



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 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 1:1-6

- 1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,
- 2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, keeping our light hidden and abiding only in ourselves. We condone evil, prejudice, violence, and greed. God of grace, Help us to admit our sin, So that as you come to us in mercy, We may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist) **Ephesians 1:7**

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses."

*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 #473

"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1,3 and 4)

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
(Refrain)
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight,
(Refrain)
4. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,
(Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 1: 3-11

3 His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and excellence.

4 Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust and may become participants of the divine nature.

5 For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with excellence, and excellence with knowledge,

6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness,

7 and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love.

8 For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For anyone who lacks these things is blind, suffering from eye disease, forgetful of the cleansing of past sins.

10 Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble.

11 For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

SERMON

"OUR GIFTS ARE STILL UNOPENED"

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 #476 “O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE”

(Blue hymnal) (Verses 1, 2 and 4)

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form, And
bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And
sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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 22, 2026 – March 29, 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
 Roger, Linda Bowen----Roger recovering in a nursing home after hospital stay, friend of Byron Barnes
 Ramona Fender-----38 year old, colon cancer, granddaughter of a friend of Sandra Leonard
 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

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
 Will Markham Just called up by the Air Force reserve, serving in Middle East now, Sherry Brademeyer’s
 cousin’s son
 Carson Reaves 82ND Airborne Division, 2nd Brigade mobile combat team, Ft. Bragg, NC, Ron Reed’s great
 nephew

PRAY FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST’S CHURCH:

Holston Presbytery and their work for the larger church
 This week: Rogersville Presbyterian Church, Rogersville TN 37857
 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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received today. This offering partners with ministries worldwide that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. Thank you for your donation to this special offering.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Easter Egg Hunt New Bethel Church, **Saturday April 4, Noon-1:30** -Lesson – Lunch - Easter Egg Hunt

MAUNDY THURSDAY: The Maundy Thursday service will be **April 2 at 5:30 p.m.**

PALM SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE: We are invited to attend a **Palm Sunday, March 29th**, evening singing service at St. Paul Methodist Church at **6:00 p.m.** Let Rev. Tom know if you have special music and want to participate.

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:
The March 15th and March 22nd offerings will be included in the March 29th bulletin.

Weekly Budget Needs	\$1,534
March 15th Offering	\$
Other Offerings	\$
Year to Date	\$