



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
February 2, 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

LARRY SMITH

***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)**

1:4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

1:6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a child."

1:7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

1:8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

1:9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. (Continued on next page)

1:10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love.

We have lost patience and been rude.

We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.

We have even let love end.

Forgive us and heal us, dear God,

through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen. 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (leader)

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

*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 #403

"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

KATIE WRIGHT

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

"YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN"

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SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:17-30

- 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 in the synagogue were fixed on him.
- 4:21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
- 4:22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"
- 4:23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"
- 4:24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown.
- 4:25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land,
- 4:26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.
- 4:27 There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."
- 4:28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.
- 4:29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.
- 4:30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

***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.

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER

***RESPONSIVE HYMN #260**

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
power are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

3. And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we
can endure, For lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body
they may kill, God’s truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

***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
February 2, 2025 - February 9, 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

Vanessa Smith February 2

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Dickie and Marcia Torbett February 7

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: Strawberry Plains Presbyterian Church, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871
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.

SOCKS OF LOVE: Our Presbyterian Women are collecting **new socks** for nursing home residents through Tetrick Funeral Home who is partnering with local hospice agencies for a program called “**Socks of Love**”. This is a very worthwhile program that provides several nursing homes in our area with socks for the patients. Some patients have no family or no money to buy socks. The PW will deliver the socks to Tetrick Funeral Services in Johnson City. If you would like to donate new socks for this project, you may bring those to the church and place them in the box in the fellowship hall. The **new socks** are for both **female** and **male adults**. Donations will be collected through February 16.

NEW ROOF: Immediately after worship next Sunday, **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. You are asked to bring your favorite soup, chili, dessert, and crackers to share. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

WIFI: The WiFi password for New Bethel Presbyterian is **newbethel592**

MEMBERSHIP: We will be receiving new members soon. If you would like to consider membership at New Bethel, please contact Pastor Tom.

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!

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 26 Offering	\$ 1,871
Other Offerings	\$ 0
Year to Date	\$ -201