



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 18, 2026



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE REV. TOM GOMOLA

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGIST

SHERRY BRADEMEYER

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

**“HERE I AM LORD”**

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have  
heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Psalm 40:1-11**

40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**40:2 He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

**40:4 Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high,**

**your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist) **Isaiah 1:18** — "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

\*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 #370

**"JUST AS I AM WITHOUT ONE PLEA"**

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1,2,3)

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE **John 1:35-42**

1:35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,

1:36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

1:37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

1:38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

1:39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

1:40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

1:41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

1:42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

SERMON

**"ANDREW'S ONE-SENTENCE SERMON"**

THE REV. TOM GOMOLA

## **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 #404

(Blue hymnal)

### "PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

(Verses 1, 2)

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near; When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

### "MAY THE LORD, MIGHTY LORD"

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever;  
Grant us peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.  
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

\*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

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### WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL

January 18, 2026 – January 25, 2026

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-----still in serious condition, neighbor of Rodney Smith  
Billy Bagnell-----brain tumor; friend of Rodney Smith  
Ramona Fender-----38 year old, colon cancer, granddaughter of a friend of Sandra's  
Jerry Graham-----A-Fib issues, friend of Katie McMillan  
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  
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-----recovering from neck surgery on 11/17, friend of Mary Lynn  
Jerry Vaughn-----open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father

## PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Mettetal January 21 Rick Brademeyer January 21

## PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Lt. Matthew Musick A naval aviator who was deployed in January to the middle east area

### PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church

This week: Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Limestone, TN 37681

The Session as they lead our church

Class of	Current Session Members	Class of
Tom Gomola	(724) 992-0447	Denise Torbett 2026 (423) 341-4013
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### 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.

**BAD WEATHER WORSHIP CANCELLATION:** Check the church Face Book page, call an elder, or call Pastor Tom.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway for the Souper Bowl lunch on **January 25 after worship**. If you want to bring a dish, you can make soup, sandwiches or dessert. Plan to join us for a delicious lunch!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The next PW meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **January 21, 2026**, in the fellowship hall.

**WIFI PASSWORD:** bethel592

**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 2026 budget is shown below:

Weekly Budget Needs	\$1,534
January 11th Offering	\$ 605
Other Offerings	\$ 75
Year to Date	\$ 427