



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 15, 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 112:1-6

112:1 Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**112:2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

112:3 Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**112:4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

112:5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**112:6 For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, We are bold to ask that You search us and show us ourselves in light of You. With the Apostle Paul can we truly say we do not boast of our own achievements? (cont.)**

**Do we depend on our strength, and do things our own way? Do we rush ahead, instead of waiting for you? Forgive us and make us content to count on Your promise: My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. For when we are empowered by You, then we are truly strong, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist) "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17

\*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 #78

**"ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED"**

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die!  
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I!
2. Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in,  
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died For human creatures' sin.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT  
SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Revelation 2:4 But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!  
5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.

Psalm 103:2 Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

James 4:8 "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."

Hebrews 12:2a We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

SERMON

**"FROM PILOT LIGHT TO BONFIRE"**

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 #341**

**“BLESSED ASSURANCE”**

(Blue hymnal)

(Verses 1 and 2)

- 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

(Refrain)

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**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  
February 15, 2026 – February 22, 2026  
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-----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
- Ron Jones-----prostate cancer and long covid, friend of Jon White
- Ben Kelley-----tests run on swollen leg, in Air Force in Idaho, friend and neighbor of Julia Kegley
- 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**

Ian Shepherd February 18 Rusty Shepherd February 18 Ryne Smith February 19

**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: Preston Hills Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37664  
The Session as they lead our church

Class		Current Session Members		Class	
Tom Gomola		(724) 992-0447	Eddie Ramsey	2027	(423) 306-1526
Byron Barnes	2026	(423)-794-6522	Dickie Torbett	2027	(423) 967-5831
Larry Smith	2026	(423) 747-7282	Mary Dobrovlc	2028	(315) 525-2454
Denise Torbett	2026	(423) 341-4013	Gary Vaughn	2028	(423) 956-6907
Mary Lynn Barnes	2027	(423) 534-0060	Katie Wright	2028	(423) 967-6534

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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 FB page, call an elder, or Pastor Tom.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Ash Wednesday Service will be **February 18, at 6:30 p.m.**

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Our fellowship meal (soup, sandwiches, dessert and drinks) will be next Sunday, **February 22** after the worship service. Please join us for wonderful fellowship and food!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The PW meeting has been moved to **Wednesday, February 25 at 2 p.m.**

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Holy Communion will be served on **March 1.**

**SESSION MEETING:** The next session meeting will be **March 8** after worship.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The World Day of Prayer service will be at Piney Flats United Methodist Church on **Friday, March 6 at 11 a.m.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:** **March 8, 2026**---turn clocks forward

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The men's breakfast at Bojangles is at **6:45, the first Wed.** of every month with the Edgefield guys.

**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
February 8th Offering	\$2,666
Other Offerings	\$ 0
Year to Date	\$ 329