



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 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 DOBROVOLC

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 98: 4-9**

98:4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

98:5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

98:6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

98:7 Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

98:8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

98:9 at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious God, we confess that we often forget we represent You to the world. Our words and actions don't always reflect Your heart. We fail to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we may be the aroma of Christ— bringing the love of the Father, the hope of salvation, and the extension of Your grace to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

For who is in the power to condemn? Only Christ! Yet Christ lives for us, Christ died for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ Prays for us. Friends: believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Romans 8:34**

***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 #457**

(Red Hymnal)

“TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY”

(All verses)

1. Take time to be holy, Speak often with God; Find rest in Him
always, And feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, Help
those who are weak, Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, The world rushes on; Much time spend in
secret With Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, Like
Him Thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy, Let Him be Thy guide, And run not be-
fore Him, Whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, Still
follow Thy Lord, And, looking to Jesus, Still trust in His word.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

“CHANGING OUR WORLD FOR JESUS”

REV. TOM GOMOLA

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13–16

- 13 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.
- 14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Galatians 5:22-23

- 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things

James 2:14 -17

14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?

15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing,

16 and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

1 Peter 3:15

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

Romans 12:1–2

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Acts 2:42–47

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

DEDICATION OF THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

OFFERING

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Hebrews 13:16 "Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

*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 #587**

(Red hymnal)

“HE KEEPS ME SINGING”

(Verses 1, 3 and 5)

1. There's within my heart a melody—Jesus whispers sweet and low,
“Fear not, I am with Thee—peace be still,” In all of life's ebb and flow.
(Refrain)
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus—Sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go.
3. Feasting on the riches of His grace, Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,
Always looking on His smiling face—That is why I shout and sing.
(Refrain)
5. Soon He's coming back to welcome me, Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown, I shall reign with Him on high.
(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
November 16, 2025 – November 23, 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-----at NHC in Johnson City receiving rehab for his foot and recovering from pneumonia, church member
Jerry Vaughn-----recovering from open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Kim Barnes November 16 Kevyn Torbett November 17 Melanie Spoon November 18

David Kegley November 19 Maryl Greene November 22

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Becky Wise November 10

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: New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Piney Flats, TN 37686
The Session as they lead our church

Current Session Members

Tom Gomola	(724) 992-0447	Denise Torbett	(423) 341-4013
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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.

5-CENTS-A-MEAL: The 5 Cents a Meal Offering will be received on **November 30**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Our next PW meeting is Wednesday, **November 19 at 2:00** in the fellowship hall. Plans are being made for our annual Christmas Party on **December 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS: Please consider staying after church on **November 23** to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We will begin immediately after church. The more help we have, the quicker it is done!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service, **Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m.** at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1665 Allison Road, Piney Flats.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Our Thanksgiving Offering will be received on **November 23**. The recipients of this offering will be one or more charitable organizations determined by the session. Last year half went to the River and half to Isaiah House.

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, 2007A, 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. **The latest church directory is now available in a folder in the narthex.**

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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
November 9 Offering	\$ 833
Other Offerings	\$ 60
Year to Date	\$ 4,158