



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025



"To Make Christ Known"

Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TOM GOMOLA

OPENING PRAYER

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)

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

God has laughed at Satan.

Jesus has laughed at death.

The Holy Spirit has given us a spirit of laughter

That we might know the joy of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Patient God, you put up with our foolish ways with mercy and forgiveness. All praise to you. Forgive us, Lord, when we see you in our midst and do not rejoice. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that you will have the last laugh over evil in this world. Forgive us, Lord, for refusing your peace by taking ourselves too seriously. Merciful God, restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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

“IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT”

1. If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.
2. If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet.
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet.
if you're happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet.
3. If you're happy and you know it, shout hurray (hooray)
If you're happy and you know it, shout hurray (hooray)
If you're happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, shout hurray (hooray),
4. If you're happy and you know it, do all three (hooray),
If you're happy and you know it, do all three (hooray).
If you're happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, do all three (hooray).

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE (Responsive)

When the Lord restored our fortunes,

We were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

And our tongue with shouts of joy;

Then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced!

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

Like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126 - a word of hope and joy from the Lord after a great loss.

SERMON

“HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY”

Proverbs 11: 22 NASB – “As a ring of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a beautiful woman who lacks taste.”

Song of Solomon 4: 1 NASB – “How beautiful you are, my darling, How beautiful you are!... Your hair is like a flock of goats that have descended from Mount Gilead.”

Proverbs 21: 9 CSB – “Better to live on the corner of a roof than to share a house with a nagging wife.”

Mark 9: 33-34 NLT – “After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked His disciples, ‘What were you discussing out on the road?’ 34 But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.”

Acts 20: 9 NASB – “And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead.”

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**

“I’VE GOT THE JOY”

1. I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy

Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

2. I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

3. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart;
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.

***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 27, 2025 – May 4, 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

Deanna Torbett April 28 Karisa Miller May 3

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Maryl Greene April 27

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: Bethel Presbyterian Church, Dandridge, TN 37725
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.

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 into our church today.

WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED to share the news that Doug Huff passed away late yesterday afternoon, April 24, 2025. Please keep Doug's family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Today is the last day to leave your donations for Helene victims who are still recovering. These items will be taken to Edgefield Methodist Church and from there delivered where needed.

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 20 Offering	\$ 2,662
Other Offerings	\$ 82
Year to Date	\$ -1,520

These are our current session members:

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