



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 10, 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

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 33:12-14, 16-17, 20-22

33:12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

33:13 The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

33:14 From where he sits enthroned, he watches all the inhabitants of the earth--

33:16 A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

33:17 The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

33:20 Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

33:21 Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.

33:22 Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Eternal and gracious God: We confess we are sinners who need a Savior. We are disciples who need Your loving discipline. We fail to learn the lessons You teach. We resist Your way of living. We break Your law. We rebel against Your grace. Forgive us our pride, willfulness, and stubbornness. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we will be changed. May we grow more and more in Your likeness. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

***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.

***OPENING HYMN #387**

"SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
2. Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.
3. Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURES

Exodus 19:6 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

1 Peter 2: 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Revelation 1: 5-6 Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

SERMON **“EVERYBODY GETS A COLLAR” (PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS)**
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

*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 #227 “THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME”**
(Red Hymnal) (Verse 1)

1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all Heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, But there's something about that name!

***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 10, 2025 – August 17, 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 and improving 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-----awaiting a skin graft on his arm and hand, church member
Jerry Vaughn-----recovering from open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Scott Wise August 12 Dickie Torbett August 15 Mary Cross August 16

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Ed and Cecilia Campbell August 16

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, 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.

SESSION: The session will meet **today** immediately 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!

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. 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
August 3rd Offering	\$ 1,277
Other Offerings	\$ 0
Year to Date	\$ 4,927

These are our current session members:

Tom Gomola	(724) 992-0447	Denise Torbett	(423) 341-4013
Dickie Torbett	(423) 967-5831	Mary Dobrovolc	(315) 525-2454
Larry Smith	(423) 747-7282	Eddie Ramsey	(423) 306-1526
Mary Lynn Barnes	(423) 534-0060	Katie Wright	(423) 967-6534
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