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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

"HOLY SPIRIT"

Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place Omnipotent Father of Mercy and Grace Thou art welcome in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

*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.

[&]quot;The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed" Psalm 34:18

[&]quot;This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

[&]quot;For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love" Lamentations 3:31-33

[&]quot;Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters" Psalm 69:14

[&]quot;Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me" John 14:1

[&]quot;Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" Matthew 5:4

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God our hope and refuge, we confess that anger and hatred have held on to us. Healing has begun, but loss is still real. We are not in control. We don't like being vulnerable. We still want security or the illusion of it. We still want our lives to return to safety and comfort. Forgive us and heal us. Raise us to new life. Strengthen us in the way of compassion and justice. Fix our faith on you so we know that nothing can separate us from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

For who is in the power to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ rose in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Romans 8:33-34**

*OPENING HYMN **#210** "OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" (Blue Hymnal) (Verses 1, 3 and 5)

- 1. Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
- 3. A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
- Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

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

"WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOD'S PEOPLE" REV. TOM GOMOLA

*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 **#574** (Red Hymnal)

"REVIVE US AGAIN"

(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

1. We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, For Jesus who died and is now gone above.

(Refrain)

Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

- All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has taken our sins and has cleansed every stain. (Refrain)
- Revive us again—fill each heart with Thy love;
 May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.
 (Refrain)

*GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"TO BE LIKE JESUS"

To be like Jesus, To be like Jesus.

All I ask, to be like him.

All through life's journey from earth to glory,

All I ask, to be like Him.

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^{*}Indicates those who are able may stand.

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL October 6, 2024 – October 13, 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--------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------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------eyes, shoulder and leg issues, friend of New Bethel members

Carolyn Shaw--------is in the VA receiving treatment

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Don King October 15 Cecilia Campbell October 17 Sandra Leonard October 17

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

PRAY FOR OUR MILTARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church This week: New Providence Presbyterian Church, Surgoinsville, TN 37873 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.

<u>UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES:</u> 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.

<u>DONATIONS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS:</u> New Bethel has two opportunities to help the victims of the horrible, unprecedented flood in our county and neighboring counties. Many people have died and many are still missing. Byron Barnes has already delivered several loads of supplies. He will pick up any donations that we bring to New Bethel and deliver those supplies to those in need. Please put these donations in the yellow room. These are some items that they can use:

Cases and jugs of water, non-perishable items, baby food and formula, hygiene items, toiletries, flashlights and batteries, first aid kits and diapers.

(These items were recommended by King University.)

The second opportunity is through Edgefield Methodist Church. You are asked to drop off donations at the Family Life Center across the street from Edgefield Methodist Church on Pickens Bridge Road in Piney Flats. If no one is there, you may leave items at the door.

<u>PW MEETING:</u> The Presbyterian Women will meet <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October 16</u> at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

<u>VETERAN'S LUNCHEON:</u> Piney Flats Ruritan is sponsoring the 23rd annual Veteran's Luncheon on <u>Saturday, Nov 2</u>, at Edgefield Methodist Church, Piney Flats. This honors those who have served or are currently serving in the US Armed Forces. Veterans along with their spouse or guest are invited to attend. <u>RSVP to Jan Weaver by Friday, Oct 25. janrweaver@hotmail.com</u> OR call/text 423-416-1197

<u>BIBLES FOR FLOOD VICTIMS</u>: A senior at West Ridge High School, Brock Greer, and his church are asking local churches to gather as many Bibles as possible for hurricane relief. The address of his church is Princeton Presbyterian, 2703 E Oakland Ave, Johnson City, TN 37601. He will send us more details about the times that they will be collecting. He asked us to please let him know of any churches in our area that you know have been impacted by the flooding as well, so that they can ensure that they get Bibles to them and their congregations.

FALL FESTIVAL: New Bethel will have a Fall Festival on <u>Saturday, October 19</u>, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for our 2nd annual Fall Festival! Enjoy a country style breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by hayrides, inflatables, pumpkin carving contest, live music, a cake walk, and games of all kinds. If you can help or have any questions see Byron. <u>We need cakes for the Fall Festival!</u> Please let Byron know if you can bring a cake (homemade or bakery made) to give away during the cake walk.

<u>2024 CRAFT AND GOODIES FAIR:</u> You do not want to miss the Craft and Goodies Fair that will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Johnson City on <u>October 19th from 9 am to 2 pm</u>. 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 <u>lots</u> of homemade crafts and goodies. All proceeds benefit The River to <u>help women to help themselves!</u> Invite a friend to join you! A great opportunity to shop for special gifts and to **help keep The River flowing!**

<u>HARVEST TABLE FOOD COLLECTION:</u> 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!

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. These items can be placed on the pew in the narthex. Please bring these items by October 27th.

<u>CHURCH DIRECTORY</u>: 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 csmleanard878@outlook.com

<u>CLERK OF SESSION NEEDED</u>; 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.

<u>COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY</u>; 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.

<u>WEEKLY CHURCH FINANCIALS:</u> 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:

The financial report for October 6 and October 13 will be in next Sunday's bulletin.