

**WELCOME!** Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, we are blessed to have you with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guest!

**FOR PRAYER . . .**

CHURCH FAMILY:  
Leesa Peery; Dorothy Wright; Debby Crews; Julia Butler; Dawn Olinger; Doris Branam; Connie Fletcher; Lois Angles. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly, Patricia Justice. *Dogwood Crossing:* Marlene Buffalow; *English Meadows in Abingdon:* Madeline Hurt; *Homebound:* Renia Hale Peery; Louise Smith.

OTHERS:  
Ellen Minshew; Paul Sparks; Eve Bishop and her family; William Ramey; Linda Cross; Anthony Rhodie; Gary McCann; Josie Pruett (parents Kelley and Ben); Lexi Harold; Charlene Hurt; Thaddeus Mitchell and Lauren Honeycutt; Joe Ball; Barbara Gillespie’s niece Chelsea; Kathy Melton Jackson, Louella Stevenson Melton, Steve Melton.

ACTIVE MILITARERSONNEL: Jon Wright; Jason Hacker.

To pass along a prayer request, contact Eunice Lester at (276.988.4412) [jnseun@aol.com](mailto:jnseun@aol.com)); or by contacting the church office at (276.988.4724; [sectazpresb12@yahoo.com](mailto:sectazpresb12@yahoo.com)). Names will remain on the Prayer List for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday, October 17</b>		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Sunday Morning Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall/ Zoom
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, October 18</b>		
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, October 19</b>		
Session Meeting	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall/ Zoom
<b>Sunday, October 24</b>		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
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**FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT**

Donation Income (September)	\$6,435.00	
Total Expense (September)	<u>\$10,038.73</u>	(includes staff salaries)
Net (September)	- \$3,603.73	
October 10: Giving	\$975.00	
October 10: Attendance	Black’s Chapel 7	TPC 24 Total 31

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Small Group Bible Study**  
Join us on Sunday mornings for small group Bible study in Fellowship Hall from 10:10 – 10:50 a.m. as we explore different dimensions of “Christian hospitality.” You may attend in-person or by Zoom. The Zoom link is emailed with the Sunday bulletin to all for whom we have email addresses.

**Food Pantry Request**

The requested donation for the month of October is dessert mixes. You may drop off your donation in the basket at the front of the church, or deliver it directly to the Food Pantry.

**Time for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**

The week of Operation Christmas Child is November 15-22. Last day to get your box to the church is November 21. Shoeboxes and mailing labels are in the Chapel for your use.

**Contribution for Jerry Peery’s Family Meal before Funeral**

The church is going to provide a light catered meal for the family of Jerry Peery after his funeral on October 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute towards the meal, please write a check to Tazewell Presbyterian Church and in the memo-line note that it is for “Funeral Meal for the Jerry Peery Family.”

**Sunday Night Live**

“Sunday Night Live” will meet on October 30<sup>th</sup>, with dinner from 5:00-5:30, and then sharing of reflections about our experiences these past 18 months with the pandemic. Facial coverings and physical distancing will be observed. All are invited to bring their own meal and place settings.

