



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
 February 9, 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

LITURGY

KATIE WRIGHT

**\*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 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. 2 Give thanks to the God of gods.

**His love endures forever.**

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

**His love endures forever. (Psalm 136)**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

**Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

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)

**\*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**

**"REVELATION SONG"**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song To Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He.  
We sing a new song To Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He.  
We sing a new song To Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord, God Almighty Who was and is, and is to come, yeah.  
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings. You are my everything And I will adore You  
Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder,  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be To You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name.  
Jesus, Your name is power Breath and living water Such a marvelous mystery, oh.  
Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come, oh.  
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings. You are my everything And I will adore You, oh.

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**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**

**" GOD'S VALENTINE'S DAY"**

**REV. TOM GOMOLA**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE (Responsively)**

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (continued on next page)**

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

**So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. Genesis 29:20**

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

**To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. Mark 12:33**

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **Romans 12:9**

### **\*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.

### PRAYER

#### **\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #634**

(Red Hymnal)

#### **"O, HOW I LOVE JESUS"**

(All Verses)

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest name on earth.  
(Refrain)  
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus---Because He first love me!
2. It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.  
(Refrain)
3. It tells of One whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part That none can bear below.  
(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  
February 9, 2025 - February 16, 2025

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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**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**

Harper Collins February 12

**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: Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN 37743  
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](http://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 today a presentation will be made by a session member as to the schedule and cost of a new roof. You have received a letter explaining the repair needs.

**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
February 2 Offering	\$ 1,107
Other Offerings	\$ 94
Year to Date	\$ -545