



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 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

KATIE MCMILLAN

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)

Come, let us worship the God who hears the cry of the poor
and sees those the world overlooks.

**We come to praise the Lord who shows mercy to the needy
and lifts up the humble.**

The Lord calls us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

We gather to be shaped into people of compassion and grace.

When the hungry are fed, the stranger welcomed,
and the forgotten remembered—

Christ Himself is honored among us.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Merciful and loving God, we confess that we have not always cared for the children among us as You have called us to do. Too often we have overlooked those who are hungry, neglected, lonely, or without opportunity. We have been distracted by our own comfort while vulnerable children have struggled for safety, guidance, and hope. By Your grace, make us instruments of Your love for the children who need encouragement, justice, and hope. Amen.

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

Hear the good news: God's mercy is greater than our failures, and His compassion never comes to an end. When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***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 #485**

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1 and 2)

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

(Refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE: JAIME JOHNSON, Executive Director, President-Dominican Republic Missions, "Kids to Christ"

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 #356 "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"**

(Blue hymnal)

(Verses 1 and 2))

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

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**

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
 March 8, 2026 – March 15, 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
 Stephanie Barnes-----recovering from surgery, sister-in-law of Mary Lynn Barnes
 Ramona Fender-----38 year old, colon cancer, granddaughter of a friend of Sandra's
 Miriam Frazier-----was in a serious car accident, cousin of Mary Lynn and Ann King
 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
 Jerry Vaughn-----open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Jerome Mettetal March 9 Julia Kegley March 6

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: Reedy Creek 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 Dobrovolc	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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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.

SESSION MEETING: The session will meet after worship today in the fellowship hall.

SPECIAL SPEAKER: Today we welcome Jaime Johnson, Executive Director, President - Dominican Republic Missions, "Kids to Christ" who will share a message with us during worship. Jaime has a rich history of ministry with our church.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on March 22. This offering is the largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world by helping those in need because of disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and refugee immigration or migration. The work of One Great Hour of Sharing provides safety, sustenance, and hope.

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

THE RIVER: River Ministry for Women at 125 W Main St, (beside 1st Presbyterian Church) Johnson City, needs bleach, disinfectant spray, and bottled water. They also need snacks such as cheese crackers and peanut butter crackers, packages of instant oatmeal, etc. If you wish to donate you can drop off items at New Bethel or deliver directly to them. Their winter hours are 8:00-1:00 Monday-Friday, closed on weekends. Items will be collected through March 29.

SPECIAL MUSIC: There will be a choir number for special music on Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome! We will practice on Wednesday evening, April 1, at 6:00, and on Saturday morning, April 4, at 10:00, for an hour each. Please try to make these practices if you plan to sing.

CHANGE IN PHONE NUMBER: Kevyn Torbett's new phone number is 423-796-8500. Please make this change in your New Bethel directory.

NEW ADDRESSES: Please add these addresses to your New Bethel Directory:

Mr. Jack White
650 Cedar Creek Rd
Kingsport, TN 37664

Ms. Alie White
431 Indian Creek Rd
Corbin, KY 40701

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
March 1st Offering	\$1,076
Other Offerings	\$ 149
Year to Date	\$1,542