



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 31, 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

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)

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." **Acts 17:11**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." **1 Peter 3:15**

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..." Colossians 3:16

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it." Joshua 1:8

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord, You have called us out of darkness, and made straight the path. Your word is true, yet we don't always believe it. You are speaking, but are we listening? We need a shepherd to guide and to carry us. Show us the way and for ins. Change us from the inside out. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2: 38**

***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 #84**

"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

(Red Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; As Thou has died for me, O may my
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A living fire!
4. When ends life's passing dream, When death's cold, threatening stream
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust
remove; O lift me safe above, A ransomed soul!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

"HOW TO GRADUATE FROM SPIRITUAL KINDERGARTEN "
(GROWTH THROUGH STUDY)
REV. TOM GOMOLA

SERMON SCRIPTURES

Hosea 4: 6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you as My priests. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.
(cont.)

Jeremiah 4: 22

"For My people are fools; they have not known Me. They are foolish children, without understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but they know not how to do good."

Romans 1: 21-22

For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking and darkened in their foolish hearts. / Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools,

Proverbs 1: 7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

1 Corinthians 2: 14

The natural man does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

2 Timothy 2:15

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

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 #400 "HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD!"**
(Red Hymnal) (Verses 1, 3 and 4)

1. Have Thine O way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me, Master today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,
While I am waiting, Yielded and still.
3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray!
Power—all power—Surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine! (cont.)

4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being Absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'Till all shall see
Christ only, always, Living in me!

***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 31, 2025 – September 7, 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 possible 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

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Marcia McGrath September 4

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, Kingsport, TN 37660
The Session as they lead our church

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
Byron Barnes	(423)-794-6522	Gary Vaughn	(423) 956-6907

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 next PW meeting will be Wednesday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please join us! We have new projects coming soon!

5-CENTS-A-MEAL: The 5-cents-a-Meal offering will be received today.

SESSION MEETING: The session meeting will be September 14 following the worship service.

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING: The Women's Birthday Offering will be received on Sunday, September 14.

BRISTOL REVIVAL: "MAKE US ONE" - Bristol Revival – Sunday, **Sept. 14** and Saturday, **Sept 20** at 7:00 p.m. each night, 501 5th St. Bristol, TN

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Our next fellowship meal will be after worship service on September 28th.

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 24th Offering	\$ 1,017
Other Offerings	\$ 47
Year to Date	\$ 5,683