



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
 February 16, 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

SHERRY BRADEMEYER

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“HOLY SPIRIT”

Holy Spirit Thou art welcome in this place
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 Omnipotent Father of Mercy and Grace
 Thou art welcome in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

- 1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,
- 1:2 **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law they meditate day and night.**
- 1.3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- 1.4 **The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- 1.5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
- 1.6 **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, You know us so well. In fact, You know the very depths of our hearts, even better than we know ourselves. You perceive even those times when we might act in a posture of judgment and condemnation. Forgive us when we fail to remember that all human beings are fearfully and wonderfully made. Help us to be gracious and longsuffering with our friends, family, and even our enemies. You alone have washed away our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. Remind us that You extend to all people an offer of merciful righteousness and grace. May we be grateful for Your love. Amen.

*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 #574

“REVIVE US AGAIN”

(Red Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.
(Refrain)
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.
2. We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior and banished our night.
(Refrain)
3. All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has taken our sins and has cleansed every stain.
(Refrain)
4. Revive us again--- fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.
(Refrain)

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 SCRIPTURE **Luke 6: 17-26**

6:17. He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

6:18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

6:19 And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

(Responsively)

6:20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

6:21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

6:22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defy you on account of the Son of Man.

6:23 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

6:24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

6:25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep."

6:26 "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

***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 #621*"TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS"**

(Red Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darknes you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!

(Refrain)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of
Earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there; Over us sin no more hath dominion--- For more than conquerors we are!

(Refrain)

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3. His word shall not fail you--- He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!
(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 16, 2025 - February 23, 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
Ramona Fender-----38 year old undergoing treatment for colon cancer, granddaughter of a friend of Sandra's
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,
Jerry Reed-----liver cancer, receiving immunotherapy treatment, Ron Reed's brother
Carolyn Shaw-----mobility issues, wife of Dr Angus Shaw
Debbie Smith-----breast cancer treatment, friend of Becky Wise
Jerry Vaughn-----has plaque buildup, has scheduled heart cath and stress test, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Ian Shepherd February 18 Rusty Shepherd February 18 Ryne Smith February 19

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Dean and Kim Barnes February 22

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: Timber Ridge 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.

DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES: The New Bethel family of faith expresses its deepest Christian sympathies to the family of Tab Torbett. Our special condolences to Tab's daughter, Kevyn. Tab, who was an amazing 103 years old, was a devoted member of New Bethel Presbyterian Church and faithfully sang in the choir for many years. He was a WWII veteran and was admired and loved by everyone. Tab passed away Wednesday morning, February 12, 2025.

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 end today.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW will meet this **Wednesday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Mark your calendar for a New Bethel **fellowship meal next Sunday, 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.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year New Bethel will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m.** The service will be followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall. The World Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries annually on the first Friday in March.

WIFI: The WiFi password for New Bethel Presbyterian is **bethel592**

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

NEW ADDRESS: **Kevyn Torbett** has recently moved. Her new address is 3529 W. Walnut Street Apt. 307, Johnson City, TN 37604. Please make this change in your directory.

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 9 Offering	\$ 671
Other Offerings	\$ 250
Year to Date	\$ -1,317