

**WELCOME!** Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, we are glad to have you with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guest!

**FOR PRAYER . . .**

CHURCH FAMILY:  
Family of Jeanette Ramey; Family of Richard Yost; Bob & Joan Brown; Harriet Beavers; Wanda Deskins; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Dawn Olinger; Doris Branam; Connie Fletcher; Lois Angles. *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; Eve Bishop; William Ramey; Lynn Jones; Ed Smith; Linda Cross; Kathy Melton Jackson.

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, January 2</b> ( <i>Communion</i> ) <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas, “Epiphany Sunday”</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
Nominating Committee	12 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, January 3</b>		
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, January 4</b>		
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.	Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom
Christian Education Committee	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall/Zoom
<b>Wednesday, January 5</b>		
Worship Committee	1 P.M.	Parlor/ Zoom
<b>Sunday, January 9</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i>		
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**FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT**

Donation Income (December)	\$				
Total Expense (December)	\$	(includes staff salaries)			
Net (December)	-\$				
December 26: Giving	\$				
December 26: Attendance	Black’s Chapel	n/a	TPC	YouTube	Total

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR EPIPHANY  
Isaiah 60:1-6                      Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12                Matthew 2:1-12

COVER ART  
*Three More Kings:* print, Fortt, Annette Gandy, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In the Interests of Everyone’s Health**  
Please wear a mask while entering and exiting the building and maintain physical distance between you and other worshipers who are not part of your immediate household. Extra space is available in the chapel for those desiring it. During worship you may remove your mask if you wish, but we ask that you wear it 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 Needs for January**  
The Food Pantry’s special emphasis for January is “soup and crackers.” Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex (front entry).

**“Epiphany Sunday”**  
Today you are invited to pick out a “star word” for 2022. We encourage you to post your star word where you can easily see it and then reflect on it throughout the year.

***“I’d Like to Hear You Talk About \_\_\_\_\_”***  
**Jan. 9 – Feb. 20**

In the weeks ahead we’ll be diving into topics that some of you have indicated you’d like to hear a message on, ranging from the suffering in the world, to heaven, to the mystery of God, to the “end times.” Thank you for your suggestions.

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| Jan. 9  | Predestination: Does That Sound Like Good News?   |
| Jan. 16 | The World is a Mess. Why Doesn’t God Do Something?  |
| Jan. 23 | When Death Comes, Can I Trust I Will Go to Heaven?  |
| Jan. 30 | The Earth is the Lord’s (A Word about Climate Change)                                     |
| Feb. 6  | Why Did Jesus Talk So Much About Money?<br>(Doesn’t He Know that Makes Us Uncomfortable?) |
| Feb. 13 | Thank God for What You Don’t Know   |
| Feb. 20 | Do We Need the Book of Revelation?  |

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

**Second Sunday of Christmas**  
**Epiphany Observed**  
**January 2, 2022**

**ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE**

The magi, or wise men, or kings, came to visit Jesus. We say there were three of them, but who knows...Matthew doesn’t say. Some traditions claim their names were Melchior and Gaspar and Balthazar. Matthew doesn’t tell us their names, so it’s as good a guess as any. Perhaps more than any other place in the story, we can find ourselves in this journey of magi. We will travel with them today in discovering again the significance of Jesus being born for us.

GATHERING	
CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE	<i>Title</i> SOURCE
WELCOME	Rev. Dr. Dave Gilbert
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
It was the Apostle who said it most clearly: Jesus Christ, who though He was as God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied Himself.	
<b>He humbled himself being born in human likeness; He humbled Himself being found in human form.</b>	
At the name of Jesus we bow our knees and offer our songs of praise, for He who humbled Himself is still God.	
*HYMN 150	<i>As With Gladness Men of Old</i> DIX
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
<b>Gracious God, Where shepherds knelt and the wisest offered themselves, we too have peered into the face of Your love. You have sent a child, a son, the Prince of peace—for us.</b>	
<b>We come in half-belief, as pilgrims strangely stirred; and we have found room and welcome in Your love. We have found a love that calls us by name, and we have found a holy love for the whole world.</b> (Silent Prayer)	
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE	
*PASSING OF THE PEACE	
*RESPONSE (from Hymn, No. 113)	
<b>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!</b>	

HEARING THE WORD	
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11 a.m.)	Barbara Kincer
FIRST READING	Isaiah 60:1-9 ( <i>Pew Bible, pg. </i> )
PSALM	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son. <b>May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.</b> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. <b>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.</b>	
May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. <b>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.</b>	
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.	
<b>For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.</b>	
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 2:1-12 ( <i>Pew Bible, pg. </i> )
The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
SERMON	<i>Bowing with the Magi</i> Rev. Dave Gilbert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD	
*HYMN 152	<i>What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright</i> PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
*INVITATION TO OFFERING	
OFFERTORY	<i>Title</i> SOURCE
*RESPONSE	<i>What Child Is This</i> HYMN, NO. 145, VS. 3
<b>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!</b>	
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION	
THE LORD’S PRAYER ( <i>contemporary</i> )	
<b>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.</b>	
SENDING	
*HYMN 151 ( <i>vss. 1 &amp; 2</i> )	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i> KINGS OF ORIENT
*BENEDICTION	
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	
<b>O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!</b>	
*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE	