



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 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)

"Let us rejoice in the Lord, for He is the source of all good gifts."

"Let us sing His praise, for His love is everlasting."

"Let us come before Him with gladness, and enter His gates with thanksgiving."

"For the Lord is good, and His mercy endures forever."

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

32: 1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

32: 2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

32: 3 While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. (continued)

32: 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

32: 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

32: 6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

32: 7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

32: 8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

32: 9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

32: 10 Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

32: 11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee. **(Luke 4:18–19, 21)**

***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 #107 "AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND"**

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

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.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE. (Luke 15: 11b – 32)

15:11b "There was a man who had two sons.

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.

15:17 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!

15:22 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. (continued on next page)

15:25 "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.
15:26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.
15:27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.'
15:28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.
15:29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.
15:30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!
15:31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.
15:32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

SERMON **“THE PARABLE OF THE FORGIVING FATHER (PART 2)”**

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

OFFERING

*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.

HOLY COMMUNION

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #230 **“HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL”**
(Red Hymnal)

1. His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord; He is the mighty King, Master of everything, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him, His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

***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

April 6, 2025 - April 13, 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-----various health problems, church member
Phyllis Painter-----eyes, shoulder and leg issues, friend of New Bethel members,
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

Jon White April 7 Marion Reed April 11 Dwight King April 12

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

David and Julia Kegley April 9

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: Zion Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN 37743
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.

DEEPEST CHRISTAIN SYMPATHIES: New Bethel family of faith expresses its sympathies to the family of Ron and Marion Reed on the death of Ron's brother, Jerry Ray Reed, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The memorial service was held Saturday, April 5 at Sullivan Baptist Church in Kingsport.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken next Sunday, April 13. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through these three impactful programs: Rebuilding of Hope through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Growing Food Security through the Presbyterian Human Hunger Program and Pardoning in Progress through the Self-Development of People Program.

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

COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY SERVICE: There will be a community Palm Sunday service next Sunday @6:00, St Paul Methodist Church. This is being organized by Edgefield and there will be a choir made up of volunteers from the various churches in Piney Flats. If you are interested in doing a number or singing in the choir you are welcome. Be there @6:00.

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.

PW MEETING: The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be Wednesday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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. (continued on next page)

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 30 Offering	\$ 1,187
Other Offerings	\$ 227
Year to Date	\$ -1,487

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