



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 14, 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

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

MUSIC BY MARCIA MCGRATH

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"HOLY SPIRIT, THOU ART WELCOME IN THIS PLACE"

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.

Omnipotent Father of mercy and grace,

Thou art welcome in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Psalm 98:1-5**

98:1 O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

98:2 The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

98:3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

98:4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

98:5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord, You provide abundantly for Your people, but we often fail to trust You. We expect scarcity, but You are a generous redeemer. Forgive us for our nearsightedness and our expectations that You will fail us. We are sorry and we need You. Give us eyes that see with hope and hearts that trust Your provision. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist)**

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. **Psalm 19:7-8**

***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 #159**

"SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"

(Red Hymnal)

(All verses)

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
(Refrain)
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love; And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise: Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.
2. There are blessings you can not receive 'Til you know Him in His fullness and believe; You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
(Refrain)
3. If you say He saved you from your sin, Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in; You can make it right if you will yield—You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.
(Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

"MEANS OF GRACE" PART 2

REV. TOM GOMOLA

SERMON SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

1 Timothy 5:22

Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. (cont.)

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

1 Corinthians 7:7

I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

Psalms

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

2 Corinthians 5:18

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

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 #408**
(Red Hymnal)

“I SURRENDER ALL”
(All verses)

1. All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.
(Refrain)
I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
2. All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me, Jesus, take me now.
(Refrain)
3. All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine.
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.
(Refrain)
4. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.
(Refrain)

***GO IN GOD’S NAME**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“TO BE LIKE JESUS”

To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus
All I ask, to be like Him.
All thru life’s journey from earth to glory,
All I ask, to be like Him.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
September 14, 2025 – September 21, 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

Audree Greene September 17

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, Morristown, TN 37814
The Session as they lead our church

Current Session Members

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

DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES: Christian sympathy is extended to Jon and Anne K White and family in the passing of Jon's dad, Richard "Dick" White, on September 9. Dick was a proud brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, and is survived by a brother and a sister, 3 sons and their wives, 9 grandchildren, and 2 great-granddaughters. The service for him was held on Thursday in Greeneville, and he was laid to rest on Friday at the VA Cemetery in Johnson City. A full obituary can be found on the Jeffers Funeral Home website: <https://jeffersmortuary.com>

SESSION MEETING: The session will meet today following the worship service.

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!

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

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING: The Women's Birthday Offering will be received today.

LORD'S ACRE SALE: This sale is on Saturday, **September 27** at Edgefield Methodist Church, 745 N. Pickens Bridge Road, Piney Flats. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 10:00 (eggs, biscuits, gravy, sausage/bacon, jelly). The cost for breakfast is \$8.00. A live auction will start at 9:30. There will be crafts, canned goods, baked goods, and produce from 8:00 – 12:00. A 50-50 raffle will be from 8:00 – 10:00.

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

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
September 7th Offering	\$ 1,380
Other Offerings	\$ 15
Year to Date	\$ 6,099