

WELCOME! Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, we are glad to be worshipping with you today. If you are visiting, you are an honored guest!

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:  
Becky & Ed Thomas; Harriet Beavers; Wanda Deskins; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Dawn Olinger; Doris Branam; Connie Fletcher; Lois Angles. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly. *Dogwood Crossing:* Marlene Buffalow; *Commonwealth Senior Living (Cedar Bluff):* Madeline Hurt; *Homebound:* Renia Hale Peery; Louise Smith.  
OTHERS:  
Gary McCann; family of Lexie Harold; family of Jackson Spencer; Jason Hacker; Josie Pruitt; 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>Today</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>Monday, February 28</b>			
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.		Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, March 1</b>			
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.	Front Porch Restaurant/ Zoom	
Christian Education Committee	7 P.M.	Parlor/ Zoom	
<b>Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday)</b>			
Worship Committee Meeting	1 P.M.		Parlor/ Zoom
Adventure Time	3 P.M.		Fellowship Hall
<b>Ash Wednesday Service (Communion)</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>		<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sunday, March 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)</b>			
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**Cover Art**  
Detail from *"Burning Bush"* (17th century) by Sébastien Bourdon. From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

**Worship Attendance Last Sunday**  
Black’s Chapel 5      TPC 49      Livestream 13      Total 67

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In the Interests of Health.** . . please wear a mask while entering and exiting the building, and maintain physical distance with others 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.

**Food Pantry Emphasis for March: “canned fruit.”** Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex. Thank you!

**Table Talk**  
Join us Tuesday as we launch into *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, by bestselling author Barbara Brown Taylor. Copies of the book are available in the church office. We will meet at 11 a.m. at the Front Porch Restaurant. (You can also join on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed on Monday).

**Devotion Materials**  
Copies of the devotional series for Lent produced by the Presbyterian Outlook, *“Making the Road: Walking through Lent”* is available in the church narthex. *“These Days”* devotion booklets for April – June may also be picked up there.

**Blessed are you**  
*Lenten Sermon Series on the Beatitudes*  
MARCH 2 – APRIL 17

The beatitudes launch the teaching of Jesus that describes the life that God intends, that God blesses and that God creates us for. The beatitudes describe the blessed life. But there is little question that the blessed life depicted in the beatitudes stands in tension with the pursuits of life as normally defined. And yet, blessed are you.

Mar. 2	(Ash Wednesday: 7 P.M.)	Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit	(Matthew 5:1-3)
Mar. 6		Blessed Are Those Who Mourn	(Matthew 5:4)
Mar. 13		Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness	(Matthew 5:6)
Mar. 20	Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle (Presbytery Leader)		
Mar. 27		Blessed Are the Merciful	(Matthew 18:21-35)
Apr. 3		Blessed Are the Pure in Heart	(Matthew 14:22-33)
Apr. 10	(Palm Sunday)	Blessed Are the Meek	(Matthew 21:1-10)
Apr. 14	(Maundy Thursday: 7 P.M.)	We gather at Black’s Presbyterian Chapel for <i>the Lord’s Supper</i> .	
Apr. 15	(Good Friday Tenebrae, 7 P.M.)		
Apr. 17	(Easter) (Sunrise 8 A.M.; Black’s Chapel 9 A.M.; TPC 11: A.M.)	Resurrection Happens	

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GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> Welsh Melody/ arr. Lani Smith
WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Dave Gilbert
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Randall Cooper (9 a.m.) Barbara Kincer (11 a.m.)
	Here in this place, light streams in and music rings out. <b>Here in this place,</b> <b>friends are greeted and strangers are welcomed.</b> Here among these people, concerns are shared and prayers are said. <b>Here among these people,</b> <b>truth is spoken and promises are remembered.</b> Here in this moment, grace is offered and hope is real. <b>Here in this moment,</b> <b>God is among us and we are at home.</b>
*OPENING PRAYER	
*HYMN 401	<i>Here in This Place</i> GATHER US IN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION	<b>Most Merciful God,</b> <b>we confess to You before the whole company of heaven,</b> <b>that we have sinned in thought, word and deed:</b> <b>in what we have done</b> <b>and in what we have failed to do.</b> <b>Forgive us our sins,</b> <b>heal us by Your Holy Spirit,</b> <b>and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ.</b> <b>Amen.</b>
*KYRIE	<b>Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;</b> <b>Lord, have mercy upon us.</b> <b>Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;</b> <b>Lord, have mercy upon us.</b>
* THE ASSURING WORD OF THE LORD	<i>Isaiah 53:1-5</i>
*PASSING OF THE PEACE	

*RESPONSE (Hymn 839, vs. 1)	<i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!</i>
	<b>Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!</b> <b>Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.</b> <b>This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;</b> <b>This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.</b>

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD	
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11 a.m.)	Barbara Kincer
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Psalm 139:1-18 <i>(pg. 503)</i> 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 <i>(pg. 934)</i>
	The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
GOD’S WORD ENGAGED	Rev. Dave Gilbert <i>Thank God for What You Don’t Know</i>

RESPONSE TO THE WORD	
*INVITATION TO OFFERING	
OFFERTORY	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Irish folk tune/ arr. Carter
*DOXOLOGY	<b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow;</b> <b>praise Him, all creatures here below;</b> <b>praise Him above, ye heavenly host;</b> <b>praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>
*HYMN 498, vss. 1-3	<i>Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken</i> BEACH SPRING

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER	
	The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>
*HYMN 498, vs. 4	<i>Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken</i> BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION	
*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE	

Seeking Connection  
written by Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle  
(Presbytery Leader for Abingdon Presbytery)

Dear Friends,

This past weekend, instead of attending church, I had a holy moment in a nursing home, sitting at the bedside of my college advisor as he shared some final words of wisdom with me. We talked about the importance of living without regrets, of trying new things, and of seeking connection with those around us.

I am beyond grateful for the time I shared with my professor, but I still wish that I had reached out sooner. I wish I had gotten more time to sit and listen to his stories, to soak up more of his knowledge. And I wonder, is this how the disciples felt when Jesus was no longer among them? Did they still have questions that they had left unasked? Did they wonder what more Jesus could have taught them, if they'd had one more afternoon?

So friends, if there are people in your life that you've lost touch with because life got too busy and a global pandemic got in the way of all your plans, I encourage you to reach out. Seek to reconnect. Make the phone call, send the text, or write the letter. We are a connectional people; we were created for relationship. I hope and I pray that you find the connections that build you up and sustain your soul.

In Christ,  
Ann Elyse

Note:  
The Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle will be with us as our guest preacher (at Black’s Chapel and at TPC) on March 20. She became the “Presbytery Leader” of Abingdon Presbytery in August, 2021.