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.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
September 1, 2024 – September 8, 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
Mary Beth Asbell-----undergoing radiation treatment for recurrent cancer, sister of Vickie Musick
Billy Bagnell-----brain tumor; friend of Rodney Smith
Tommy Forrester-----brain cancer, friend of Mary Lynn Barnes
Jerry Graham-----A-Fib issues, friend of Katie Wright
Julia Kegley-----recuperating 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-----recently had a fall and is having difficulty walking; on bed rest, church member
Phyllis Painter-----eyes, shoulder and leg issues, friend of New Bethel members
Carolyn Shaw-----mobility issues, wife of Dr Angus Shaw
Judy Sweeney-----recuperating from recent cardio-version procedure
Tab Torbett-----is in the VA receiving treatment

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Bowman September 7

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Rusty and Leigh Shepherd September 7

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: Magill Memorial Presbyterian Church, Roan Mountain, TN 37687
The Session as they lead our church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you are worshipping 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 deepest Christian sympathy to the family of Harold Barnes. Harold, a longtime member of New Bethel, passed away Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

SESSION MEETING: Session Meeting will be next Sunday evening in the fellowship hall.

NEW DEVOTION BOOKLETS: The new September-November issue of "Our Daily Bread" is available in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The next project for Presbyterian Women is to collect donations for Sullivan East HS Swag Shoppe where students get access based on need. We did this last year, but the items they need have changed somewhat. This time they do NOT need any toiletries donated. They need the following items: trial size laundry detergent, boys' clothing (sizes S-3X) including hoodies, graphic tees (boys or girls), sports jackets, toboggans or caps. Also ties and dress shirts as well as (new or gently used) blue jeans-sizes 30, 32, 34, 36. They can also use men's belts and tennis shoes. The drive will run through Sun, Oct 6, and items can be placed on the pew in the narthex.

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
August 25th Offering	\$ 556
Other Offerings	\$ 200
Year to Date	\$ -1714