



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 118**

118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

118:25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

118:26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

118:27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Start the festive procession with branches, up to the altar.

118:28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

118:29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Hosanna, King of glory, we gather with palms in our hands and praise on our lips—
yet we confess how quickly our worship fades. We want the crown without the cross,
the victory without the surrender. Hosanna in the highest. Save us, we pray. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist) The crowds cried, "Hosanna—save us!" and in His mercy, He has answered. Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

*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)

(All Verses)

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.
4. But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'Tis all that I can do.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"IF THAT ISN'T LOVE"

JON WHITE

SERMON SCRIPTURE **Matthew 21:1-11**

21:1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

21:2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

21:3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

21:4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet;

21:5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

21:6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

21:7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

21:8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

21:9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

21:10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

21:11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

SERMON

"THEY WANTED A CROWN, HE BROUGHT A CROSS"

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 #89

“HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”

(Blue hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed 'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
3. “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

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.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
 March 29, 2026 – April 5, 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
 Penny Bowery-----Surgery and chemo, ovarian cancer, stage 3, friend of Marion Reed
 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

Jim Wright March 29 Jim McClanahan April 2

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: Rosemont Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN 37620
 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 McMillan	2028	(423) 967-6534

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.

PALM BRANCHES: The palm branches used in the service today were donated by Denise Torbett.

Thank you, Denise!

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING: Today we will be receiving a 5 Cents a Meal Offering. This offering benefits direct food ministries (food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, etc.) and projects which provide safe drinking water in the Local/Regional area.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: Thank you for your generous gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The total amount received last Sunday was \$530.

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 singing service **this evening** 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 a.m., the first Wednesday** of every month with the Edgefield guys.

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 15 th Offering	\$2,850
March 22 nd Offering	\$ 860
Other Offerings	\$ 790
Year to Date	\$1,413