



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Easter Sunday
April 5, 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

LARRY SMITH

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 150: 1-6**

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**
- 5 Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

On this Easter Day, we praise You for Your triumph over sin and fear. Please fill our hearts with the joy of Your resurrection power, that we may live as a witness to Your love, truth, and grace. Amen.

*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 #123

“JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”

(Blue Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“DOWN FROM HIS GLORY”
“HE IS RISEN”**

JON WHITE
NEW BETHEL CHOIR

SERMON SCRIPTURE (Responsive) **Matthew 28:1-15**

- 1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
- 2 **And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.**
- 3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow.
- 4 **For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.**
- 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
- 6 **He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.**
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”
- 8 **So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.**
- 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.
- 10 **Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”**
(not responsive)
- 11 While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened.
- 12 After the priests [c] had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers,
- 13 telling them, “You must say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’
- 14 If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”
- 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Judeans to this day.

SERMON

“A VISIT TO A GRAVEYARD”

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

HOLY COMMUNION

***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 #292

“BECAUSE HE LIVES”

(Red hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

1. God sent His Son, they called him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

(Refrain)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives
All fear is gone; Because I know He holds the
future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride, and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

(Refrain)

3. And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

(Refrain)

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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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.

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING: Thank you for continuing to support the 5 Cents a Meal Offering. The total amount received last Sunday was \$249.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: Holy Humor Sunday is on **April 12**. Bring some jokes!

SESSION MEETING: The session will meet after worship on **April 12**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW will meet **April 15 at 2:00 p.m.**

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.

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:

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Kingsport, TN 37664

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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 29 th Offering	\$ 777
Other Offerings	\$ 249
Year to Date	\$ 656