



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1, 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

"SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 47

47:1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

47:2 For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

47:3 He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.

47:4 He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah

47:5 God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

47:7 For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

47:8 God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

5:19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

***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 #376

"LOVE DEVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING"

(Blue Hymnal)

(verses 1,3,4)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to
Earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all com-
passion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with
Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy
life receive; Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always
blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above; Pray and praise Thee
without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless
Let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into
glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our
crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-34

- 16:16 One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.
- 16:17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."
- 16:18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.
- 16:19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.
- 16:20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city
- 16:21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe."
- 16:22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.
- 16:23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.
- 16:24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.
- 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.
- 16:26 Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.
- 16:27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.
- 16:28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."
- 16:29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.
- 16:30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
- 16:31 They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."
- 16:32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.
- 16:33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.
- 16:34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

SERMON **"PROPHETS vs PROFITS: PAUL WRECKS THE HOROSCOPE HUSTLE"**
TOM GOMOLA

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

COMMUNION

***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 #341 "BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE"** (Blue Hymnal) (verses 1,2,3)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a
foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation,
purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
(Refrain)
 This is my story, this is my song, Praising my
 Savior all the day long; This is my story,
 this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of
Rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending,
bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
(Refrain)

***GO IN GOD'S NAME**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION "I WILL SERVE THEE"**

I will serve Thee because I love Thee,
You have given life to me; I was nothing before You found me,
You have given life to me. Heartaches, broken pieces,
Ruined lives are why You died on Calvary; Your touch
Was what I longed for, You have given life to me.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL

June 1, 2025 – JUNE 8, 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
Rick Brademeyer-----recovering from back surgery at JCMC
Ramona Fender-----38 year old undergoing treatment for colon cancer, granddaughter of a friend of Sandra's
Jerry Gilliam-----complications from diabetes at Mountain Home VAMC, friend of Ron and Marion
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

Ron Reed June 4

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Renn Tolbert May 28 (belated)

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: Chuckey Presbyterian Church, Chuckey, TN 37641
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.

VBS MEETING: There will be VBS meeting in the fellowship hall immediately after worship **today**.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Our Pentecost Offering will be received **next Sunday**. An insert about this Special Offering is included with today's bulletin. **Wear White, Red, and/or Red & White for June 8**

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

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 25 Offering | \$ 1,710 |
| Other Offerings | \$ 458 |
| Year to Date | \$ -1,143 |

These are our current session members:

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