



**NEW BETHEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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

MARY LYNN BARNES

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 SPIRIT, THOU ART WELCOME IN THIS PLACE"

Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.
Holy Spirit, Thou art welcome in this place.
Omnipotent Father of mercy and grace,
Thou art welcome in this place.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Psalm 1

1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

1:2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

1:4 The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

1:6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Lord God, we know that our lives are saturated with sin. The guilt of our transgressions is overwhelming. And yet, we know that if we repent of our failings and turn back to you, that you are a loving God who abundantly and relentlessly forgives. Therefore, we confess our need for your grace. We humbly pray for that forgiveness. By the power of your Spirit, help us break the cycles of sin in our lives. Reaffirm to us your love for us, that we might respond with gratitude and obedience. We pray this in the gracious name of Jesus. Amen.

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

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son... God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16–17

***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 #619**

"I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY"

(Red Hymnal)

(All Verses)

1. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.
(Refrain)
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.
2. I love to tell the story More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies Of all our golden dreams;
I love to tell the story It did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to Thee.
(Refrain)
3. I love to tell the story 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy word.
(Refrain)
4. I love to tell the story For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have love so long.
(Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

- 2:1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,
2:2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we
had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.
2:3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery,

2:4 but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts.
 2:5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed,
 2:6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,
 2:7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.
 2:8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

SERMON

“BRUISED, BATTERED, AND BACK FOR MORE”

TOM GOMOLA

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP Hebrews 13:16 “Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

OFFERING

***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 #383

“MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”

(Blue Hymnal)

(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine: Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!
2. May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!
3. While life’s dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow’s
tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

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
October 25 2026 – November 1, 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-----complications from ovarian cancer, 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.
 Ronnie Harless-----after a recent heart attack, a cancer was found on his lung, and he will be under going chemotherapy, Sandra's cousin
 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
 Joan Mathes-----serious eye problems and other health issues, aunt of Dickie Jones
 Eric McPeak-----heart valve surgery soon. Sally McPeak's younger son, grew up in our church
 Sally McPeak-----various health problems, New Bethel member
 Phyllis Painter-----broken hip surgery after a fall, a member of New Bethel
 Wendy Rayfield-----undergoing treatment for colon cancer after surgery, wife of a friend of Sandra's
 Rev. Dr. Angus Shaw---experiencing knee pain, friend of New Bethel
 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-----recovering from a fall, New Bethel church member
 Dickie Torbett-----recovering from hip replacement surgery, New Bethel church member
 Kevyn Torbett-----recovering at home after hip replacement, New Bethel church member
 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

Jennifer Procopio October 25 Larry Smith October 26

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: First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, TN 37760

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

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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**

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY: Thank you so much for the generous gift and kind words you shared for Pastor Appreciation Day. I am truly humbled by your support and encouragement. It is a joy and a privilege to serve alongside you. In Christ, Pastor Tom

THANK OFFERING: The Women's Thank Offering will be collected today.

HARVEST TABLE: The Presbyterian Women of New Bethel are once again collecting non-perishable food for our Harvest Table, which will be collected **October 18 - October 25**. Suggested donations include: canned pumpkin, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and cranberries/cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy mix, and really anything for a Thanksgiving meal. The Harvest Table will be in the choir area in the sanctuary, so leave donations there. The items will be taken to the Haven of Rest in Bristol after October 25.

HOLY COMMUNION: Communion will be served next Sunday, **November 1**.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A brief congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, **November 1**, 2026, for the purpose of electing a nominating committee for church officer(s).

MEN'S MEETING: The men of the church are invited to meet Wednesday, **November 4**, at 6:45 a.m. at Bojangles for breakfast and fellowship.

VETERANS' LUNCHEON: Piney Flats Ruritan Club is hosting the 25th Annual Piney Flats Veterans Luncheon on Saturday, **November 7**, 12 p.m. (noon) at Edgefield Methodist Church Christian Life Center, 745 N. Pickens Bridge Road, Piney Flats, TN. This event is to recognize and honor those who have served or are serving in our United States Armed Forces. All Veterans and their spouse or guest are invited. There is no charge; we wish to honor you! RSVP by Friday, **October 30**. Send email to pineyflatsruritan@yahoo.com or call or text 423-737-1254.

SPECIAL GUESTS ON NOVEMBER 8: Please join us in Sunday School at 10 a.m. on **November 8** as we welcome Pastor Tom's sister-in-law Carol Black and brother Bob Gomola. Carol is a survivor of the October 27, 2018, Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, a tragic event in which her brother, Richard and 11 others, lost their lives. Carol will be sharing her powerful journey of faith, healing, and perseverance through that difficult time. We invite everyone to attend this meaningful class.

RURITAN CHICKEN SALE: To benefit the Piney Flats Fire Department and the Piney Flats Ruritan, fresh chicken tenders will sell for \$80 for 40 pounds. If you would like to order, please contact any of the following members by **November 7**: Scott Burton 423-534-1113 Ed Dupuis 423-0388-1796 Chris Berry 423-782-8398 or church members Larry Smith, Linda Smith, or Mary Lynn Barnes. Pick up date will be **November 14** at Piney Flats Baptist Church from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. You will pay by cash or credit card at pickup. (card fees will be \$2.50)

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OCC SHOEBOXES DUE NOVEMBER 15: It's time to start shopping for your Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This is our opportunity to send shoeboxes with gifts and the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world. You will find an insert in today's bulletin with packing information to help you get started. The deadline and dedication of the shoeboxes is **November 15**. More information will follow next week!

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
October 18th Offering	\$2,195
Other Offerings	\$ 15
Year to Date	\$8,770