



**NEW BETHEL  
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The Reign of Christ  
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Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KATIE WRIGHT

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.

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 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters**

3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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

**Almighty God, You alone are sovereign — above all, in all, over all. And yet, how quickly we are to take credit unto ourselves for successes achieved, decisions made, ministry offered, goods shared, gifts given. Forgive us for our self-sufficiency. Remind us that any competence comes from You alone. By Your Spirit, set us free to see and to share Your glory, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist). 2 Corinthians 5:19**

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**\*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 #392**

**“COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME”**

(Red Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin:  
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrows grown:  
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin:  
There forever purified, In Thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SERMON**

**“COME TO THE TABLE”**

**KATIE ARNOLD**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE Luke 19: 1-10**

- 1 Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town.
- 2 There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich.
- 3 He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.
- 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.
- 5 When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”
- 6 Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.
- 7 But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.

8 Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

9 Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

## 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 #387

### "WE GATHER TOGETHER"

(Red Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing—He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing: Sing praises to His name--- He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; So from the beginning the flight we were winning: Thou, Lord, wast at our side—all glory be Thine.
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant, And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be; Let Thy congregation escape tribulation: Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### \*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. **Individual prayers and liturgical text for worship are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*. Copyright 2015**

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL  
November 23, 2025 – November 30, 2025

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

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**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 home recovering from foot surgery and 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**

Katie Wright November 25 Leigh Shepherd November 27 Scott Greene November 28

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

Dean and Janie Torbett November 27

**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 Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN 37743  
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 Dobrovols	(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).

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER:** We are glad to welcome Katie Arnold, Pastor Tom Gomola's daughter, who will be speaking today. She is the Director of Student Ministries at First Presbyterian, Bristol TN. Katie joined the FPC staff as Director of Student Ministries in the summer of 2012, after serving churches in Abingdon and Atlanta. Her passion for walking with students through their teenage years as they wrestle with faith, shines through her work with the youth of FPC and the community. Katie graduated from King University in 2005 with a degree in youth ministry and psychology and earned an MA in Family Ministry from Bethel Seminary in 2016. She has three children, AJ (son), Brady Thomas (son), Wrenley (daughter).

**SHOEBOXES:** Thank you so much to those who prepared shoeboxes. We collected 20 shoeboxes.

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

**CAROLING:** Please join us in making a joyful noise on **Sunday, Dec 14**, when we go Christmas caroling! We will meet in the church parking lot **at 4:00**, and stop for dinner afterwards. Transportation is furnished and all are welcome. There is a **sign-up sheet** in the entry space of the sanctuary.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The annual PW Christmas Party will be on **Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00p.m.** The meal will be purchased from Simms Pizzeria. Drinks and desserts will be provided by the PW. If you plan to attend, please notify Mary Lynn Barnes by November 30<sup>th</sup> and give her a donation of \$5.00 for your meal. Don't forget to bring donations for the River: diapers--sizes 3, 4, and 5 and/or baby wipes. If you want to play our lively bingo exchange game, you need to bring a gift of up to \$20.00. Please join us in the fellowship hall for a fun time!

**DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS:** Please consider staying after worship **today** 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 **this evening at 6:00 p.m.** at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1665 Allison Road, Piney Flats.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING:** Our Thanksgiving Offering will be received **today**. 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](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. **The latest church directory is now available in a folder in the narthex.**

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**COMMUNION AND OFFERING:** The Holy Communion and Offering sign-up sheets for 2026 are in the entry space of the sanctuary. You must be an ordained elder to serve Communion, but anyone can take up the offering. Offering collection is 4X per month. Holy Communion is served on the 1st Sunday of each month. Please help when you can!

**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 16 Offering	\$ 1,495
Other Offerings	\$ 135
Year to Date	\$ 4,210