



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 22, 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

KATIE WRIGHT

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)

1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

2 But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

4 But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

5 They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly

6 For the Lord watches over the path of the godly but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

(Psalm 1)

*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 (Responsively)

Holy, just, and gracious God, we count ourselves among those who have sinned and fall short of Your glory.

We have neglected to worship You. We have not sought first Your kingdom and Your righteousness.

We have not been content with our daily bread, or loved our neighbors well.

We have run toward temptation and not away. The very sins we judge in others we have committed ourselves.

We confess our sins to You and plead the blood of Christ as our one defense.

We ask You to forgive us, for we need Your mercy and we long to be cleansed and restored. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God, to whom be praise and honor for ever. Amen.

An Australian Prayer Book (modified)

*OPENING HYMN #145

“REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!”

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
2. Yes, on through life’s long path, Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.
Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
3. At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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 THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS"

REV. TOM GOMOLA

1. "God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life."
2. "Humanity is tainted by sin and is therefore separated from God. As a result, we cannot know God's wonderful plan for our lives."
3. "Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life."
4. "We must place our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior in order to receive the gift of salvation and know God's wonderful plan for our lives."

SALVATION PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen. —[Billy Graham](#)

***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.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
September 22, 2024 – September 29, 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-----recovering and trying to stay healthy
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
Tab Torbett-----is in the VA receiving treatment

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Geoffrey Smith September 22 Samuel Spoon September 28

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Isaac and Karisa Miller September 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: New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Piney Flats, TN 37686
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.

CONGREGATION MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting **next Sunday, September 29** for the purpose of electing an Elder Nominating Committee. The meeting will be immediately following the morning worship service.

LORD'S ACRE SALE: Edgefield Methodist Church is having their Lord's Acre Sale Saturday, **September 28th**. Breakfast is from 8-10 and cost \$7. Crafts, canned goods, baked goods, produce, and local honey will be sold from 8 a.m. till noon. There will also be a raffle and a live auction.

SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE: There is a Spiritual Healing service **tonight** at St Paul Methodist Church at **6:00**. Laura Weaver Whitaker will be giving her testimony and speaking on her time working in NYC as a travel nurse at the height of the Covid pandemic.

2024 CRAFT AND GOODIES FAIR: You do not want to miss the Craft and Goodies Fair that will be held at **First Presbyterian Church in Johnson City** on **October 19th** from 9 am to 2 pm. Starting an hour earlier this year and located in the basement of the church, there will be fresh baked hand pies, live music, a Game of Chance, and lots of homemade crafts and goodies. All proceeds benefit **The River to help women to help themselves!** Invite a friend to join you! A great opportunity to shop for special gifts and to **help keep The River flowing!**

HARVEST TABLE FOOD COLLECTION: The food collection for the **Harvest Table** has begun and will continue through **October 20th**. Items needed for the Haven of Rest Thanksgiving boxes are: **boxed stuffing, and canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn and peas.** Grocery bags of food can be placed on the pew in the narthex. Please pray about how you can participate in this ministry and be **a blessing to those in need!**

SAVE THE DATE!: The session has approved a fellowship meal following worship on **November 17**. Bring your favorite dish and invite a guest to join us!

FALL FESTIVAL: New Bethel will have a Fall Festival on **October 19, from 8 a.m. to noon.** Breakfast at 8 a.m. Games and activities will follow. More details will come in the near future. See Byron Barnes with any questions.

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:

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| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ 1,310 |
| September 15 Offering | \$ 1,390 |
| Other Offerings | \$ 490 |
| Year to Date | \$ -2,227 |