



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

LITURGIST

SHERRY BRADEMEYER

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)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

² Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

³ **Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Almighty God, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging that we have often fallen short in our worship, failing to fully honor and glorify you with our lives and actions. We confess that we have not always approached you with the sincerity and focus that you deserve. We have let distractions and worldly concerns overshadow our spiritual lives. We pray that you will empower us to live lives that are worthy of your name, lives filled with love, humility, and a deep sense of reverence for your holiness. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **(Romans 3: 22-24)**

*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 #234

“I TO THE HILLS WILL LIFT MY EYES”

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. I to the hills will lift my eyes; From whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone, Who heaven and earth has made.
2. God will not let your foot be moved, Your Guardian never sleeps;
God's watchful and unslumbering care Protects and safely keeps.
3. Your faithful keeper is the Lord, Your shelter and your shade;
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, You shall not be afraid.
4. From evil God will keep you safe, Provide for all you need;
Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

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 4: 23) Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

(Romans 12: 1) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

SERMON

"FROM AWE TO AMEN: THE JOURNEY OF WORSHIP"

***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 #108

(Red Hymnal)

“ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME”

(All Verses)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.
2. Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know,
These for sin could not atone—Thou must save, and Thou alone:
In my hand no price I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.
3. While I draw this final breath, When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown, And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

*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 16, 2025 - March 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
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

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PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Lt. Matthew Musick A naval aviator, was 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: Weaver Union Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN 37620
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.

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

5-CENTS A MEAL OFFERING: Many of our members contribute regularly to the Five Cents a Meal offering and on Sunday, March 30, we will receive a formal collection for this cause. This offering encourages us to set aside 5 cents each meal to support local hunger ministries, the national and international projects of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and other agencies that provide emergency food to those in need.

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
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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.

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 9 Offering	\$ 960
Other Offerings	\$ 1,630
Year to Date	\$ -1,147

These are our current session members:

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