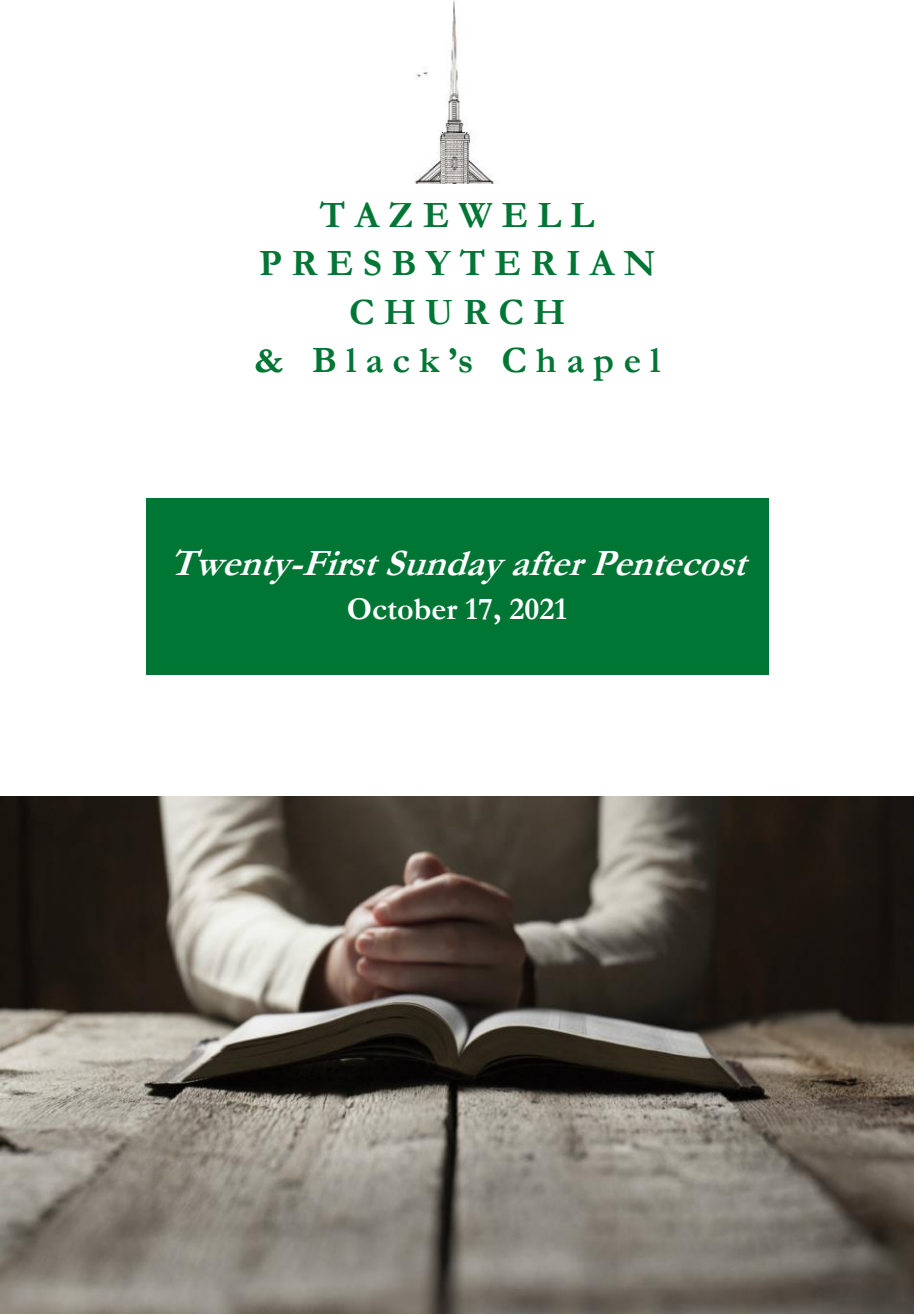
**Table Talk** will resume Tuesday, November 2 (election day). We will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Front Porch. Copies of the book for discussion, John Ortberg’s “*Everyone is Normal Until You Get to Know Them*,” are available in the church office.

**Face Mask Requirement**

In the interest of everyone’s health, mask-wearing is required in worship. Judicious physical distancing is also to be maintained. For the 11 a.m. service, the chapel area provides additional space for those who may desire it.

<b>PHILIPPIANS</b> ----- <i>the epistle of calling</i> -----	
<i>Oct. 17</i>	<i>Philippians 1:1-11</i> <b>The Secret of Our Responsibilities</b>
<i>Oct. 24</i>	<i>Philippians 1:12-18</i> <b>It’s an Embarrassment</b>
<i>Oct. 31</i>	<i>Philippians 2:1-11</i> <b>Great Ideals and Nervous Reactions</b>
<i>Nov. 7</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<i>Philippians 3:4b-16</i> <b>Forgetting What Lies Behind . . .</b>
<i>Nov. 14</i>	<i>Philippians 4:2-7</i> <b>Arguments and Anxieties</b>
<i>Nov. 21</i> <i>Reign of Christ</i>	<i>Philippians 4:8-9</i> <b>You Have to Look for It</b>

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**ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE**

“The One who began a good work in you will bring it to completion. . .” (Phil. 1:6). Society today is suspicious of embracing narratives or even plots. We are tempted to believe life is a series of disconnected events that have no meaning apart from what we bring to them. But by grace, we have been incorporated into the good work of a Creator who is not done.

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE AND CHIMING OF THE HOUR  
God’s Everlasting Love

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WORDS OF WELCOME  
Rev. Dave Gilbert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Randall Cooper (9 a.m.)  
Barbara Kincer (11 a.m.)

The time has come and God is with us.

God has been waiting for us  
to offer our praise,  
to lift our prayers,  
to remember once again the love  
that makes sense of our lives.

The time has come.  
Let us worship God together.

\*HYMN 645  
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

\*UNISON MORNING PRAYER

God of mercy,  
You create each new day,  
yet we have the same old expectations.  
We doubt that you can surprise us.  
We place more confidence in accomplishment than in grace.  
Our belief is never far from our unbelief.  
So, once again we make our familiar prayer:  
Forgive us. Make us new. Lead us into greater faithfulness.  
(Silent prayer)

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*SUNG RESPONSE  
Great Commandment

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11 a.m.)  
Barbara Kincer

SCRIPTURE  
Philippians 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, pg.

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON  
Rev. Dave Gilbert  
The Secret of Our Responsibilities

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve. . . .  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

\*INVITATION TO OFFERING AND 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.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

\*HYMN 547  
Go, My Children, with My Blessing

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE