

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:
Harriet Beavers; Richard Yost; Wanda Deskins; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Dawn Olinger; Doris Branam; Connie Fletcher; Lois Angles. Leesa Peery; Debby Crews; *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly, Patricia Justice. *Dogwood Crossing:* Marlene Buffalow; *English Meadows in Abingdon:* Madeline Hurt; *Homebound:* Renia Hale Peery; Louise Smith.
OTHERS:
Geoff Gilbert and family; family of Vivian Moore; Eve Bishop; William Ramey; Lynn Jones; the family of Allen Ward; Ellen Minshew; Paula Sparks; Ed Smith; 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; Tazewell Presbyterian Preschool.
ACTIVE MILITARERSONNEL: Jon Wright; Jason Hacker.
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, November 28			
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>			
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
“Greening of the Church”	3 P.M.		Sanctuary
Monday, November 29			
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.		Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 30			
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.		Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom
Wednesday, December 1			
Adventure Time	3 P.M.		Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 5 <i>(Communion)</i>			
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>			
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

FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT

Donation Income (Nov. to date)	\$6,858.00				
Total Expense (Nov. to date)	<u>\$15,961.68</u>				
Net (November)	\$-9,103.68				
November 21: Giving	\$1,595.00				
November 21: Attendance	Black’s Chapel 7	TPC 38	Livestream 13	Total 58	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the Interests of Everyone’s Health

Everyone is asked to wear a mask upon entering and exiting the building. When choosing a place to sit, please maintain a judicious physical distance between you and other worshipers who are not part of your immediate household. Additional space is available in the chapel for those who desire it. During worship you may remove your mask if you wish, but we ask that you wear a mask while singing or speaking. The sanctuary windows have been opened to facilitate ventilation. Please do not close them. During these cooler months you will want to dress accordingly.

“Greening of the Church”

Join us today at 3:00 p.m. in the joy of decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Warm apple cider and other refreshments will be provided.

Food Pantry Christmas Bags

Requested items for the Food Pantry Christmas Bags are: 3 lb canned ham, boxed stuffing, canned or boxed potatoes, gravy mix, canned sweet potatoes, boxed bread mix, Jello, boxed dessert mix (cake mixes/brownies), and canned icing. You may drop off your Christmas Bag in the church narthex, or deliver it directly to the Food Pantry.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion. The Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman, professor of religion and dean of the chapel at King University, will fill the pulpit and officiate communion.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES
“I’ll Be Home for Christmas”

Part of the power of the celebration of Christmas is found in tradition. You, no doubt, return to familiar observations of the season. There are decorations, foods and other traditions that we revisit year after year. It’s part of what makes it Christmas. This Advent we will consider how each Gospel writer might celebrate this season. How might Matthew decorate his home, or what carols would be most important to Luke? Each writer speaks of Jesus in a different way, so if we look closely, we will find that each Gospel writer celebrates this season in his own way. It will bring to sharper focus what will be important to celebrate in our homes this Christmas.

