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The First Sunday After Epiphany
January 12, 2025

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

KATIE WRIGHT

*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)

Psalm 29

29:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

29:3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

29:5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

29:6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

29:7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. (Continued on next page.)

29:8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

29:9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

29:10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

29:11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Eternal God, we confess we often do not trust You fully. We admit we often fail to obey You. Instead, we live according to our own priorities. We have not grown into Your call to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. We have not worshiped You with everything we are and everything we have. We have not esteemed others nearly to the level we esteem ourselves. We have forsaken Your assignment to go and make disciples of all peoples. Forgive us, O Lord. Bring us back to complete trust in You and joyful obedience. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **Romans 3**

*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 #50

"RISE UP SHEPHERD AND FOLLOW"

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow, It will lead to the place where the
Christ was born, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
(Refrain)
Follow, follow, Rise up, shepherd, and follow,
Follow the Star of Bethlehem, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
2. If you take good heed to the angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow, You'll forget your flocks, you'll for-
get your herds, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
(Refrain)

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 43:1-2**

43:1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

3:15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

3:16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

3:17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

3:21 Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,

3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS Denise Torbett, Byron Barnes, and Larry Smith

RESPONSIVE HYMN #36*"IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER"**

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. In the bleak mid-winter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.
4. What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

***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.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
January 12, 2025 - January 19, 2025

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

Oliver Fuller January 14 Carolyn King January 15 Isaac Miller January 15

Kyleigh Barnes January 17

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Lt. Matthew Musick A naval aviator, will be deployed in January to the middle east area.
His family will continue to live and go to school at his base in Florida while he serves in this new tour of duty.

PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church
This week: Shady Valley Presbyterian Church, Shady Valley, TN 37688
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.

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**

OFFICER INSTALLATION AND SESSION MEETING: Officer installation for the 2025 Session will be during the worship service this morning. Installed will be Denise Torbett, Byron Barnes, and Larry Smith. The session will also meet today immediately following morning worship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW will meet Wednesday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to discuss our plans for the spring. Please join us!

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 2025 budget is shown below:

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| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ 1,443 |
| January 5 Offering | \$ 1,450 |
| Other Offerings | \$ 17 |
| Year to Date | \$ 7 |