



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025



"To Make Christ Known"

Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. SCOTT WISE

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

"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)

Psalms 66:1-8

66:1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

66:2 sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

66:3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

66:4 All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

66:5 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

66:6 He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, (cont.)

66:7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations-- let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

66:8 Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Almighty God! We want to follow You, but when the way is unknown, we often hold back. Sometimes we are afraid. Other times we'd rather stay in control, thinking we know better than You. Forgive us for choosing to rely on our own understanding instead of Your wisdom. Shepherd us, O Lord, especially when we are faced with the burdens we would not have chosen. Comfort us, and remind us that You are always with us, through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

***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 #276**

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

(Blue Hymnal)

(All verses)

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
(Refrain)
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy
hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SAVING GRACE

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Amos 8:1-12

- 1 This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit.
- 2 “What do you see, Amos?” he asked. “A basket of ripe fruit,” I answered. Then the LORD said to me, “The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.
- 3 “In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!”
- 4 Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land,
- 5 saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales,
- 6 buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.
- 7 The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.
- 8 “Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt.
- 9 “In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.
- 10 I will turn your religious festivals into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.
- 11 “The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.
- 12 People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.

Luke 10:38-42

- 38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.
- 39 She had a sister called Mary who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said.
- 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”
- 41 “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things,
- 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

SERMON

"HAS CHOSEN BETTER"

REV. SCOTT WISE

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 #341 “BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE!”**
 (Blue Hymnal) (Verses 1, 2 and 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
July 20, 2025 – July 27, 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 home
Ramona Fender-----38 year old undergoing treatment for colon cancer, granddaughter of a friend of Sandra's
Jerry Gilliam-----recuperating from amputation of leg, 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

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Maria Barnes July 24

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerome and Ann Mettetal July 22

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: Erwin Presbyterian Church, Erwin, TN 37650
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.

WELCOME BACK: We are glad to welcome Rev. Scott Wise back to the pulpit this Sunday.

PINEY FLATS DAYS: Piney Flats Days, sponsored by the Piney Flats Ruritan, is coming up **August 1st and 2nd**. On Fri/Sat there is a book fair at the Community Center (book donations can be placed on the pew in the narthex). On Fri night there is a 5K race which begins at Mary Hughes School @7:00, with pre-registration on-line (werunevents.com). On Sat there will be live music, food & craft vendors, a car show, and ax-throwing, plus a children's play area with inflatables beginning @9:00AM with free parking/admission. Also, of special importance to New Bethel...our church is pictured on this year's tee-shirts, which can be purchased at the Sat event! This event helps the Ruritan fund the Veterans Luncheon in Nov., as well as other community projects. Questions? See Mary Lynn, Larry or Linda Smith.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: The church directory is now in a database that is easily updated. If you need to be added or make changes, please email Mary Lynn at mlbarnes0303@gmail.com. The information should include names, address, phone, email, birthdates, anniversary date. Copies of the current directory are in a folder in the narthex. As changes are made updated copies will be available there.

COMMUNION AND OFFERING: There are sign-up sheets in the narthex (small table) for serving Holy Communion (ordained Elder, but don't have to be currently on Session) and taking up offering (anyone can it!) Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. All roles are monthly and all help is appreciated!

SESSION: There will be no session meeting in July. The next session meeting will be **Sunday, August 10**, following worship.

WIFI: The original password is working now: 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
July 13 Offering	\$ 935
Other Offerings	\$ 10
Year to Date	\$ 5,142

These are our current session members:

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