

**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; 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) *jinseun@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**

<b>Sunday, December 12</b>			
<i>Third 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
<b>Monday, December 13</b>			
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.		Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, December 14</b>			
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.		Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom
<b>Wednesday, December 15</b>			
Adventure Time	3 P.M.		Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, December 19</b>			
<i>Fourth 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 (November)	\$10,035.00			
Total Expense (November)	<u>\$12,441.81</u>	(includes staff salaries)		
Net (November)	- \$2,406.81			
December 5: Giving	\$2,425.00			
December 5: Attendance	Black’s Chapel 8	TPC 30	Livestream 14	Total 52

**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.

**Reminder**

If you come into the building on a week-day, please stop at the church office to let Phyllis Christian know that you are in the building. Thank you.

**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.

**Joy Offering and Christmas Project Offering (Dec. 19)**

The Joy Offering provides support to current and retired church workers in need (50%) and to students attending Presbyterian related racial ethnic schools and colleges (50%). The Christmas Project offering supports the Tazewell Ministerial Association Beneficent Fund in providing holiday and emergency assistance needs (100%).

**Christmas Eve Service**

Join us Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. for a Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion. Child-care will be provided.

**The Wreathes**

The wreathes have been given in memory of Vivian Moore.

**“I’ll Be Home for Christmas”**

This Advent we are considering how each Gospel writer celebrates this season. Each writer speaks of Jesus in a different way, so if we look closely, it will bring to sharper focus what will be important to celebrate in our homes this Christmas.

Nov. 28	Christmas at Mark’s House
Dec. 5	Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman
<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Christmas at Matthew’s House</b>
Dec. 19	Christmas at Luke’s House
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve: Christmas at John’s House

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**TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
& Black’s Chapel**

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021**

**ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE**

We are invited to Matthew’s house today. It’s wall-to-wall people in Matthew’s house as the whole family has gathered. Folks have come from everywhere to see this baby. They have even come from every age. Don’t be surprised if you find yourself in this family tree.

GATHERING		
CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE	arr. Carter	
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"		
WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Dave Gilbert	
INTROIT (from Hymn No. 85) (11 a.m.)	Choral Leaders	
"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"		
Light three candles to watch for Messiah: Let the light banish darkness.		
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.		
LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE AND PRAYER	9 a.m. Randall Cooper	
	11 a.m. Pete and Laney Francisco	
Blessed are those who walk in God's light,		
and blessed are all who find their way to the manger's side.		
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"		
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.		
*HYMN 87	GENEVAN	
"Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Most Merciful God,		
we confess to You and to the whole company of heaven		
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed		
in what we have done		
and in what we have failed to do.		
Forgive us our sins,		
heal us by Your Holy Spirit,		
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ. 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.)	Barbara Kincer	
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible, pg. 783)	
PSALM	Isaiah 12:2-6 (Pew Bible, pg. 558)	
Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, <b>for the LORD God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.</b>		
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:		
<b>Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.</b>		
Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <b>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.</b>		
<b>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.</b>		
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 1:1-17 (Pew Bible, pg. 783)	
The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
SERMON	Dave Gilbert	
Christmas at Matthew’s House		
RESPONDING TO THE WORD		
*HYMN 115 (vs. 3)	MUELLER	
“Away in a Manger”		
<b>Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.</b>		