

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:
Bob & Joan Brown; 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:
Dixie Mitchem & family; Freddie Gillespie; Geoff Gilbert and family; Eve Bishop; William Ramey; Lynn Jones; Ed Smith; Linda Cross; Kathy Melton Jackson.
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, December 19 <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
Monday, December 20			
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.		Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 21			
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.		Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom
Friday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>			
Church office closed			
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7 P.M.		Sanctuary
Sunday, December 26 <i>First Sunday of Christmas</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 12: Giving	\$3,200.00				
November 12: Attendance	Black’s Chapel 9	TPC 36	YouTube 20	Total 65	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the Interests of Everyone’s Health

We continue to ask that everyone 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.

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.

Christmas Joy Offering and Christmas Project Offering

This morning you are invited to give to one or both of the above special offerings. ***The Christmas 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 Benevolence Fund in providing emergency assistance to persons and families in need in our community. Please write on the memo line of your check the offering(s) you are giving to. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Service

Join us on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. for our beautiful traditional Candlelight Service. Invite your family, neighbors and friends. Child-care will be provided.

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

This Advent we are considering how each Gospel writer celebrates 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, 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
Dec. 12	Christmas at Matthew’s House
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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

We celebrate Christmas at Luke’s house today. It’s quieter than it was at Matthew’s house. Luke will show us the manger and if the timing is right, we might even get to hold the baby.

GATHERING	
CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE	<i>Venite Adoremus</i> traditional carol/ arr. Hughes
WELCOME	Rev. Dave Gilbert
INTROIT (Hymn No. 85)	<i>Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah</i> Choral Leaders <i>Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.</i>
	<i>Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.</i>
	<i>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.</i>
	<i>Light four candles to watch for Messiah: Let the light banish darkness. He is coming; tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining.</i>
LIGHTING OF FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE AND PRAYER	9 a.m. Randall Cooper 11 a.m. Greg & Kim Thomas
	Come now to this place of rest and renewal; let your spirits rejoice in the presence of God.
	God strengthens those who are weak, comforts those who are broken hearted, and God’s light is life for all.
	Blessed are those who walk in God’s light, and blessed are all who find their way to the manger’s side.
RESPONSE (Hymn No. 92)	<i>While We Are Waiting, Come</i> Choral Leaders <i>While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.</i>
	<i>With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.</i>
*HYMN 133	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> ADESTE FIDELIS
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
	Gracious and Eternal God, we have been busy this week. Life is full of responsibilities; so many of which, when viewed in Your light, are insignificant.

Our prayer this week is simple: train our eyes to see what You see, our hearts to love what You love, our desires to want what You want. With Your help, we will draw closer to the dreams You have always held for us; dreams You have never forgotten, dreams You will never abandon. (Silent Prayer)	
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE	
*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
PSALM	Psalms 116:5-9 (ESV)
	Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
	For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:1-7 (Pew Bible, pg. 832)
	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
SERMON	<i>Christmas at Luke’s House</i> Rev. Dave Gilbert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD	
*HYMN 144	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> CRANHAM
*INVITATION TO OFFERING	
OFFERTORY	<i>Away in a Manger</i> incorporating alternate tunes of the carol
*RESPONSE	<i>What Child Is This</i> HYMN, NO. 145, VS. 3
	So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION	
THE LORD’S PRAYER (contemporary)	
	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.
SENDING	
*HYMN 123 (vss. 1-3)	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i> CAROL
*BENEDICTION	
*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE	
	<i>The wreathes have been given in memory of Vivian Moore.</i>