



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 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

LARRY SMITH

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 121**

121:1 I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

121:2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

121:3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

121:4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

121:5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

121:6 The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

121:7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

121:8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious God, We confess that we are quick to notice the faults of others while overlooking our own. We are hasty to accuse but slow to extend grace. We throw stones instead of offering forgiveness. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to live out the grace You have poured into our lives. Call us to deeper holiness and greater humility. Shape us into people of integrity, so that our words and actions may reflect Your love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

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 #564**

(Red Hymnal)

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

(All verses)

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
(Refrain)
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
(Refrain)
3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
(Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

"DISCIPLESHIP: ""CAN I FOLLOW YOU AND STILL DO WHAT I WANT?""

REV. TOM GOMOLA

SERMON SCRIPTURES

Luke 14:25-26 One day when large groups of people were walking along with him, Jesus turned and told them, "Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one's own self!—can't be my disciple. Anyone who won't shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can't be my disciple.

28-30 "Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you're going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: 'He started something he couldn't finish.' (cont.)

31-32 “Or can you imagine a king going into battle against another king without first deciding whether it is possible with his ten thousand troops to face the twenty thousand troops of the other? And if he decides he can’t, won’t he send an emissary and work out a truce?

33 “Simply put, if you’re not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can’t be my disciple.

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 #467
(Blue hymnal)

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”
(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder Consider
all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
(Refrain)
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my
Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
(Refrain)
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
(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
October 19, 2025 – October 26, 2025

9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

Melissa Alley----- receiving treatment for cervical cancer, friend of Sherry Brademeyer
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-----recovering at Quillen Rehab after surgery on his foot, church member
Jerry Vaughn-----recovering from open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Dickie Jones October 23 Jennifer Procopio October 25

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: Keystone Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, TN 37601
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 online broadcast and the church bulletin on the church website at www.newbethelpres.org.

SESSION MEETING: The next session meeting will be in the fellowship hall on Sunday, **November 9** immediately following the worship service.

DULCIMER GROUP: Today our Dulcimer Group, Saving Grace, is playing at Piney Flats Presbyterian for their morning worship.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: **November 2 “Daylight saving time ends” turn back clocks.**

HARVEST TABLE: The food collection for the **Harvest Table** starts **immediately** and you can bring your items starting this Sunday, **October 19**. Items needed for the Haven Thanksgiving boxes are: **boxed stuffing, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn and peas**. Grocery bags of food can be placed in the narthex until **November 2**. Please pray about how you can participate in this ministry and be a blessing to those in need!

PINEY FLATS VETERAN’S LUNCHEON: Piney Flats Ruritan Club is hosting the 24th annual Piney Flats veterans luncheon on **Saturday, November 1, 12 PM** (noon) at Edgefield Methodist Church Christian life Center, 745 N. Pickens Bridge Rd., Piney Flats, TN. This event is to recognize and honor those who have served or are serving in our United States Armed Forces. All veterans and their spouse or guest are invited. There is no charge. We wish to honor you! RSVP by Friday, October 24, send an email to Piney Flats ruritan@yahoo.com or call or text 423-737-1254. Thank you. Vickie Hodges.

COMMUNION CHANGE: The communion date is changed from November 2 to **November 9** to accommodate Adventist worship with Scott Fellows on November 2.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Our next PW meeting is Wednesday, **November 19 at 2:00** in the fellowship hall.

WOMEN’S THANK OFFERING: The Women’s Thank Offering will be received today. The Thank Offering is one of Presbyterian Women’s two offerings. A list of current recipients and information about the grants they received are in an insert with your bulletin.

PINEY FLATS MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Piney Flats Meals-on-Wheels needs volunteers from local churches to deliver meals one morning each month; details are in a bulletin insert.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Gary and Mary Dobrovolc, 2007 Sherwood Drive, Johnson City, TN 37601

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.

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
October 12th Offering	\$ 2,308
Other Offerings	\$ 240
Year to Date	\$ 4,858