

WELCOME!

Greetings to everyone who is worshipping with us today! Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, we are blessed to have you with us. If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest! **Please fill out the Fellowship Pad** in your pew so that we may contact you.

CHURCH MEMBER NOTIFICATIONS AND UPDATES

Please send any notification about births, deaths, or other happenings to Phyllis Christian via email (sectazpresb12@yahoo.com), or phone at 276-988-4724 ext. 1001. Please also let Phyllis know if you want to receive weekly devotions, sermons, and other materials by email.

FOR PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

The family of Dorothy Knuckles; Debby Crews; Jerry and Leesa Peery; David Pruitt; Julia Butler; Laura Kincer; Dawn Olinger; Doris Branham; Connie Fletcher. *Heritage Hall*: Betty Kelly, Patricia Justice. *Dogwood Crossing*: Lois Angles; Marlene Buffalow; Dorothy Gess Jonas; *English Meadows in Abingdon*: Madeline Hurt; *Homebound*: Louise Smith, Renia Hale Peery.

OTHERS:

Rev. Michael Weller; Ed Smith; Charlie Bishop; Barbara Gillespie’s niece, Chelsea; Mike White; Kathy Melton Jackson; Jack Sizemore.

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL:

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

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 25		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
Monday, July 26		
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Aug. 1		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary

FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT

The church’s donation income less incurred expenses for the last full month for which we have received a financial report (June 2021), and donations for the preceding week:

Donation Income (June)	\$15,203.00
Total Expense (June)	<u>\$6,246.26</u>
Net (June)	\$8,956.74

July 18 Donations:	\$2,065.00			
July 18 Attendance:	Black’s Chapel	8	TPC	20
			Total	28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Picnic and Worship

Our annual church picnic and worship service at Crab Orchard Museum will be on Sunday, August 22, at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to mark it on your calendar. Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Sunday Flowers

Are you or any of your loved ones celebrating an anniversary or a birthday during these summer months? If so, would you consider sponsoring the flowers in our sanctuary in celebration of the event? This is a lovely way to mark any significant occasion in your life, and your dedication in the weekly bulletin can be worded as you wish. If you would like to sponsor our summer flowers one week, please contact the church office at 276-988-4724 ext. 1001. Thank you for helping to adorn our sanctuary to the glory of God.

Great News for Preschool

Our Preschool was able to be in operation throughout the past year even though we were not allowed to have full capacity because of COVID-19. That meant, of course, that our income was less than needed. The state of Virginia provides for day care centers and schools such as ours a “Cares Grant” plan. Our preschool received Cares II and Cares III grants which helped us stay open, pay salaries, etc. On June 14, 2021 we received the Cares IV grant in the amazing amount of \$22,953. What a blessing for our school and church!

Community Outreach Luncheons

The Community Outreach Luncheon teams will be contacted in the near future to start the work of planning for the fall. We all look forward to resuming this important and rewarding ministry!

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalms 14
Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

COVER ART

Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water, ca. 1907, Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021



THE GATHERING

PRELUDE AND CHIMING OF THE HOUR
“Be Thou My Vision”
arr. Broughton

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP
When God came to earth as Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize Him.
Open our eyes, O Lord
to see Your glory.
Open our ears, O Lord
to hear Your wisdom.
Open our mouths, O Lord
to sing Your praise.
Help us to be present here and now,
that we may worship You.

*HYMN 451
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
Open My Eyes

GATHERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”
But we don’t hear Your voice, God.
God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”
We are not sure we are listening; there are too many distractions.
God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”
We are not always sure You love us.
God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”
But what if we have made bad choices?
God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”
What if we doubt that You are calling us?
God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.”
We don’t always feel included, and we are afraid.
God says: “I have called you by name; you are mine.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;”
Holy God, we hear You.
Forgive us and remind us again of Your love.
(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
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.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (11:00)

SCRIPTURE LESSON
John 6:1-21 *(pew Bible, pg. 867)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON
“Not Eleven Minutes More”
Rev. David Gilbert

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from “The Heidelberg Catechism”)*
Q: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
A: That I belong ---- body and soul, both in life and in death, --- not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of evil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of God not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by the Holy Spirit, God also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVITATION TO OFFERING
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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 839
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”
Assurance

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES:
The responsive *Prayer of Confession* in today’s service is based on Isaiah 43:1-7. The *Affirmation of Faith* is the opening question and response in the “Heidelberg Catechism” (16th century.) The tone of the Heidelberg Catechism is reverential; its language evokes a sense of awe about the mystery of God’s love. One commentator observed that much of the catechism “seems to have been written from bended knees.” By slightly revising the language of the catechism, each of its questions and responses can be turned into a prayer.