



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 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

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

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY JOKES

*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)

He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!
God has laughed at Satan.
Jesus has laughed at death.
The Holy Spirit has given us a spirit of laughter
That we might know the joy of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Patient God, you put up with our foolish ways with mercy and forgiveness. All praise to you.
(cont.)

Forgive us, Lord, when we see you in our midst and do not rejoice. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that you will have the last laugh over evil in this world. Forgive us, Lord, for refusing your peace by taking ourselves too seriously. Merciful God, restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (liturgist)

Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we 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

“IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT”

(All Verses)

1. If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet.
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet.
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet.
If you're happy and you know it, nod your head.
If you're happy and you know it, nod your head.
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, nod your head.
If you're happy and you know it, shout “Amen”.
If you're happy and you know it, shout “Amen”.
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it.
If you're happy and you know it, shout “Amen”.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY JOKES

SERMON SCRIPTURE (Responsive)

Proverbs 23:9 Who has anguish? Who has sorrow? Who is always fighting? Who is always complaining? Who has unnecessary bruises? Who has bloodshot eyes?

30 It is the one who spends long hours in the taverns, trying out new drinks.

31 Don't gaze at the wine, seeing how red it is, how it sparkles in the cup, how smoothly it goes down.

32 For in the end it bites like a poisonous snake; it stings like a viper.

33 You will see hallucinations, and you will say crazy things.

34 You will stagger like a sailor tossed at sea, clinging to a swaying mast.

35 And you will say, “They hit me, but I didn't feel it. I didn't even know it when they beat me up. When will I wake up so I can look for another drink?”

(not responsive)

Proverbs 21: 9 “It's better to live alone in the corner of an attic than in a mansion with a nagging wife.”

Matthew 7:4

How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a **plank** in your own eye?

John 11:6

So when he heard that **Lazarus** was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,

John 11:43

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "**Lazarus**, come out!"

SERMON

"PROOF THE BIBLE HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR"

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HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY JOKES

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

"I'VE GOT THE JOY"

1. Verse 1

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Where?

Down in my heart!

Where?

Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

Chorus

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

Down in my heart.

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

Verse 2

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart

Where?

Down in my heart!

Where? (cont.)

Down in my heart!
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart to stay.

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer deep down in the depths of my heart.
Where?

Down in the depths of my heart!

Where?

Down in the depths of my heart!

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer deep down in the depths of my heart.
Where?

Down in the depths of my heart to stay!

Repeat Chorus to finish

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.

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.

THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING: The birthday offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. This year the Birthday Offering will be received on **April 26**.

LOST AND FOUND: Glasses found in the pews are on the entry way table.

SESSION MEETING: The session will meet after worship today.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW will meet on Wednesday, **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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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
April 5th Offering	\$1,626
Other Offerings	\$ 120
Year to Date	\$ 748