



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 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

SHERRY BRADEMEYER

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 113**

113:1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

**113:2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**

113:3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

**113:4 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

113:5 Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

**113:7 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

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

**Merciful Father, we come before you with humble hearts, confessing to you the ways we have fallen short – in thought, word and deed. We admit that we turn from your ways, chase after our own desires and longings and ignore the needs of others. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us for the pride that blinds us, the angers that can overtake us, and the reluctance to speak in love when we should. Cleanse our hearts and restore us back to your grace. We thank you, Lord, for the cross, your gift of redemption, and the hope of new life. All of this we pray in Christ's name. 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 #454**

(Red Hymnal)

**"TRUST AND OBEY"**

(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.  
(Refrain)  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
2. Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear,  
Not a sigh or a tear, Can remain when we trust and obey.  
(Refrain)
4. Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do,  
Where He sends we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey.  
(Refrain)

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SERMON**

**"DON'T JUST TAKE NOTES; TAKE ACTION"** (Christion Action)

REV. TOM GOMOLA

## SERMON SCRIPTURES

**James 2:17:** "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

**1 John 3:18:** "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

**Philippians 4:13:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This verse serves as a reminder that God provides believers with the power and ability to take action in service to Him.

**2 Timothy 1:7:** "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-control."

**Colossians 3:23-24:** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as your reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

**Matthew 25:40:** "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

## 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 #495

(Red Hymnal)

### "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

(Verses 1 and 3)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll—Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul) It is well,  
it is well with my soul.

3. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll: The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.

(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 21, 2025 – September 28, 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  
Ramona Fender-----38 year old undergoing treatment for colon cancer, granddaughter of a friend of Sandra's  
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  
Jerry Vaughn-----recovering from open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Geoffrey Smith    September 22

**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: Hebron Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, TN 37760  
The Session as they lead our church

**Current Session Members**

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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](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Our next fellowship meal will be after the worship service next Sunday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. The meal is free; donations are welcome in the basket. There will also be a dedication of the beautiful painting of New Bethel church donated by talented artist, LaDonna West.

**WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING:** The total for the Women's Birthday Offering was \$160.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Maria Barnes, 4600 Diamond Way, #204, Knoxville, TN 37917

**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.

**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:** 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 14th Offering	\$ 980
Other Offerings	\$ 410
Year to Date	\$ 5,636