



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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First Sunday in Lent
March 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

LITURGIST

KATIE WRIGHT

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)

91:1. You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

91:2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

91:9. Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

91:10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

91:11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

91:12 On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

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91:13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

91:14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.91:15When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

91:15 With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation. Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Lord, Your Kingdom is open to all by the empty grave and your faith in Jesus. But we often construct roadblocks that hinder people from entering. We demand good behavior from others before showing them where to find Your life-changing grace. We work to appear righteous and good but fail to practice Jesus' basic instructions: love God, love others, forgive freely, and share the Good News. Forgive us for our sin and our waywardness. Let us lean wholly on Your grace that we may follow You faithfully and lead others to Your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!
1 Corinthians 5:17

*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 #485

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

(Refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(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 **John 15:1-6** (responsive)

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

SERMON

"SEVEN THINGS TO PRUNE. MAYBE EIGHT"

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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8. _____

***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 #357**
(Blue Hymnal)

“O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE
(All Verses)

1. O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly
paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret;
help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
winning word of love; Teach me the wayward
feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer,
dearer company, In work that keeps faith
sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the
future’s broadening way; In peace that only
Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

***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 9, 2025 - March 16, 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-----open heart surgery, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Jerome Mettetal March 9

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: Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37664
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.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: New Bethel hosted the World Day of Prayer on Friday, There was a wonderful turnout of close to 50 people from most of the Piney Flats churches. Not only was the worship enlightening and informative, but it was also an amazing time of fellowship at the luncheon. Thanks to Rick Brademeyer for singing “Can I Pray For You”. We want to especially thank Rev.Tom and Rev.Teresa for arranging and participating in this event.

SESSION MEETING: There is a session meeting today immediately following the worship service.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW regular monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.**

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 Wi-Fi password for New Bethel Presbyterian is **bethel592**

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

Bob and Renne Tolbert
601 Willow Court
Piney Flats, TN. 37686
cell: 423-272-8506

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.

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
March 2 Offering	\$ 931
Other Offerings	\$ 6,839
Year to Date	\$ -1,147

These are our current session members:

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