



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

DECORATION DAY

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. TOM GOMOLA

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGIST

LARRY SMITH

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)

In a world filled with violence and war,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.
In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.
In a world filled with hunger and greed,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.
Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to appreciate the precious gifts of freedom and peace that have been won by the brave men and women who have given their lives for our country. We have been slow to show compassion and understanding to those who have suffered loss and grief. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent,

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

It is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **Hebrews 10:10**

***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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MEMORIAL DAY

DEANNA TORBETT

NEW BETHEL HISTORY AND REFLECTIONS

JANIE TORBETT

***OPENING HYMN #325**

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME"

(Red Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate
fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him
Lord of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And
crown Him Lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial
ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him
Lord of all; To Him all majesty ascribe, And
crown Him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may
fall! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him
Lord of all; We'll join the everlasting song, And
crown Him Lord of all!

CEMETERY STORIES

CAROLYN KING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

MARCIA MCGRATH

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Exodus 13:3 Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

1 Thessalonians 4:13 We grieve, but not as those without hope.

SERMON

"SILENT STONES, LIVING LEGACY"

REV. TOM GOMOLA

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (**Hebrews 13:16**) "Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

REGULAR OFFERING

CEMETERY 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 #87 **"LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS"**
(Red Hymnal) (All Verses)

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)
Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
(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 25, 2025 – JUNE 1, 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

Juliette (Jules) Fuller May 31

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Tom Gomola and Rev. Teresa Kendall May 24 (belated)

Don and Carolyn King May 28

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 View Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37660
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.

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: Our Pentecost Offering will be received on **June 8**. An insert about this Special Offering is included with today's bulletin.

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

DECORATION DAY: Please join us in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service **today**. We will have a donation bucket available for those who wish to contribute. We hope to see you there for wonderful fellowship and food.

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 18 Offering | \$ 1,625 |
| Other Offerings | \$ 250 |
| Year to Date | \$ -1,410 |

These are our current session members:

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