



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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

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

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"HOLY SPIRIT, THOU ART WELCOME IN THIS PLACE"

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.

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Omnipotent Father of mercy and grace,

Thou art welcome in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

PSALM 103:1-2, 8-13

103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits--

103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

103:9 He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

103:10 He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

103:11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

103:12 as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

103:13 As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord, You provide abundantly for Your people, but we often fail to trust You. We expect scarcity, but You are a generous redeemer. Forgive us for our nearsightedness and our expectations that You will fail us. We are sorry and we need You. Give us eyes that see with hope and hearts that trust Your provision. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Isaiah 1:18 "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

***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 #159**

"SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"

(Red Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

(Refrain)

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love; And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise: Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive "Til you know Him in His fullness and believe; You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

(Refrain)

3. If you say He saved you from your sin, Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in; You can make it right if you will yield—You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

(Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:11-21

11 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had arrived, they came and started to argue with him.

Testing him, they demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority.

12 When he heard this, he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why do these people keep demanding a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, I will not give this generation any such sign."

13 So he got back into the boat and left them, and he crossed to the other side of the lake.

14 But the disciples had forgotten to bring any food. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat.

15 As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, "Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod." (cont.)

16 At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn't brought any bread.
17 Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, "Why are you arguing about having no bread? Don't you know or understand even yet? Are your hearts too hard to take it in?
18 'You have eyes—can't you see? You have ears—can't you hear?'[a] Don't you remember anything at all?
19 When I fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread, how many baskets of leftovers did you pick up afterward?"
"Twelve," they said.
20 "And when I fed the 4,000 with seven loaves, how many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up?"
"Seven," they said.
21 "Don't you understand yet?" he asked them.

SERMON

"WHO FORGOT THE FOOD?"

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 **#408**
(Red Hymnal)

"I SURRENDER ALL"
(Verses 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

“TO BE LIKE JESUS”

To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus
All I ask, to be like Him.
All thru life's journey from earth to glory,
All I ask, to be like Him.

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

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WELCOME TO NEW BETHEL
September 13, 2026 – September 20, 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

Audree Greene September 17

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

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: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, TN 37604

The Session as they lead our church

Class		Current Session Members		Class
Tom Gomola		(724) 992-0447	Eddie Ramsey	2027
Byron Barnes	2026	(423)-794-6522	Dickie Torbett	2027
Larry Smith	2026	(423) 747-7282	Mary Dobrovolc	2028
Denise Torbett	2026	(423) 341-4013	Gary Vaughn	2028
Mary Lynn Barnes	2027	(423) 534-0060	Katie McMillan	2028

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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

SESSION: The Session will meet immediately after the worship service today in the fellowship hall.

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.

FIVE CENTS A MEAL: The total received for the recent Five Cents a Meal offering was \$160.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: PW will meet this Wednesday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please join us!

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
September 6th Offering	\$ 681
Other Offerings	\$ 20
Year to Date	\$7,538