

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:

Josh Gledhill (Trang and family); Kathy Riley (death of sister Mary Ellen); 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:

- For the people of Haiti
- For Afghanistan, and for all our military personnel who bravely served and kept peace for 20 years
- For those with COVID, and those who continue to work on the front lines of the pandemic
- For the churches in our presbytery

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](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 29</b>		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, August 30</b>		
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 1</b>		
Worship Committee	1 P.M.	Parlor (and by Zoom)
<b>Sunday, Sept. 5 (Communion)</b>		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary

FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT

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

August 22 Donations:	\$1,500.00
August 22 Attendance:	Crab Orchard: Worship/Picnic 30

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 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.

How can we help Haiti?

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance welcomes donations for relief efforts. Donate online by visiting <https://pda.pcusa.org>. Donations may also be made through the Presbytery office, using the designation “OG100000.”

A Note from the Lead Presbyter: Rev Ann Elyse Van Winkle

Dear Friends,

I want to take this moment to say thank you. Thank you for your warm welcome. Thank you for reaching out. Thank you for your energy and excitement about your churches, your communities, and the ongoing work of Christ. As Matt and I get settled in the presbytery (for the curious, we live in Marion), we are looking forward to finding opportunities to connect with you. I know it will take some time to be in touch with every church, and I thank you for your patience. But if there is something exciting happening in your church or community, I would love to know so that the whole presbytery can share in your joy! Feel free to email or call me at: [annelyse@abingdonpresbytery.com](mailto:annelyse@abingdonpresbytery.com). Cell: (540) 718-2195.

In Christ,

Ann Elyse

Upcoming Presbytery Meetings and Events:

September 18 --- Presbyterian Women’s Gathering

Saturday, October 16 ---- Mountaintop Experience (Royal Oak PC in Marion)

November 11 --- Presbytery Meeting

Sunday Flowers

Would you consider sponsoring flowers in our sanctuary? Please contact the church office at 276-988-4724 ext. 1001.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ps. 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 1:7-8, 14-15, 21-23

BULLETIN ART

*Narcissus*, ca. 1597-1599, Caravaggio, Michelangelo Merisi da, 1573-1610. A short essay on the artistic and spiritual meaning of this artwork is available from *The Visual Commentary on Scripture*, <https://thevcs.org/movement-spheres/circle-self>. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.



TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
& Black’s Chapel

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 29, 2021 - 9 and 11 a.m.

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE & CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*African-American spiritual/ arr. Carter*

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

WELCOME/ CALL TO WORSHIP

We know listening matters.

**We listen to God, and we listen to each other.**

When we are quick to listen and slow to speak,

**We can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.**

We know actions matter.

**Love for one another is both feeling and doing.**

Love is a verb, an action.

**God calls us to love one another through what we do.**

We know words matter.

**We cannot claim to love if we speak otherwise.**

Words carry their own weight, for good or for ill.

**We lift our voices for love, for justice, and for peace.**

We know praying matters.

**We connect with God in prayer.**

In prayer we seek to hear and be heard.

**In prayer we grow closer to God and God’s Kingdom.**

We know wisdom matters.

**Wisdom comes through prayer and experience.**

There is wisdom in our love for God,  
**and wisdom in treating one another with love.**

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

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“We Are One in the Spirit”

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*  
Refrain:  
*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:*  
Refrain:  
*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
And we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:*  
Refrain:  
*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and Loving God, through your Word you have handed us wisdom from heaven, but we too often ignore it and push it to the back of our minds. We don’t look to you for guidance; we don’t even think about it. We judge others in our minds, sometimes even with our tongues. And we think you must be calling someone nearby instead of us to be the change we wish to see in the world. Forgive us, God. Help us to do better. In Jesus name. Amen.**  
*(Silent Prayer)*

KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

RESPONSE

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

Barbara Kincer

THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts”)

SCRIPTURE

James 1:22-25 *(pew Bible, pg. 980)*

Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

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

SERMON

“Looking into the Mirror”

Rev. Gilbert

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(adapted from the hymn, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”)*

**Gifted by God, we turn to God,  
offering up ourselves in praise.  
Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, the Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.**

**Treasure, too, God has entrusted,  
gain through powers God’s grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
We open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ’s ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving God by loving all.**

\*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

“Though I May Speak”

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole;  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY & POSTLUDE



Narcissus, ca. 1597-1599, Caravaggio, Michelangelo Merisi da, 1573-1610