

**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:**

Katie Keene; 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:**

Carla Smith; family of Vivian Moore; Geoff Gilbert; William Ramey; Lynn Jones; Brenda Lowe; 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 MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Jon Wright; Jason Hacker.

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, December 5</b>      |            |                              |
| <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                    |
| <b>Monday, December 6</b>      |            |                              |
| Boy Scouts                     | 7 P.M.     | Fellowship Hall              |
| <b>Tuesday, December 7</b>     |            |                              |
| Table Talk Book Group          | 11 A.M.    | Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom |
| Christian Education Committee  | 7 P.M.     | Fellowship Hall/ Zoom        |
| <b>Wednesday, December 8</b>   |            |                              |
| Adventure Time                 | 3 P.M.     | Fellowship Hall              |
| <b>Thursday, December 9</b>    |            |                              |
| Women's Circle                 | 10 A.M.    | Parlor/ Zoom                 |
| <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                    |

**FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT**

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Donation Income (November '21) | \$14,272.00   |
| Total Expense (November '21)   | \$26,027.20 (includes staff salaries)                 |
| Net (November '21)             | -\$11,755.20  |
| November 28: Giving            | \$ 7,915.00   |
| November 28: Attendance        | <b>Black's Chapel 8 TPC 29 Livestream 15 Total 52</b> |

**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.

**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%). The offerings will be received Dec. 19.

**Christmas Eve Service**

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

**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 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

Tazewell Presbyterian Church  
149 Church Street  
PO Box 26 Tazewell, VA 24651  
276-988-4724 [tazpreschurch.org](http://tazpreschurch.org)



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

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5, 2021**

**ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

This morning the Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman is our guest preacher. Dr. Alderman has graced our pulpit a number of times in the past and we are delighted to welcome him back. He is a professor of religion and the dean of the chapel at King University.

## GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE *Scrivener*  
Meditation on "Veni Emmanuel"

WORDS OF WELCOME Joan Flynn

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE AND PRAYER 9 a.m. Randall Cooper  
11 a.m. Jim & Melissa Thompson

"Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah"  
*Light two candles to watch for Messiah: Let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.*

Candle-Lighting, Reading, Prayer

We are waiting  
**sometimes patiently, sometimes apathetically,  
and sometimes wearily.**

We are waiting and preparing ourselves  
**not only for the celebration of the birth in Bethlehem;  
but also, for the birth of God's promised day.**

Come, . . .  
**let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

"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 82 HYFRYDOL  
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of all grace,  
lead us in the pathways of peace.  
For the times we have let fear, cynicism, and enmity control us,  
we ask Your forgiveness.  
Do not lose patience with us, Your children,  
but help us to set fear and stubbornness aside,  
that we may walk in Your light,  
and experience peace,  
and the joy of Your salvation. 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 Malachi 3:1-4  
Philippians 1:3-11  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 140 IRBY  
"Once in Royal David's City"

\*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *arr. Butler*  
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

\*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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer  
**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.**

Institution  
Holy Communion  
Prayer After Communion

## SENDING

\*HYMN 119 MENDELSSOHN  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE