



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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"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. 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

**"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 139:1-6**

1 O Lord, you have examined my heart  
and know everything about me.

**2 You know when I sit down or stand up.**

**You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.**

3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.

You know everything I do.

**4 You know what I am going to say**

**even before I say it, Lord. (cont.)**

5 You go before me and follow me.

You place your hand of blessing on my head

**6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too great for me to understand!**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Loving God, You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, steadfast brothers and sisters in the faith who endured hardship and remained loyal to You. Yet we are humbled by the weight of our own sin. We admit that we ge't tripped up by many things. Forgive us, Lord, for growing weary and losing heart. Cleanse our hearts from the sin that so easily entangles us. Renew in us the commitment to follow You closely. We thank You for Your promise of full restoration and for the joy that is always possible in Jesus. Amen**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,  
who sets us free to live in accord with God's own favor.

**Luke 4:18–19, 21**

**\*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 #8**

**“LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES”**

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, Behold, the  
King of glory waits; The King of kings is  
Drawing near; The Savior of the world is here!
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a  
temple, set apart From earthly use for  
heaven's employee, Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
3. Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to  
Thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me Thy inner  
presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SERMON SCRIPTURES**

**Psalms 139: 13-16, 23-24**

13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body  
and knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex. Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I  
know it.

15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,  
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. (cont.)

- 16 You saw me before I was born.  
Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out  
before a single day had passed.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- 24 Point out anything in me that offends you,  
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

**Isaiah 49:1b** The Lord called me before my birth;  
from within the womb he called me by name.

**Jeremiah 1:4-7,9**

- 4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew[a] you,  
6 “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”  
7 But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’  
9 Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me,  
“I have put my words in your mouth.

**Ephesians 2:4-5**

- 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,  
5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you  
have been saved.

**Ezekiel 36:25-27**

- 25 “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and  
you will no longer worship idols.  
26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn  
heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.  
27 And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my  
regulations.

SERMON

**"PITCHING WOO"**

REV. 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

HOLY 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 #302**  
(Blue Hymnal)

**“I DANCED IN THE MORNING”**  
(Verses 1, 3 and 5)

1. I danced in the morning when the  
world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the  
stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I  
danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had My birth.  
(Refrain)  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the  
Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I  
cured the lame; The holy people  
said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they  
hung me high, And left Me there on a cross to die.  
(Refrain)
5. They cut Me down and I  
leap up high; I am the life that will  
never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll  
live in Me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.  
(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  
August 3, 2025 – August 10, 2025

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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**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  
Dickie Torbett-----recovering from surgery on his arm resulting from a fall, church member  
Jerry Vaughn-----recovering from open heart surgery, Gary Vaughn's father

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Kaylyn Smith     August 5                      Judy Sweeney     August 6

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

Jon and Anne White     August 9

**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: First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton, TN 37643  
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](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**SESSION:** The session will meet next **Sunday, August 10**, following worship.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The next PW meeting will be Wednesday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please join us!

**PINEY FLATS DAYS:** Thank you to all who participated in Piney Flats Days on behalf of New Bethel.

**EMERGENCY NEEDS AT THE RIVER:** There is a dire need for “snacks” at the River for the women who use this facility five days a week! Their supply is very low. The snacks should be individually wrapped items that they can take with them to eat on the go or eat there. Some suggestions are: Gold Fish, Ramen Noodles, and Chef Boyardee packs; all kind of chips; tuna pouches; fruit cups and apple sauce cups; and any other food item, like the ones mentioned, that do not need refrigeration and are easily transportable!

PLEASE, NO PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS! Put your items in the box on the pew in the narthex for the next few weeks. Thanks for helping these women in need!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:** School supply collection is the latest project of the New Bethel women's group. Emmett Elementary School, one of the neediest schools in Sullivan County, has been the recipient for the last six years. Emmett Elementary School, Bristol, TN, can be used to find the website. Listed below are just some of the items needed. A full list can be found on Emmett's website. Donations can be placed on the pew in the narthex. We will be collecting **July 24, 2025 through August 24, 2025.**

### **Sample of Supplies needed:**

Crayola crayons, glue sticks, black Sharpies, quart size baggies, gallons size baggies, Crayola markers, bathroom size paper cups, hand sanitizer, paper towels, paper plates, student scissors, high lighters, backpacks (no wheels), cap erasers.

Please contact Mary Dobrovolc at 315-525-2454 with any questions.

**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](mailto: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 do it!) Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. All roles are monthly and all help is appreciated!

**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 27 Offering	\$ 1,752
Other Offerings	\$ 0
Year to Date	\$ 5,093

**These are our current session members:**

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