

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU this holy night. We are glad that you are here, and we extend you warm wishes for a beautiful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

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:
Geoff Gilbert and family; Eve Bishop; William Ramey; Lynn Jones; Paula Sparks; Ed Smith; Linda Cross; Barbara Gillespie’s niece Chelsea; Kathy Melton Jackson.
ACTIVE MILITARERSONNEL: Jon Wright; Jason Hacker.
To pass along a prayer request, contact Eunice Lester at (276.988.4412) *jseun@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 26 <i>1st 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
Monday, December 27 Church Office Closed		
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 28		
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.	Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom
Sunday, January 2 (Holy Communion) <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i> <i>(“Epiphany Sunday”: Star Words)</i>		
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In the interests of everyone’s health, masks are required 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 desiring it. Masks are not required throughout the entire service, but we do ask that you wear a mask while singing or speaking. The sanctuary windows have been opened to facilitate ventilation.

ADVENT 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 have considered 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 is 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



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2021 7 p.m.

Tazewell Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS EVE	
GATHERING MUSIC	
WELCOME	
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE	
This is the night when the child the world has waited for is born. Authority rests upon His shoulders and He is named; Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.	
So much to expect from a child asleep between the star and the straw. Emmanuel, God with us! Let earth receive her king!	
*HYMN 134	<i>Joy to the World</i> ANTIOCH
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.	
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.	
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.	
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.	
RESPONSIVE PRAYER	
Living God, You live beyond time and dwell beyond space. You sent Your only Son to know the weakness of human flesh, and yet to reign as Holy King. Who are we that You should come to us?	

Yet You have humbled Yourself to take on flesh. You came down to breathe the same air we breathe, to know what it is to be weary, and afraid, and to suffer a broken body and a broken heart. You came to reveal a love the whole world has been waiting for. In the name of the love that breathes us to life, we pray. Amen.	
HYMN 124 (<i>seated</i>)	<i>Still, Still, Still</i> STILL, STILL, STILL
SCRIPTURE READING	John 1:1-14 (<i>Pew Bible, pg. 862</i>)
MEDITATION	<i>Christmas at John’s House</i> Rev. Dr. Dave Gilbert
*HYMN 128 (vs. 2)	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> W ZLOBIE LEZY
Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!	
*HYMN 119	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> MENDELSSOHN
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”	
Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”	
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”	

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER	
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST	
Candle Lighting Procedures When passing the flame, always keep your lit candle upright while the next person tilts his or her unlit candle to yours. Candles can be extinguished following the Benediction and returned at the exits.	
*HYMN 122	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night!</i> STILL NACHT
Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.	
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;" Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.	
Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!	
*BENEDICTION	