Nov. 28

Dec. 5

Dec. 12

Dec. 19

Dec. 24

Christmas at Mark’s House

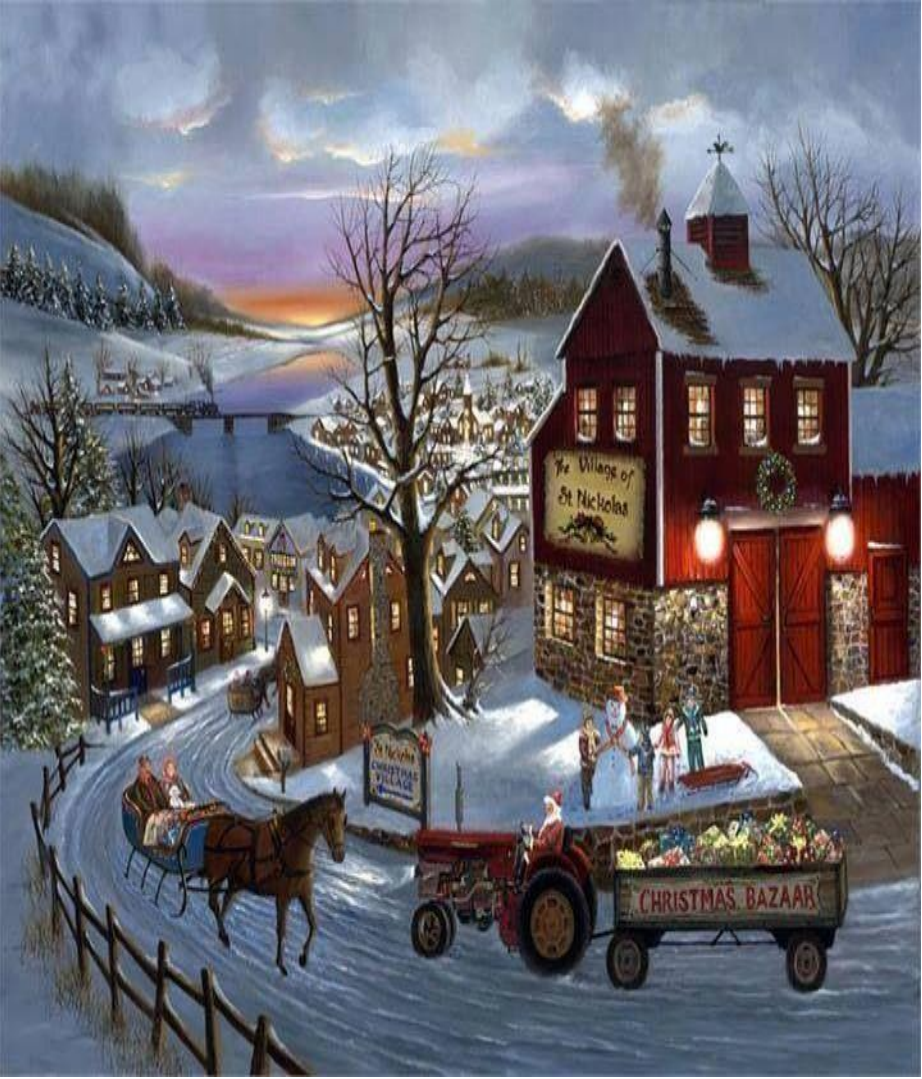
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman

Christmas at Matthew’s House

Christmas at Luke’s House

Christmas Eve: Christmas at John’s House

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TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
& Black’s Chapel

First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

This Advent we will consider how each Gospel writer might celebrate this season. We will be visiting Mark’s house today. We will have to teach Mark the Christmas carols and tell him our favorite moment in the Christmas story, for he apparently knows nothing of Jesus’ birth. But if you need to know where the Son of God can be found in this world, Mark’s house is the place you want to be.

GATHERING		
PRELUDE AND CHIMING OF THE HOUR	arr. Broughton	
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”		
WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Dave Gilbert	
INTROIT (from Hymn No. 85) (11 a.m.)	Choral Leaders	
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”		
<i>Light one candle to watch for Messiah; Let the light banish darkness; He shall bring salvation to Israel; God fulfills the promise.</i>		
LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE AND PRAYER	Randall Cooper (9 a.m.) Carol and Roger Weaver (11 a.m.)	
There is a story to tell in this place.		
It is a story of hope, a story of wonder, a story of abundant life.		
It is a holy story, for it is the story of God’s love,		
and it is a story of good news, for God’s light has come, and is coming, into the world.		
This is God’s story. This is our story.		
Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.		
RESPONSE (from Hymn No. 92) (11 a.m.)	Choral Leaders	
“While We Are Waiting, Come”		
<i>While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come. With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.</i>		
*HYMN 88 (vv. 1,6,7)	VENI EMMANUEL	
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Gracious God,		
Your promises continue to call us in hope.		
Strengthen us by Your grace,		
that we may stand tall in faith,		
greeting each day with confidence in Your love.		
And when it is difficult for us to hope, ---		
and we forget the promises of Your awakening day,		
meet us with Your love which never fails.		
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen. (Silent Prayer)		
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		

*RESPONSE (from Hymn, No. 113)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11 a.m.)

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-13 (Pew Bible, pg. 812)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dave Gilbert

Christmas at Mark’s House

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 164 WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

**Down Galilee’s slow road-ways a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.**

**Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit’s form.
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:
“You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice.”**

**We too have found a road-way; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.
“You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord.”**

*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

*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.**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts”)		
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.		
SENDING		
*HYMN 93	TRURO	
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”		
*BENEDICTION		
*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE		