

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); Barbara Ramey, Carol Fournier & Bill Ramey (death of mother, Jeanette Ramey); Ed & Becky Thomas (death of Ed's brother, Kenneth); 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:

Josie Pruet; Dixie Mitchem & family; 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; 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, January 9 (Communion)			
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, January 10			
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.		Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 11			
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.	Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom	
Administration Committee	7 P.M.		Parlor
Wednesday, January 12			
Outreach Program Drop-Off	9 A.M.		
Outreach Program Distribution	12 P.M.		Pine Street Exit
Thursday, January 13			
Abingdon Presbytery Meeting	9 A.M.		Central P.C./ Bristol
Sunday, January 16			
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FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT

December 2021 expenses total	\$13,536.90				
January 2 Giving	\$1,771.00				
January 2: Attendance	Black's Chapel 7	TPC 34	YouTube 20	Total 61	

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

COVER IMAGE

"Baptism of Christ," fresco, Florence, Italy, Angelico, fra, approximately 1400-1455. 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 upon entering and exiting the building, and then maintain physical distance between yourself and other worshipers who are not part of your 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. 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).

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held **Sunday, January 23**, immediately following the conclusion of the 11 a.m. service. The Nominating Committee will present its slate of elder nominees for service on the Session. Church officers (trustees, treasurer, and clerk of session) for 2022 will also be nominated and elected. The church's financial report for 2021 and preliminary budget for 2022 will be shared. The pastor's terms of call for 2022 will also be voted upon. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

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

The congregation's Nominating Committee places the following individuals in nomination for service as elders on the Church Session (3-year term): Michael Thomas, Greg Thomas, and Randall Cooper. It places the following individuals in nomination for service as members-at-large on the Nominating Committee in 2022: Peggy Riley, Vivian Cromer, Gizele Bowen, and Barbara Kincer. Jerry Cromer serves as Moderator of the Nominating Committee.

SERMON SERIES

"I Wish You Would Talk About . . ."
Jan. 9 – Feb. 20

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



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

JANUARY 9, 2022
Baptism of the Lord



THE GATHERING

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Heaven which before was closed, is opened by Christ’s baptism and a window and door now stand open for us to see through. No longer is there a barrier between God and us, since God himself descends at the Jordan. The Father lets his voice be heard, the Son sanctifies baptism with his body, and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. Is this not a great manifestation, a truly great sign of how very precious baptism is to God, that he does not abstain from it?”

– *Martin Luther*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Salvation Unto Us Has Come
arr. Taylor, from a 16th c. hymn

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:2-4

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
People: worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
**People: the God of glory thunders,
the LORD over the mighty waters.**

Pastor: The voice of the LORD is powerful;
People: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

*OPENING HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST LESSON

Luke 3:21-22

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all mercy, in our baptism you have marked us as your own; you have given us a new identity and made us part of the body of Christ. In doing so, you have called us to rise to new life and to live together in community. We confess that we have not been faithful to your call. We have forged our own identity and held to destructive habits. We have failed to welcome others, broken bonds with brothers and sisters, and served ourselves more than you. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

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LAND OF REST

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

LAUDA ANIMA

(*Hymn 620, “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven,” vs. 1*)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11 a.m.)

Barbara Kincer

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 (*pg. 602*)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David Gilbert

*Predestination:
Does That Sound Like Good News?*

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees
Manning, from a traditional spiritual

*DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts”)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

THE SENDING

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE