



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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"To Make Christ Known"

Mission Statement: To know Christ and to make Christ known

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME IN GOD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"SANCTUARY"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 26:1-8

26:1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

26:2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

26:3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

26:4 I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

26:5 I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

26:6 wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,

26:7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.

26:8 O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, our sin is always before us. We reject King Jesus. We refuse His power to make us holy. We ignore His gift of salvation with ingratitude. We humbly ask for Your forgiveness. Turn our shame to reverence, and

our guilt to awe. Let us receive with gratitude Your unshakable kingdom, to draw near to the throne of grace and to fix our eyes on Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Liturgist)**

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. **Romans 5:1-2**

***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 #372**

"LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN"

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart.
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.
In-a my heart, In-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

Zeb and McKayla Dougherty

SERMON SCRIPTURE DANIEL 3: 1-28

3 ¹⁻³ King Nebuchadnezzar built a gold statue, ninety feet high and nine feet thick. He set it up on the Dura plain in the province of Babylon. He then ordered all the important leaders in the province, everybody who was anybody, to the dedication ceremony of the statue. They all came for the dedication, all the important people, and took their places before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had erected.

⁴⁻⁶ A herald then proclaimed in a loud voice: "Attention, everyone! Every race, color, and creed, listen! When you hear the band strike up—all the trumpets and trombones, the tubas and baritones, the drums and cymbals—fall to your knees and worship the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Anyone who does not kneel and worship shall be thrown immediately into a roaring furnace."

⁷ The band started to play, a huge band equipped with all the musical instruments of Babylon, and everyone—every race, color, and creed—fell to their knees and worshiped the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁸⁻¹² Just then, some Babylonian fortunetellers stepped up and accused the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "Long live the king! You gave strict orders, O king, that when the big band started playing, everyone had to fall to their knees and worship the gold statue, and whoever did not go to their knees and worship it had to be pitched into a roaring furnace. Well, there are some Jews here—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have placed in high positions in the province of Babylon. These men are ignoring you, O king. They don't respect your gods and they won't worship the gold statue you set up."

¹³⁻¹⁵ Furious, King Nebuchadnezzar ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be brought in. When the men were brought in, Nebuchadnezzar asked, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you don't respect my gods and refuse to worship the gold statue that I have set up? I'm giving you a second chance—

but from now on, when the big band strikes up you must go to your knees and worship the statue I have made. If you do not worship it, you will be pitched into a roaring furnace, no questions asked. Who is the god who can rescue you from my power?" ¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, "Your threat means nothing to us. If you throw us in the fire, the God we serve can rescue us from your roaring furnace and anything else you might cook up, O king. But even if he doesn't, it wouldn't make a bit of difference, O king. We still would not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up." ¹⁹⁻²³ Nebuchadnezzar, his face purple with anger, cut off Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace fired up seven times hotter than usual. He ordered some strong men from the army to tie them up, hands and feet, and throw them into the roaring furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, bound hand and foot, fully dressed from head to toe, were pitched into the roaring fire. Because the king was in such a hurry and the furnace was so hot, flames from the furnace killed the men who carried Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to it, while the fire raged around Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²⁴ Suddenly King Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in alarm and said, "Didn't we throw three men, bound hand and foot, into the fire?" "That's right, O king," they said. ²⁵ "But look!" he said. "I see four men, walking around freely in the fire, completely unharmed! And the fourth man looks like a son of the gods!" ²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar went to the door of the roaring furnace and called in, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the High God, come out here!" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked out of the fire. ²⁷ All the important people, the government leaders and king's counselors, gathered around to examine them and discovered that the fire had not so much as touched the three men—not a hair singed, not a scorch mark on their clothes, not even the smell of fire on them! ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel and rescued his servants who trusted in him! They ignored the king's orders and laid their bodies on the line rather than serve or worship any god but their own.

SERMON

"THROUGH THE EYES OF SHADRACH"

MARCIA TORBETT

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 #408**

“I SURRENDER ALL”

(Red Hymnal)

(1, 2, and 4)

1. All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

(Refrain)

I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now.

(Refrain)

4. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

(Refrain)

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“I WILL SERVE THEE”

I will serve Thee because I love Thee, You have given life to me;
I was nothing before you found me, You have given life to me.
Heartaches, broken pieces, Ruined lives are why You died on Calvary,
Your touch was what I longed for, You have given life to me.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
August 30, 2026 - September 6, 2026
9:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

Matt Amick-----still in serious condition, neighbor of Rodney Smith
Billy Bagnell-----brain tumor; friend of Rodney Smith
Penny Bowery-----Surgery and chemo, ovarian cancer, stage 3, friend of Marion Reed
Mary Cross-----health issues, mother of Denise Torbett
Ramona Fender-----tumor is shrinking as she continues to undergo treatment for colon cancer,
granddaughter of Sandra's friend.
Miranda Heaton-----battling cancer, prayers for her, her husband, Matthew, and their children,
daughter-in-law of Greg and Linda Heaton
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
Eric McPeak-----after battling a serious infection for over a year, is cleared to have heart valve
surgery soon. Sally McPeak's younger son who grew up in our church
Sally McPeak-----various health problems, New Bethel member
Phyllis Painter-----eyes, shoulder and leg issues, a member of New Bethel
Wendy Rayfield-----undergoing treatment for colon cancer after surgery, wife of a friend of Sandra's
Debbie Smith-----breast cancer treatment, friend of Becky Wise
Mary Nelle Smith-----at home hopefully awaiting more physical therapy, Sandra's sister-in-law
Vanessa Smith-----recovery from heart valve repair, daughter-in-law of Larry and Linda Smith
Dean Torbett-----injured his rotator cuff in a fall, will have MRI, New Bethel church member
Kevyn Torbett-----fell, surgery on broken hip went well, also injured eye, recuperating at home
Jack Tottle-----cancer surgery, friend of Becky Wise
Jerry Vaughn-----open heart surgery and receiving further treatment for AFIB, Gary Vaughn's father
Garrett Workman-----at home after colostomy surgery; doctors trying to decide on best treatment for
tumor in his colon and treatment for serious liver issues due to cirrhosis, father of
Sandra Leonard's great-grandson

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Marcia McGrath September 4

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 Is now released from the military and back home
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: Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN 37663
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.

GUEST SPEAKER: We thank Marcia Torbett for graciously filling the pulpit this morning in Rev. Gomola's absence. We also are thankful for the special music by Zeb and McKayla Dougherty.

FIVE-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING: The Five-Cents-a-Meal offering will be collected today. Envelopes are in the Narthex.

HOLY COMMUNION: The next communion will be next Sunday, September 6.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The men's breakfast is this Wednesday, September 2, at 6:45 a.m.

NEW UPDATED DIRECTORY: An updated church Directory is available at the front entrance. One per family please! Also if you need to add/delete info or something is incorrect in it, please notify Mary Lynn.

THE PATRIOT PAC SWAG SHOPPE: The Patriot PAC Swag Shoppe at Sullivan East HS is in need of donations. This organization helps provide items for students who are in need and cannot afford them. Please consider donating one or more items and placing them on the pew in the entryway of New Bethel through Sept 27. Only new items of the following age-appropriate range (14-18):

Graphic tees, deodorant, gender neutral body wash, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, hair ties, jewelry. They DO NOT need bar soap, razors or shaving cream.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The next PW meeting will be Wednesday, September 16 at 2:00p.m. in the fellowship hall.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER: Please make this correction in your personal copy of the directory:
Mary Dobrovolc 315-520-6804

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
August 23rd Offering	\$ 977
Other Offerings	\$ 108
Year to Date	\$9,115