



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025



"To Make Christ Known"

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 (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).

(Acts 10: 36-43)

10:36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.

10:37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

10:39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,

10:40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, (continued on next page)

10:41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

10:42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, today we celebrate the magnitude of the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And yet, we confess that on many other days, we do not live in this spirit of new life, but remain frustrated, disagreeable, and anxious. Forgive us when we find it more convenient to worry and complain rather than to participate in the joy and encouragement of renewal in Christ. Invite us back, Lord, to Your calming presence. Cause us to daily seek hope, restoration and peace. We pray this in the name of the risen Jesus. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

5:19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. **(2 Corinthians 5:16-21)**

*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 #123

"JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Al - le - lu - ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"If That Isn't Love"
"Jesus Is Alive Medley"

JON WHITE
NEW BETHEL CHOIR

SERMON SCRIPTURE (John 20: 11-18)

- 20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,
20:12 and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
20:13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).
20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

"DEATH, YOU HAD ONE JOB!"

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 #292

"BECAUSE HE LIVES"

(Red Hymnal)

(Verses 1 and 2)

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

(Refrain)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride, and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance, This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

(Refrain)

***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 20, 2025 - April 27, 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-----hospitalized with possible stroke, 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
Kevyn Torbett-----diagnosed with acute gastrointestinal problems

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Jana White April 25

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIE

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: Barton Springs Presbyterian Church, Morristown, TN 37814
The Session as they lead our church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you are worshipping 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.

HONOR FLIGHT: Edgefield Methodist Church is the host departure and arrival location for Mission 12 of Honor Flight of the Appalachian Highlands upcoming trip to Washington, DC. The send-off is **Friday, May 2 at 8:30 a.m.** with the welcome home on Sunday, May 4 at 5:00. 21 veterans (20-Vietnam, 1 Korean) will be going on the trip. Everyone is encouraged to attend this event. Handwritten cards, letters, and drawings are also encouraged. Leave envelopes unsealed, addressed to Hero or Veteran, do not put a date on it. Turn them in to our church by **Sun, April 27.**

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: Holy Humor Sunday will be next **Sunday, April 27.** Please be prepared to tell some of your favorite jokes during worship. Jokes will also be provided for you.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Thank you for your generous contributions to the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING. So far we have received \$320. There is still time to donate if you didn't have a chance last week.

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.**

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 13 Offering	\$ 858
Other Offerings	\$ 390
Year to Date	\$ -2,739

These are our current session members:

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