



**NEW BETHEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2026



Mission Statement: To know Christ and to 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 116:16-19**

16 O Lord, I am your servant; you have freed me from my chains.

**17 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**

18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**19 I will fulfill my vows in the house of the Lord . Praise the Lord!**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist) Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having been dead to sin, we might be alive to all that is good in God's sight." **1 Peter 2:24**

\*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 #139

**"COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING"**

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 3)

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, O'er all  
victorious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy  
word success; Spirit of holiness, On us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in  
every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE **Acts 9:9-20**

9 Saul remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

10 Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord!" he replied.

11 The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now.

12 I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again."

13 "But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem!

14 And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."

15 But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel.

16 And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."

17 So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

18 Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

19 Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days.

20 And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"

SERMON

**"DIVINE LASIK"**

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 #299

**“HE LIVES”**

(Red hymnal)

(Verses 1 and 2)

1. I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.  
(Refrain)  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.
2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last.  
(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**

WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL  
 April 26, 2026 – May 3, 2026  
 9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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**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  
 Garrett Workman-----has a serious health problem, father of Sandra's great-grandson, Greyson

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Deanna Torbett April 28

**PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

Scott and Maryl Greene April 27

**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 82<sup>ND</sup> Airborne Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Morristown, TN 37813  
 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 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.

**THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING:** The Birthday Offering will be received this morning. This offering is taken each spring and is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. The offering funds up to five projects each year, focusing on women, children, and community needs, including education, homelessness, and healthcare.

**VETERANS HONORED:** Honor your Veterans on Memorial Day weekend, **May 21-25**, by purchasing a flag in their honor to be placed in the grassy area between Eastman Credit Union and Piney Flats Drug Center. A yellow ribbon will be attached to your flag with your honoree's name on it. Flags will be 12"x18" on a 22" stick with a golden tip and will be placed in neat rows at Patriots Corner. Flags are \$10 each, and all proceeds go to support the Piney Flats Ruritan Annual Veterans Luncheon that feeds around 144 each year near Veterans Day. Forms are on the table in the narthex and can be given to Larry or Linda Smith or Mary Lynn Barnes by **Sunday, May 10**.

**SESSION:** No Session meeting in May. Next meeting will be **June 14** after worship.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Save the date for VBS beginning on **June 13, 2026!** Time to be announced later. Volunteers are needed!

**BIBLE STUDY:** There is a new Bible study starting on **Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30** at **Marcia Torbett's** on the **Chosen season 5**. If you are interested, please let me know right away. We have a study guide to go along with the video and we need to know how many copies to make.

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

**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:

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
April 19th Offering	\$1,752
Other Offerings	\$ 15
Year to Date	\$1,507