



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 5, 2025



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

MARCIA TORBETT

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)

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (cont.)

**Ephesians 4:22** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

**23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Lord, on this World Communion Sunday, we acknowledge we are a proud people. We think more highly of ourselves than of others. We seek and seize the honor that others deserve. We vie for position and office. Lord, please forgive us and form us to be more like Jesus. May we think more highly of others than of ourselves. May we trust You rather than our own plans. May we use our positions to elevate others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. **Psalm 103:11-12**

\*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 #359  
(Blue Hymnal)

**"MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST"**  
(All Verses)

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee. This is my earnest plea:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
3. Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise; This be the parting cry My heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

**"BREAKING UP WITH YOUR BESETTING SIN"**  
REV. TOM GOMOLA

SERMON SCRIPTURES

**Hebrews 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

**Ephesians 4:22** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **23** to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

**\*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 #339  
(Blue hymnal)

**“BE THOU MY VISION”**  
(Verses 1 and 3)

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
3. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of 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  
October 5, 2025 – October 12, 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  
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**

Angus Shaw    October 7            Cara Shepherd    October 8            Pam King    October 10

**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: Jennie Moore Presbyterian Church, Flag Pond, TN 37657  
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 worshipping 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 online broadcast and the church bulletin on the church website at [www.newbethelpres.org](http://www.newbethelpres.org).

**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.

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session will meet October 12th following the worship service.

**WOMEN'S THANK OFFERING:** The Women's Thank Offering will be received October 19th. The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries.

**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](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.

**WIFI:** bethel592

**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!

**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.

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



**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 28th Offering	\$ 1,573
Other Offerings	\$ 80
Year to Date	\$ 4,858