



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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August 17, 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. TOM GOMOLA

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGIST

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)

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins

He gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) Eph. 2: 4

Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. Gal. 3: 24

And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. Gen. 15: 6

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. **Acts 3: 19**

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Gal 5:1

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Holy and gracious God, You have called us to be people of peace, but we confess how quickly we divide, how easily we hold grudges, and how slowly we seek healing. You offer us grace upon grace, yet we are slow to extend that grace to others. We choose comfort over transformation, and pride over reconciliation. We resist the transforming work of Your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Uproot what is broken within us, and renew us by Your Spirit. Help us live as people marked by Your peace, so that no one misses the grace of God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. **Rom. 5:1-2**

***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 #370**

"JUST AS I AM WITHOUT ONE PLEA"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

1. Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURES

Eph. 2: 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, **5** that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Gal. 3: 24 Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

Gen. 15: 6 And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

Acts 3: 19 Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

Gal 5:1 So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

James 2: 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2: 21 Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? **22** You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. **23** And so it happened just as the Scriptures say:

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“Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” He was even called the friend of God. 24 So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.

Gal. 2: 16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”

SERMON

“JUST AS IF I NEVER SINNED” (JUSTIFYING GRACE)

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 **#464 “JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”**
(Blue Hymnal) (All Verses)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Op’ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us, Joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

***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 17, 2025 – August 24, 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

Gary Dobrovolc August 23

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

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, Jefferson City, TN 37760
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.

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

5-CENTS A MEAL: 5-cents a Meal offering will be received on Sunday, August 31.

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 10th Offering	\$ 825
Other Offerings	\$ 225
Year to Date	\$ 6,099

These are our current session members:

Tom Gomola	(724) 992-0447	Denise Torbett	(423) 341-4013
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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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