



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Third Sunday in Lent  
March 23, 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

MARY LYNN BARNES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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)

63:1 O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**63:2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

63:3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**63:4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

63:5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

**63:6 when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,**

63:7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**63:8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. (Psalm 63:1-8)**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, our hearts are an open book to You. You search us and know us from beginning to end. Nothing is hidden to You. God, we confess that we are selfish with our time, our affections and our resources, offering You and others little while we have received much. We confess that we are blind to our own sins, but hyper-aware of the sins of others, neglecting to ask for the forgiveness You stand ready to bestow, and yet You keep pursuing us with Your everlasting love. Forgive us, God, when we sin, and make us new in You. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Sisters and brothers, your old selves have been crucified with Christ, and you will be united with him in the resurrection. Your sins are forgiven! Walk in newness of life. **(Romans 6:6)**

\*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**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

RICK BRADEMEYER

SERMON SCRIPTURE (responsive)

**Isaiah 55:1-9**

55:1 Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**55:2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.**

55:3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

**55:4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.**

55:5 Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**55:6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;**

55:7 let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.**

55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SERMON      **“YOU’RE NOT GOING TO LIKE THIS...BUT YOU’RE GOING TO NEED IT”**

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

**\*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.

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #142      **“ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME!”**

(Blue Hymnal)      (Verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!  
We’ll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

**\*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 23, 2025 - March 30, 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  
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**

Jim Wright     March 29

**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: West Ridge Presbyterian Church, Mt. Carmel, TN 37645  
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).

**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.

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS:** Town Hall Meetings will be held on Zoom to discuss proposed amendments to the Book of Order on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and on Monday, March 31 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. (RSVP on the Holston Presbytery website to get the Zoom link for the town hall discussion.)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The next project for Presbyterian Women is to collect donations for Helene victims, who are still recovering. These items will be taken to Edgefield Methodist Church and from there delivered where needed. Suggested items, but not limited to dish detergent, dishwasher detergent, shampoo & conditioner, over-the-counter meds like Tylenol, ibuprofen, and children's meds, diapers (sizes 3 & up, 2T & up pull-ups) bleach, cleaner that kills mold and may contain vinegar (is available at Tractor Supply.) Please leave donations on the pew in the narthex through April 27.

**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 16 Offering	\$ 675
Other Offerings	\$ 20
Year to Date	\$ -1,915

**These are our current session members:**

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