



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 12, 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

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.

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Omnipotent Father of mercy and grace,  
Thou art welcome in this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **James 4:6**

"**Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**" **Colossians 3:13**

"Be still, and know that I am God." **Psalms 46:10**

"**My grace is sufficient for you.**" **2 Corinthians 12:9**

"You who are trying to be justified by the law have fallen away from grace." **Galatians 5:4**

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

**Gracious God, You call us to comfort others with the comfort we have received in Christ. Yet we confess how quickly we forget Your calling. We become absorbed in our own troubles, and we guard our hearts instead of resting in Your power and heeding your call to love others. Lord, forgive us and lift our eyes to you. Teach us to trust not in ourselves, but in You, our Deliverer. By Your Spirit, strengthen us to walk alongside one another with patience, to pray with hope, and to trust You in every trial. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

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

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. **Romans 5:1-2**

**\*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 #139**

(Blue Hymnal)

**"COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING"**

(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, O'er all vic-  
torious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy  
word success; Spirit of holiness, On us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in  
every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SERMON**

**"GOD'S GRACE IS FLOWING — BUT YOU'RE SITTING ON THE HOSE"**

REV. TOM GOMOLA

**SERMON SCRIPTURES**

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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 #387 **“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”**  
(Blue hymnal) (All verses)

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
2. Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.
3. Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

**\*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 12, 2025 – October 19, 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  
Mary Nelle Smith-----recovering from broken hip, sister-in-law of Sandra Leonard  
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**

Don King    October 15            Cecilia Campbell    October 17            Sandra Leonard    October 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: Jonesborough Presbyterian Church, Jonesborough, TN 37659  
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 Dobrovolt	(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 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 today following the worship service.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The scheduled monthly meeting of the PW in October will be next Wednesday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**WOMEN'S THANK OFFERING:** The Women's Thank Offering will be received next Sunday, 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.

**PINEY FLATS MEALS-ON-WHEELS:** Piney Flats "Meals on Wheels" needs volunteer delivery drivers for one (1) day a month. It is a 3-hour commitment from 9 a.m.- noon on a week-day. Training provided. Must have your own car and be dependable. Contact Karen Mason (423-534-8807).

**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 Dobrovoltc

**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:

There is no weekly financial report this week.  
Larry will provide the information when he returns from vacation.

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 1,443
October 5th Offering	\$
Other Offerings	\$
Year to Date	\$