



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 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 (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

"WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND"

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing
in His presence on holy ground.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

40:5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

40:6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

40:7 Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book, it is written of me.

40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

40:9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
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40:10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. (Psalm 40: 5-10)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

"Lord, I acknowledge my sins, my failures, and my straying from Your path, like the prodigal son who wandered far from home. "I am filled with shame and regret for the choices I have made and the pain I have caused, both to myself and to others." I humbly ask for Your forgiveness, Lord, for I know that I have sinned against You and against my own heart."

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

It is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **(Hebrews 10:10)**

***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 #387 "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"**

(Blue Hymnal)

(All verses)

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
2. Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.
3. Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

RICK BRADEMEYER

SERMON SCRIPTURE (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24)

15:12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them.

15:13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living.

15:14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need.

15:15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

15:16 He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything.
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15:17 But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!
15:18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
15:19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."
15:20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.
15:21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
15:22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
15:23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate,
15:24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

SERMON

“THE PARABLE OF THE FORGIVING FATHER”

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (**Hebrews 13:16**) “Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING FOLLOWED BY 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 #442 **“THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION”**

(Blue Hymnal) (Verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. The church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

***GO IN GOD'S NAME**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”

God be with you till we meet again;

Loving counsels guide, uphold you.

With a shepherd's care enfold you.

God be with you till we meet again.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
March 30, 2025 - April 6, 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-----recovering from open heart surgery, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Jim McClanahan April 2

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: Windsor Avenue 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.

5-CENTS A MEAL OFFERING: Many of our members contribute regularly to the Five Cents a Meal offering and **today**, 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.

HOLY COMMUNION: Holy communion will be served on Sunday, April 6.

SESSION: The session will meet on Palm Sunday, April 13, following the worship service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Maundy Thursday communion service will on April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: Easter Sunday is April 20.

EASTER SUNDAY CHOIR: If you are interested in singing in an Easter Sunday choir, please let Mary Lynn know by **Sunday, April 13**. If enough interest is shown there will be two practices: **Wednesday, 4/16 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 4/19 at 10:00 a.m.** Call, text or email, or just tell her in person.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS: Town Hall Meetings to discuss proposed amendments to the Book of Order will be on Monday, March 31, at 4:00p.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**

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 23 Offering	\$ 2,610
Other Offerings	\$ 1,224
Year to Date	\$ -1,231

These are our current session members:

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