

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SERVICES & MEETINGS

Craft Night - Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – August 9 – 9:00 AM

Board Meeting – August 11 – 7:00 PM

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### **WORSHIP STATISTICS**

**7/26/26**

In Person Attendance – 60

Virtual Attendance (YouTube Views) –

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THANK YOU TO THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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# *10th Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 2, 2026*

*9:00 AM*



*Thank you for worshiping with us. Our songs of  
praise were more meaningful because your  
voice joined with ours!  
Please, come again!*

### Good Morning.

We would like to welcome you to New Bethel to worship with our church family. Visitors know that it is our privilege to have you with us this morning. Please come back again soon. Upon exiting the church, take a moment to sign our Guest Register at the front doors.

### **SILENT MEDITATION PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you looked with favor upon the lowliness of your servant Mary and chose her to bear your Son, the Savior of the world. Fill us with the same spirit of joyful obedience, that we may receive your Word with faithful hearts, proclaim your mercy with grateful lips, and join in your work of lifting up the humble, feeding the hungry, and bringing hope to those in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER NOTES:** In your conversation with GOD this morning, seek His strength for His whole church.

*"Prayer is an open line to heaven."*



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**



### **THE PRELUDE**

(^ = PLEASE STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE)

Worship Reminder: Congregational responses are to be read slowly and expressively. Thank you.

### **^PRAISE HYMNS**

#### **"Come, Now Is the Time To Worship"**

Come, now is the time to worship,  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God. Come\_\_\_\_\_

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God; one day ev'ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

#### **"Breathe"**

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:  
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread:  
Your very Word spoken to me.  
And I I'm desp'rate for You.  
And I, I'm lost without You.

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Your very Word spoken to me.  
And I I'm desp'rate for You.  
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And I I'm desp'rate for You.  
And I, I'm lost without You.  
This is the air I breathe,  
This is the air I breathe.

### **^CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 46:1-3, 7**

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

***Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

For the LORD forgives all our sins, heals all our infirmities, redeems our life from the grave, and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

***The steadfast love of the LORD is everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness is for their children's children.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **^OPENING HYMN –**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**PASTOR:** Let us confess our sin to God.

**ALL:** ***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 been proud when you call us to humility. We have trusted in our own strength rather than in your mercy. We have overlooked the poor, ignored the lonely, and passed by those who hunger for bread, for justice, and for hope.***

***Like Mary, you call us to magnify your name, yet too often we magnify ourselves. You invite us to rejoice in your salvation, yet we cling to fear instead of faith.***

***Forgive us, gracious Lord. Create in us humble and willing hearts, that Christ may be born anew in our lives and your mercy may be made known through us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

**PASTOR:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD (OUR LESSONS FOR TODAY)**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 58:6-12**

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

### **RESPONSE: "Psalm 25: "To You, O Lord, I Lift Up"**

To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.

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## **EPISTLE LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**^GLORIA PATRI: "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.**

## **^ GOSPEL READING: GOSPEL: LUKE 1:46-55**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.  
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name;

<sup>50</sup> indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has come to the aid of his child Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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## ^THE APOSTLES’ CREED:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.***

***He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.***

***He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## HOMILY (SHARING GOD’S WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN)

## SHARING GOD’S WORD WITH OUR MORNING SERMON

Rev. Robert B. Peiffer, Ph.D.

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

## PASSING OF PEACE

## MORNING OFFERING: (RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD)

### ^HYMN –

## ^PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

## ^THE 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."***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD’S PRAYER:

***All: 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen***

### ^RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION:

Go forth rejoicing, for the Mighty One has done great things.

***Holy is God's name.***

Go forth in humility, trusting the Lord who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

***We will magnify the Lord by serving our neighbors with joy.***

Go forth in hope, proclaiming the mercy of God from generation to generation.

***We will bear Christ into the world with grateful hearts.***

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

***Amen.***

### ^CLOSING HYMN –

## ^WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

## ^POSTLUDE



**DURING THE WEEK PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS:**

Dick Albright, Michael Aulenbach, Carla Bartholomew, Sandra Bauscher, Pastor Dave Blitch, Sarah Burns, Brenda Derr, Darryl Dieter, Jay Drey, Donna Greenawalt, Sharon (Henry) Griffiths, Tim Haring, Felicity Herring, Tiffany Hoch, Casey Hoffman, Ernie Kanas, Bethany Keck, Emily Keck, Blair Keim, Cindy Keiser, Deb Kenney, Davis Knauer, Emma Laigaie, Judy Lenhart, Peggy Light, George Megerle, Mary Beth Mogus, Andy Miller, Diane Miller, Bonnie Moll, Heather Munsey, Lloyd Pettit, Steve Schwoyer, Kevin Smith, Melanie Wessner, Cassie Wolfe, Joanne Zawada-Paskoff, Reuben Zettlemoyer, Susan Zettlemoyer, and Ben Ziehmer.

**THOSE WHO ARE SHUT INS:**

Forrest Graff, Pat Graff, Myrna Kamp, Michael Kirkhoff, Nancy Kleinsmith, Sandy Long, Lester Lutz, Christie Ryan, Delano and Sandra Schucker.

**THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

Cooper Dunn, Amanda Kertsmar and Trista Fulmer-Smith.



**AS YOU PRAY THIS WEEK:**

Remember to pray for New Bethel Church asking God to lead us in ways  
He would have us grow and guide our Board members as they make  
decisions about our church life.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS:** The new regular print Our Daily Breads are now available. Pick up your copy today!

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY BY & FOR LAY PEOPLE:** Bible Study sessions will be resuming this week on Wednesday mornings. If you would like to attend they are held from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Come and join in – all are welcome!

**ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE:** Endowment Fund Update: As of July 31 our Church Endowment Fund is valued at \$146,259.00. Thanks to your generosity and substantial gains in the financial market, the fund continues to grow and benefit our church. The committee that oversees the fund will recommend appropriate disbursements to the church board beginning October 2027. By that time, the fund will have established a three-year return and any disbursements that fulfill the fund's mission can be calculated. Guidelines set forth in establishing the fund nearly two years ago will be followed. Thank you again for your continued support.

**PASTORAL CARE:** When you are in need of pastoral care, please have a family member contact Pastor Peiffer at 570.778.1245 or call the church at 610.756.6589. If you are in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, please note that they will be phasing out the church code option.



**ALBANY TOWNSHIP PANTRY**

**First Tuesday of each month - 2:00 to 4:00 PM**  
Kempton Community Center

Food pantry and social services are open to Albany Township residents and families in need. Resources are also available for those who are struggling with financial challenges (ex. Utility bills) or need help applying for food or medical assistance. If you have any questions about your options, contact Friend, Inc. at 610-683-9011.

**FRIEND, INC. Food Pantry**

During these times let us not forget those less fortunate than we are. If you are able, please consider donating any nonperishable items. For the month of August we will again be collecting food items that can easily be prepared for lunch.

In addition to food items, please consider donating personal items such as shampoo, soap, etc. and household items (laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc.). These last items are things that we often overlook.

Friend, Inc. also collects pet food to help families in need provide for their pets. These items will be distributed by Friend, Inc.

**Thank You All For Your Generosity**