



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TOM GOMOLA

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

LITURGY

SHERRY BRADEMEYER

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"EMMANUEL"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called
Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you.

4 always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy

5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1: 3-6

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Dear God, We come to You acknowledging that we are lost and broken without You. We are sorry for our disobedience and for our hearts that are prone to wander away from Your truth. Please forgive us. Help us recognize Your joy and presence in our daily lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you." **Isaiah 44:22**

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

RICK AND SHERRY BRADEMEYER

*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.

*OPENING HYMN #23

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

(Refrain)

Glo-ooooo-ooooo-ooooo-ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-ooooo-ooooo-ooooo-ria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?

(Refrain)

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

(Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

ISABELLA LANDON

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

SERMON

"RULES FOR RE-GIFTING"

REV. TOM GOMOLA

SERMON SCRIPTURE **2 Timothy 2: 22** You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass on to others.

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 #41**

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. O Come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O
come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

(Refrain)

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

(Refrain)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!

(Refrain)

***GO IN GOD'S NAME**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“LET'S WORSHIP AND ADORE HIM”

Let's worship and adore Him, Let's worship and adore Him,
Let's worship and adore Him, Christ the Lord. For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

*Indicates those who are able may stand. **Individual prayers and liturgical text for worship are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*. Copyright 2015**

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
December 8, 2024 – December 15, 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; friend of Rodney Smith
Jerry Graham-----A-Fib issues, friend of Katie Wright
Ron Jones-----prostate cancer and long covid, friend of Jon White
Julia Kegley-----recovering and trying to stay healthy
Mike Martin-----recovering from wrist surgery, friend of Becky Wise
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
Debbie Smith-----breast cancer treatment, friend of Becky Wise
Tab Torbett-----is in the VA receiving treatment

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Dean Torbett December 10 Janie Torbett December 11

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

O3 Matthew Musick a naval aviator, will be moving with his wife and 3 children to a new base soon, after which he will be deployed

PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church
This week: Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37664
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 expresses its condolences to Gene and Vickie Musick on the death of Vickie's sister, Mary Beth Asbell, who passed away Tuesday, December 3. We ask for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time for the family. A funeral service will be announced at a later time.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Our special music today will be by Isabella Landon. She is a friend of Marcia McGrath and will also perform during the offertory.

CORRECTION IN CHURCH DIRECTORY: The phone number for Rev. Tom Gomola in the new church directory is incorrect due to a typographical error. Please change the current number that is listed to the following number as soon as possible: **724-992-0447**

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The Christmas Joy offering will be taken on **December 22**. The Joy offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need. Thanks in part to this offering, workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances. These generous offerings bear witness to our faithful response to God's charge to love one another as Christ commanded.

SESSION MEETING: The session will meet today immediately following the morning worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT: The Sunday School class is collecting new toys for children ages 0 – 15 years through **December 10th**. This toy drive is open to the congregation. Please place any toys that you bring in the library at the church. The toys will be delivered to the Haven of Mercy. This will probably be the only toy that each of these children receive. Your generosity will certainly be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Please help us make a joyful noise by joining us for Christmas caroling this afternoon. We will meet at the church **@ 4:00** to travel together by van. Please sign the list in the narthex if you plan to go. At the end we will stop for a meal before returning to the church. (If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit that night, give the name and address to Byron.)

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: If you have experienced the loss of a job, home, loved one, health, or sense of purpose this quiet, candlelight service is for you. **HOPE IN THE MIDST OF LOSS, Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.** at Piney Flats Presbyterian Church, 6337 Bristol Highway.

ELDER TRAINING: Holston Presbytery is offering COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR (CRE) TRAINING. There are 7 monthly meetings either online or zoom meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, go online to holstonpresbytery.net where you can get more information or register for this program.

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
December 1st Offering	\$ 1,086
Other Offerings	\$ 10
Year to Date	\$ -2,967