



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCOTT FELLOWS

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)

67:1. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

67:2 that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

67:3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

67:4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

67:5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

67:6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us

67:7 May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him. **Psalms 67**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious and Sovereign God, Our anxious hearts often drive us to seek control over every part of our lives. We confess that we sometimes believe our worry alone can shape our work, our families, our finances and our futures. Forgive us, Lord. Align our hearts with Your Spirit. Teach us to release our fears and anxieties into Your capable hands. Help us trust in Your perfect plan. You are the Author and Perfecter of our faith. In the mighty name of Jesus 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 #398**

"THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I
know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are
sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the
presence of the Lord.

(Refrain)

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us
with Your love; And for these blessings We lift our hearts in
praise. Without a doubt we'll know that we have
been revived When we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive 'Till you
know Him in His fullness and believe; You're the
one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with
Jesus all the way."

(Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,
"This is the way; walk in it."

SERMON

"HONEST TO GOD"

SCOTT FELLOWS

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 #314**
(Red Hymnal)

"WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE"
(All Verses)

1. There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come,
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye; All is
peace for evermore on that happy golden shore—What a day,
glorious day, that will be.
(Refrain)
What a day that will be when my
Jesus I shall see, And I look upon His face—the One who
saved me by His grace; When He takes me by the hand, and leads me
through the Promised Land, What a day, glorious day, that will be.
2. There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there; And for-
ever I will be with the One who died for me---What a day,
glorious day, that will be.
(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 18, 2025 – May 25, 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

Liz Mettetal May 18

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: Cedar Creek 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.

TODAY'S SERMON: We welcome Scott Fellows to the pulpit this morning. He will be sharing a message with us today. (Pastor Tom is in Saratoga Springs, New York, and is available by phone. (724) 992-0447)

COMMUNION SUNDAY: We will have communion on **Sunday, June 1.**

VBS MEETING: There will be VBS meeting in the fellowship hall immediately after worship on **Sunday, June 1.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY: June 8 is Pentecost Sunday. **Our Pentecost Offering will be received on June 8.** Look in the next couple of bulletins for Information about this special offering. Please wear red and/or white.

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE: Janie Torbett's email address is djanie1944@gmail.com. Please make the change in your personal New Bethel directory.

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 today.

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:

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| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ 1,443 |
| May 11 Offering | \$ 585 |
| Other Offerings | \$ 50 |
| Year to Date | \$ -1,592 |

These are our current session members:

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