



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday
April 13, 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 (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)

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

118:25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

118:26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Merciful Father, You know all things about Your children. Even though we have dark notions inside us of greed, self-indulgence and other manners of evil, we do not desire to live in that way. Therefore, we ask You to search our hearts and know our thoughts. We confess all hidden sins to You now. Cleanse us thoroughly from all unrighteousness. Forgive our considerations of wickedness and free us to you with joy this Palm Sunday. We pray this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption!

Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Isaiah 35:10

***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 #113
(Blue Hymnal)**

**"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!"
(Verses 1, 2, and 4)**

1. **"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

2. **Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

4. **Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

John 12:12-19

12:12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

12:13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord-- the King of Israel!"

12:14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

12:15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

12:16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

12:17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.

12:18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.

12:19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Luke 19:39-40

19:39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

19:40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

SERMON

"PASSION PALM SUNDAY"

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.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #89 **"HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA"**
(Blue Hymnal) (Verses 1 and 3)

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

*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 13, 2025 - April 20, 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

Hugh Byrd April 16 Rodney Smith April 17 Eddie Ramsey April 19

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: Amity 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.

CROSS DECORATING: Next Sunday, the New Bethel tradition of decorating the Easter Cross will continue. Come early with flowers to help decorate the cross that will be in the sanctuary.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken today. 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.

5 CENTS A MEAL: Thank you for your continued giving to our special hunger offering. We have received a total of \$322 so far this year.

SESSION: The session will meet **today** immediately following the worship service.

COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY SERVICE: There will be a community Palm Sunday service this evening at **6:00 p.m. at 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 at 6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Maundy Thursday communion service will be 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 **today**. 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. 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
April 6 Offering	\$ 776
Other Offerings	\$ 400
Year to Date	\$ -2,154

These are our current session members:

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