

WELCOME!

Greetings to everyone who is worshiping 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!

FOR PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

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

OTHERS:

Family of Mark Dillow; Josie Pruett (parents Kelley and Ben Pruett); Lexi Harold; 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](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, August 15</b>  |         |                                  |
| Worship Service           | 9 A.M.  | Black’s Chapel                   |
| Worship Service           | 11 A.M. | Sanctuary                        |
| <b>Monday, August 16</b>  |         |                                  |
| Boy Scouts                | 7 P.M.  | Fellowship Hall                  |
| <b>Tuesday, August 17</b> |         |                                  |
| Session Meeting           | 7 P.M.  | Fellowship Hall<br>(and by Zoom) |
| <b>Sunday, August 22</b>  |         |                                  |
| 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 (July 2021), and donations for the preceding week:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Donation Income (July) | \$6,317.69         |
| Total Expense (July)   | <u>\$12,586.29</u> |
| Net (July)             | \$-6,268.60        |

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|----------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|--|
| August 8 Donations:  | \$1,095.00        |        |          |  |
| August 8 Attendance: | Black’s Chapel 10 | TPC 29 | Total 39 |  |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mask-Wearing

In light of the dramatic upsurge of the COVID-19 delta variant, the Center for Disease Control recommends that masks be worn indoors in public places in areas that are at “high risk” or “significant risk.” Tazewell County now falls within the “**high risk**” category. You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask and to practice judicious social distancing from other worshipers, not only for your own sense of comfort and protection, but for that of others as well. The chapel area provides additional space that is cordoned for those who may desire it.

Church Picnic and Worship

We very much hope you can join us next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Crab Orchard Museum for our annual church picnic and worship service! Please bring your own food, plate, cup and utensils. Drinks will be provided.

Community Outreach Planning Meeting

A meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, August 24, at 1:00 p.m. to come up with ideas and to plan how TPC may provide meals to seniors in the community in lieu of gathered luncheons during this time of continuing pandemic. If you would like to participate in this important outreach ministry of our church, we hope you can attend as we brainstorm and plan for the fall.

Sunday Flowers

Would you consider sponsoring flowers in our sanctuary? Your dedication in the weekly bulletin can be worded as you wish. Please contact the church office at 276-988-4724 ext. 1001. Thank you for helping to adorn our sanctuary to the glory of God.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Ps. 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

COVER ART

*Village Choir*, Webster, Thomas, 1847. Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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& Black’s Chapel

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TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*August 15, 2021*



Village Choir -- Thomas Webster, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England

GATHERING

PRELUDE AND CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Hyfrydol / arr. Blake*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*based on Psalm 92 and Psalm 95*

Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;  
**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

It is good to give you thanks, O LORD;  
**To sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
**and your faithfulness by night,**

to the music of the lute and harp,  
**to the melody of the lyre.**

For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;  
**At the works of your hands we sing for joy.**

\*HYMN 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth,  
over and around us lies.*

Refrain:  
*Lord of all to thee we raise,  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour,  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light:*  
(Refrain)

*For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind’s delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:*  
(Refrain)

*For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:*  
(Refrain)

*For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven:*  
(Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**O God, we are called to sing Your praise, yet we confess that sometimes we don’t feel much like singing. Our spirit is rutted down by worry, by anger, by sadness, or by something else, and the desire to sing just isn’t there. But You know our hearts, Lord, and You accept our hearts. Even when we don’t feel like singing, You still sing out Your love song to us. Trusting in the greatness of your love, and that nothing can ever separate us from it in Christ Jesus, we bring our hearts before You now. Hear our prayers . . . .**  
*(Silence for Personal Confession)*

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

\*RESPONSE

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (11:00)

*Barbara Kincer*

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Ephesians 5:15-20** *(pew Bible, pg. 952)*  
Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Music in My Heart”

*Rev. Gilbert*

RESPONSE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from presbydestrian.wordpress.com*

Together let us confess our faith.  
Do you believe in God, our creator?

**I believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion. Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life and giving us new songs of praise for each and every day.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us, healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God’s kingdom. He showed His love for all God’s children in His death, and the hope for eternal life in His resurrection.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God’s grace through all time and space. I listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future. I believe that God has a song for my life as well. Amen.**

\*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

SENDING

\*HYMN 619

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

*Lauda Anima*

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God’s praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days.*

*Praise God for the grace and favor  
shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker’s faithfulness.*

*Like a loving parent caring,  
God knows well our feeble frame,  
gladly all our burdens bearing,  
still to countless years the same.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God’s name!*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE