



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 11, 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

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)

Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, and all the women who have cared for us.

Thank you, God, for giving us mothers.

We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

O Creating God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded you heal us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don't reach out to you, we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you." – **Isaiah 44:22**

***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 #403**
(Blue Hymnal)

"WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS"
(All Verses)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge----Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

John 2:

- 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
- 4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."
- 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Matthew 20:

- 20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.
- 21 "What is it you want?" he asked.
She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

SERMON

"Mrs. Zebedee"

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 #298
(Red Hymnal)

"CHRIST AROSE"
(Verses 1 and 3)

1. Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior! Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!
(Refrain)
Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with
His saints to reign; He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!
3. Death could not keep his prey, Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!
(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
May 11, 2025 – May 18, 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,
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

Lena Collins May 12 Rev. Tom Gomola May 13 Marcia Torbett May 13
Will Mettatal May 17

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Sherry Brademeyer May 13

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: Blountville Presbyterian Church, Blountville, TN 37617
The Session as they lead our church

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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.

Tri-Cities Community Prayer Breakfast: The Tri-Cities Community Prayer Breakfast is this **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: **VBS Saturday, June 28, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** - Join us for a fun-filled day of faith, fellowship, and activities for the whole church!

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
May 4 Offering	\$ 1,635
Other Offerings	\$ 0
Year to Date	\$ -734

These are our current session members:

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