



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 26, 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 MARTIN CUNNINGHAM

*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)

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:14-16**

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." (cont.)

20 Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:17

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord God, we know that our lives are saturated with sin. The guilt of our transgressions is overwhelming. And yet, we know that if we repent of our failings and turn back to you, that you are a loving God who abundantly and relentlessly forgives. Therefore, we confess our need for your grace. We humbly pray for that forgiveness. By the power of your Spirit, help us break the cycles of sin in our lives. Reaffirm to us your love for us, that we might respond with gratitude and obedience. We pray this in the gracious name of Jesus. Amen.

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

Sisters and brothers, your old selves have been crucified with Christ, and you will be united with him in the resurrection. Your sins are forgiven! Walk in newness of life. **Romans 6:6**

***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 #304**

(Blue Hymnal)

“JESUS LOVES ME”

(All verses)

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
(Refrain)
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus love me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, Saying, “Let them come to Me.”
(Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

“OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD” or “THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE GODLY”
REV. TOM GOMOLA

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Genesis 50:15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?”

16 So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died,

17 ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.”

19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? (cont.)

20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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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 #383

(Blue hymnal)

"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine: Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's
tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

***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 26, 2025 – November 2, 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
Tom Smith-----facing serious neck surgery on 11/17, friend of Mary Lynn
Dean Torbett-----moved to NHC in Johnson City 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

Larry Smith October 26

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: Leesburg Presbyterian Church, Telford, TN 37690
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.

SAMARITANS PURSE OCC SHOEBOXES: It's time to start shopping for your Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This is our opportunity to send shoeboxes with gifts and the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world. Shoeboxes and packing information are located in the narthex. Please pick up on your way out today. Collection day is **November 17th**.

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! 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.

PINEY FLATS MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Piney Flats Meals-on-Wheels needs volunteers from local churches to deliver meals one morning each month.

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	\$ 2,950
Other Offerings	\$ 541
Year to Date	\$ 6,122