



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 28, 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

MUSIC BY MARCIA MCGRATH

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"HOLY SPIRIT, THOU ART WELCOME IN THIS PLACE"

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.

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Omnipotent Father of mercy and grace,

Thou art welcome in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

91:1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

91:2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

91:3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

91:4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense. (Cont.)

91:5 You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

91:6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

91:14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. (cont.)

91:15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

91:16 With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation. **Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious God, you are our Redeemer, always at work for our good. Yet we confess that we often trust our own plans over Yours. We resist when love requires sacrifice, and we withhold compassion when it costs us something. Forgive us, Lord. Through Jesus, who paid the full price for our redemption, restore our hope, renew our trust, and reshape our lives so that we may reflect Your steadfast love to all. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON**

5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

5:19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

***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 #142**

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

(Blue Hymnal) (Verses 1, 3 and 4)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

3, Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

4. O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

DEDICATION OF PAINTING

LADONNA WEST, ARTIST

SERMON SCRIPTURES

Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Colossians 3:13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Hebrews 10:24-25 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

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 #101 “WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”**

(Blue hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the
Prince of glory died, My richest gain I
count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the
death of Christ my God; All the vain things that
charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and
love flow mingled down; Did e’er such love and
sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a
present far too small; Love so amazing,
so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

***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 28, 2025 – October 5, 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
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
Dean Torbett-----will have surgery on his foot on October 3 to repair damage after a fall
Jerry Vaughn-----recovering from open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Spoon September 28 Ed Campbell September 29

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Issac and Karisa Miller September 28 Hugh and Carolyn Byrd September 30

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: Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Dandridge, TN 37725
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.

DEDICATION OF PAINTING: We welcome artist, LaDonna West to New Bethel this morning. She has generously donated her beautiful painting of New Bethel to our church family. We welcome her and thank her for this wonderful gift. LaDonna and her family moved to Piney Flats in 2006 and have lived in the New Bethel community ever since. Over the years, she has enjoyed many walks in her neighborhood, (especially during the early mornings) and capturing the changing seasons on canvas. She has a special affinity for trees and their spiritual parallels in the Bible. LaDonna and her husband have two grown sons.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Please join us after worship today for food and fellowship. The meal is free; donations are welcome in the basket if you are so inclined.

NEW BETHEL FALL FESTIVAL: Our Fall Festival will be on **Saturday, October 18 from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, hayrides, inflatables, cake walk, pumpkin carving contest, music, games and more. Free entry, donation bucket available.

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

CLASSES OF ELDERS: Class of 2026: Larry Smith, Byron Barnes, Denise Torbett
Class of 2027: Eddie Ramsey, Mary Lynn Barnes, Dickie Torbett
Class of 2028: Gary Vaughn, Katie Wright, Mary Dobrovolc

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: 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 21st Offering	\$ 1,535
Other Offerings	\$ 64
Year to Date	\$ 5,728

ONLINE GIVING: Please use this QR Code for giving online.

