



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Transfiguration Sunday
March 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

LITURGIST

LARRY SMITH

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

***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 (responsive)**

34:29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

34:30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

34:31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

34:32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. (Continued on next page)

34:33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face,

34:34 but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

34:35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him. **Exodus 34:29-35**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

O Lord, Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. But sometimes we assume that our good deeds must reach that far, too. Please forgive us when we doubt the height and depth of Your love, and when we assume human effort garners Your love. Make us new, that we may share this love more freely. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption!

Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Isaiah 35:10

*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 #280

"AMAZING GRACE"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 3 and 5)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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 9:28-36 (responsive)**

9:28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

9:30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

9:31 They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

9:32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

9:33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying.

9:34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

9:35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

9:36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

SERMON **"MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE: WHEN JESUS OUTSHINED MOSES"**

HOLY COMMUNION

***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 #403 **"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"**

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1 and 2)

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!

*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
March 2, 2025 - March 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
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
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

Mary Lynn Barnes March 3 Julia Kegley March 6

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: Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, TN 37601
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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Remember, next ~~Sunday, March 9~~ we will be switching to daylight saving time! Failure to do so may cause you to accidentally end up in Sunday School!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES: We are saddened to learn of the passing on Feb 21 of Judy Mauk Sweeney. Judy and her late husband, Garry, attended New Bethel where she was active in Presbyterian Women. She is survived by 2 brothers, a brother-in-law, and their wives plus several nieces, nephews, and special friends. You can read the full obituary for Judy on the Dillow-Taylor Funeral Home website. Her funeral was on Mon, Feb 24.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The "Ash Wednesday" service will be **this Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m.**

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: New Bethel will be hosting the World Day of Prayer this **Friday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m.** The service will be followed by a salad luncheon in the fellowship hall. The World Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries annually on the first Friday in March. Please join us and bring a salad of your choice to share.

BIBLE STUDY: Heaven. Who goes there? Where is it? What will we do there? Questions like these arise when we consider an eternal future beyond this physical life. How can we know the truth about what comes next? In this 7-session video-based Bible study Jennifer **Rothschild explores the subject of Heaven from biblical perspective.** She will separate what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses. As you walk through the study, you'll not only gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children, but also learn how to live with confidence today as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits. Don't just wonder about Heaven—embrace it with a faith that turns anticipation into excitement and peace.

Please join us **April 15 at 6:30** at the home of Marcia Torbett for this wonderful Bible study. Study books, Heaven by Jennifer Rothschild, are available on Amazon. However, if you would like for Marcia to buy you a study book, please tell her.

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

NEW MEMBERS: Please add this contact information to your directory:

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601 Willow Court
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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 23 Offering	\$ 755
Other Offerings	\$ 300
Year to Date	\$ -635

These are our current session members:

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