



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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

MARY LYNN BARNES

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) **Psalm 30: 2, 8 - 12**

30:2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me,

**30:8 To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

30:9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**30:10 Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"**

30:11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me **with joy,**

**30:12 so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Heavenly Father, Your word says there's no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, but we often live like we're stuck in sin and fear. We've focused too much on worldly things and forgotten Your peace. We've doubted Your love for us as Your children. Forgive us for following our own desires instead of Your Spirit. Cleanse us and renew our minds as we embrace new life in Jesus. Give us the strength to live in the freedom and victory Christ has given us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise,  
reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. **(Psalm 19: 7 – 8)**

**\*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 #379**

**“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**

(Blue Hymnal)

(All verses)

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly  
lean on Jesus' name.  
(Refrain)  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All  
other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His un-  
changing grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor  
holds within the veil.  
(Refrain)
3. His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the  
whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is  
all my hope and stay.  
(Refrain)
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in.  
Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to  
stand before the throne.  
(Refrain)

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE John 21: 1- 25**

- 1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way:
- 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

- 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.
- 5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.
- 6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.
- 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.
- 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.
- 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.
- 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."
- 11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.
- 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.
- 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
- 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- 15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"
- "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."
- Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."
- 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"
- He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
- Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."
- 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"
- Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."
- Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."
- 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."
- 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"
- 20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")
- 21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"
- 22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."
- 23 Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"
- 24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.
- 25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

## SERMON

## "JOHN 21"

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 #372 "LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN"**

(Blue Hymnal)

(All verses)

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more holy In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy In-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.

### **\*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

May 4, 2025 – May 11, 2025

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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### 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,  
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

Sharon Ramsey   May 5      Sally McPeak      May 8      Carolyn Byrd      May 10

### 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: Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37664  
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](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES:** The New Bethel family of faith expresses its deepest Christian sympathies to the family of Carolyn Shaw, wife of Dr. Angus Shaw. Carolyn passed away on Monday, April 28. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Johnson City on **Tuesday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Pastor Tom:** Pastor Tom will be out of town this week, **May 4-9.** He will be available by phone: (724) 992-0447

**Tri-Cities Community Prayer Breakfast:** The Tri-Cities Community Prayer Breakfast is on **Monday, May 12th**, at the Marriott Meadowview Convention Center in Kingsport, TN. Tim Tebow is the keynote speaker. Breakfast begins at 6:15 am, program to follow. Tickets available online.

**VETERANS HONORED:** Honor your Veterans on Memorial Day weekend, **May 22-26**, by purchasing a flag in their honor. Flags will be placed in the grassy area between ECU and Piney Flats Drug Center, called Patriots Corner. Attached to the flag is a yellow ribbon with the honorees name on it. Flags are \$10 each with all proceeds going to the Piney Flats Ruritan's Veterans Day Luncheon in November. Forms are on the table in the narthex and can be given to Larry or Linda Smith or Mary Lynn Barnes by **Sunday, May 18.**

**DECORATION DAY:** As we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, let's think specifically about those who served in our area including those who are buried in New Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery. We will continue our Memorial Day tradition of having lunch together. Our luncheon will be **Sunday, May 25th** in the fellowship hall immediately following our worship service. The Presbyterian Women will provide BBQ sandwiches, Cole slaw, chips and drinks. You may bring your favorite dessert to share. Please contact Carolyn King this week at 423-268-2514 if you plan to attend so we know how much food is needed. We will have a donation bucket available for those who wish to contribute. We hope to see you there for wonderful fellowship!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Plans are being made for VBS 2025 to be held on Saturday, **June 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There will be a planning meeting today in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service.

**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	\$ 2,212
Other Offerings	\$ 700
Year to Date	\$ -751

**These are our current session members:**

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