



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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The Third Sunday After Epiphany
 January 26, 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

MARY LYNN BARNES

*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)

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

Psalm 19:1

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

Nehemiah 8:8

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture: (Continued on next page)

**to preach the good news of God's love and liberation
for all people.**

Luke 4:18

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (leader)

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise,
reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

Psalm 19:7-8

God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,
who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

Luke 4:18-19, 21

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Sisters and brothers, your old selves have been crucified with Christ, and you will be united with him in the resurrection. Your sins are forgiven! Walk in newness of life.

*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 #304

"JESUS LOVES ME"

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
(Refrain)

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me."
(Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SHERRY BRADEMEYER

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

Luke 4:14-21

4:14 Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region.

4:15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

4:16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

4:17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,

4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

4:20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all the synagogue were fixed on him.

4:21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

***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 #315**

(Blue Hymnal)
(Refrain)

"EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT"

(All Verses)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my
heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the
Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's
mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me,
it looked so fine, Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
(Refrain)

2. Jordan river, chilly and cold, It chills the
body but not the soul. There is but one train
upon this track; It runs to heaven and then right back.
(Refrain)

GO IN GOD'S NAME**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*CHORAL 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.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
January 26, 2025 - February 2, 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
Jerry Vaughn-----has plaque buildup, has scheduled heart cath and stress test, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Becky Wise January 29 Ann Mettetal January 30

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: St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Morristown, TN 37813
The Session as they lead our church

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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.

NEW ROOF: Immediately after worship on **February 9th**, a presentation will be made by a session member, as to the schedule and cost of a new roof. You will be receiving a letter between now and then explaining the repair needs in further detail.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Mark your calendar for a New Bethel fellowship meal on **February 23** immediately following the worship service! We will have a variety of soups and desserts. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

NEW ADDRESS: **Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Fuller and Family** have recently moved. Their new address is **556 Summer Street, Weymouth, MA 02188**. Please update your directory with this information!

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:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 1,443
January 19 Offering	\$ 1,703
Other Offerings	\$ 15
Year to Date	\$ -629