

**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:**

David & Delores Pruitt (death of David's sister, Patricia Justice), and for her sons Shawn and Travis; Carol Fournier (death of mother, Jeanette Ramey) and for the Ramey family; 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. *Dogwood Crossing:* Marlene Buffalow; *English Meadows in Abingdon:* Madeline Hurt; *Homebound:* Renia Hale Peery; Louise Smith.

**OTHERS:**

Mary Shrader; Josie Pruett; Dixie Mitchem & family; the family of Freddie Gillespie; Geoff Gilbert; Eve Bishop; 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 23</b>		
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>Annual Meeting</b>	12 P.M.	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, January 24</b>		
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, January 25</b>		
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.	Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom
<b>Sunday, January 30</b>		
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**LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Nehemiah 8:1-10                      Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a              Luke 4:14-21

**COVER ART**

"Wheat and Weeds," photo, anonymous. From *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In the Interests of Everyone's Health.** . . everyone is to wear a mask while entering and exiting the building, and maintain physical distance with worshipers not part of one's immediate household. Extra space is available in the chapel for those desiring it. Masks may be removed in worship, but please wear one 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.

**Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held this morning immediately following the 11 a.m. service. The Nominating Committee will present its slates of elder nominees for service on the Session and nominees for the Congregation's Nominating Committee in 2022. Information on the church's financial picture will be shared, and Rev. Gilbert's terms of call for 2022 will be voted upon. All members are urged to attend.

**Nominees for Elders, and for Members-at-Large on Nominating Committee**

The following individuals are being placed in nomination for service as elders on the Church Session (Class of 2024: 3-year term):

- Michael Thomas
- Greg Thomas
- Randall Cooper

The following individuals are being placed in nomination for service as members-at-large on the Nominating Committee in 2022:

- Peggy Riley
- Vivian Cromer
- Gizele Bowen
- Barbara Kincer

**SERMON SERIES**

**"I Wish You Would Talk About . . ."**

**Jan. 9 – Feb. 20**

- Jan. 9      Predestination: Does That Sound Like Good News?
- Jan. 16    Worship cancellation due to winter storm
- Jan. 23    The World is a Mess. Why Doesn't God Do Something?**
- Jan. 30    Can We Really Trust that We Will Go to Heaven?
- Feb. 6     The Earth is the Lord's (What About Climate Change?)
- Feb. 13    Why Did Jesus Talk So Much About Money? (Doesn't He Know that Makes Us Uncomfortable?)
- Feb. 20    Do We Need the                      Book of Revelation?

**T A Z E W E L L  
 P R E S B Y T E R I A N  
 C H U R C H  
 & B l a c k ' s C h a p e l**

**JANUARY 23, 2022**  
*3rd Sunday after Epiphany*



**Service for the Lord's Day**  
 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY + JANUARY 23, 2022



## THE GATHERING

May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,  
even as we put our hope in you.  
*-Ps. 33:22*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE

*My Hope Is Built*  
Bradbury/ Anderson

WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER

\*OPENING ACCLAMATION

On the first day, God said, “Let there be light,”  
**and there was light – enough light to show us the way.**

On this day, God says, “You are my child.”  
**That is who we are: children of God —  
loved, claimed, and redeemed.**

In every tomorrow, God promises, “I am with you always.”  
**So we sing to God our help, our hope, and our home.**

\*HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
ST. ANNE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of unending grace,  
when you made us in your image, you called us good.  
And we desire to be good, . . . but our goodness is tarnished.  
It is not only our sin which we need to confess,  
but also our fatigue.  
It is not only our selfishness that controls us,  
but also our fear.  
It is not only our skepticism that challenges us,  
but also our pain.  
Take the whole of us, O God,  
and from the varied pieces of our lives,  
remake us to be wholly devoted to You.**  
*(silent reflection and confession)*

\*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to exchange the peace of Christ with one another, greeting each other  
with the words above with your hands placed together. Please refrain from physical  
contact.*

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.**

## THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11 a.m.)

Barbara Kincer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Habakkuk 1:1-4 (*pg. 762*)  
Matthew 13:24-30 (*pg. 794*)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dave Gilbert

The World is a Mess. Why Doesn't God Do Something?

*Time is provided following the sermon  
for a few moments of personal reflection and prayer.*

## THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN 79

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*  
TEMPLE OF PEACE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the  
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of  
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Agape*  
Tidwell

\*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.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

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.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
FAITHFULNESS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE