

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:

Jerry and Leesa Peery; Dorothy Wright; Debby Crews; 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:

Teachers and students returning to schools; Thaddeus Mitchell and Lauren Honeycutt; Joe Ball; David Pruitt’s son and daughter; Lexi Harold; Josie Pruett (parents Kelley and Ben); Rev. Michael Weller; Dr. Darlene Litton; Ed Smith; Barbara Gillespie’s niece Chelsea; 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, August 22		
Worship Service & Picnic	11 A.M.	Crab Orchard Museum
Monday, August 23		
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 24		
Community Outreach Planning Mtg.	1 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 29		
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:

Donation Income (July)	\$6,317.69			
Total Expense (July)	<u>\$12,586.29</u>			
Net (July)	\$-6,268.60			
August 15 Donations:	\$3,135.00			
August 15 Attendance:	Black’s Chapel 7	TPC 28	Total	35

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.

Community Outreach Planning Meeting

A meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall this 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

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Ps. 84
Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

COVER ART

Barn Swallows, Audubon, John James, 1785-1851. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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WORSHIP AND PICNIC
CRAB ORCHARD MUSEUM
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021



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GATHERING

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP (*Ps. 84:1-4*)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God!

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts.

Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Royal Oak

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Refrain:
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.
Refrain:

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.
Refrain:

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.
Refrain:

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
Refrain:

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
Creator of all things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in You we live and move and have our being.
Although You have made all things well,
we confess that all is not well with us.
You know how rife our world is with war and bloodshed,
how we ourselves often harbor animosities,
give into cynicism,
turn hard-hearted in the face of suffering,
and waste your gifts.
In your mercy, help us to trust
your power to change lives:
to make others new,
and to make us new;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Silence for Personal Confession)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

Barbara Kincer

THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts”)

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of God
for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Gilbert

“How on Earth Does This Work?”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* 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.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

SENDING

* HYMN

Hymn to Joy

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o’er us,
joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

* BLESSING AND TABLE GRACE