

**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:  
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; *Commonwealth Senior Living (Cedar Bluff):* Madeline Hurt; *Homebound:* Renia Hale Peery; Louise Smith.  
OTHERS:  
Lexie Harold; Josie Pruett; Eve Bishop; Ed Smith; Kathy Melton Jackson.  
ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL: Jon Wright; Jason Hacker.  
To pass along a prayer request, contact Eunice Lester at (276.988.4412) *jseun@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**

<b>Sunday, February 6</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 7</b>		
Boy Scouts	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, February 8</b>		
Table Talk Book Group	11 A.M.	Front Porch Restaurant/Zoom
<b>Wednesday, February 9</b>		
Outreach Meal Drop-Off	9 A.M.	Kitchen
Outreach Meal Carry-Out	11 A.M. - 12 P.M.	Pine Street Entrance
Adventure Time	3 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, February 13</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

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In the Interests of Everyone’s 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. The sanctuary windows have been opened to facilitate ventilation. During these cooler months you will want to dress accordingly.

**Food Pantry Emphasis for February: “canned beans (green or other)”**

**Outreach Lunches:** Our outreach lunch for seniors is this Wednesday, February 9. Providers are asked to drop their food items off in the church kitchen at 9:00 a.m. Carry-out of meals is from 11:00 a.m. to Noon, and delivery to the homebound following. A big thank you to all our volunteers!

**Church eCommunications:** Be sure to look for Rev. Gilbert’s weekly eNote about church happenings and upcoming events. Also, we are resuming the church’s newsletter, *The Lamplighter*. It will be sent out in a modified format by email, (and for the few not using a computer) by regular mail. If you have changed your contact information within the last year, please let the church office know ([sectazpresb12@yahoo.com](mailto:sectazpresb12@yahoo.com); 276-988-4724). Thank you.

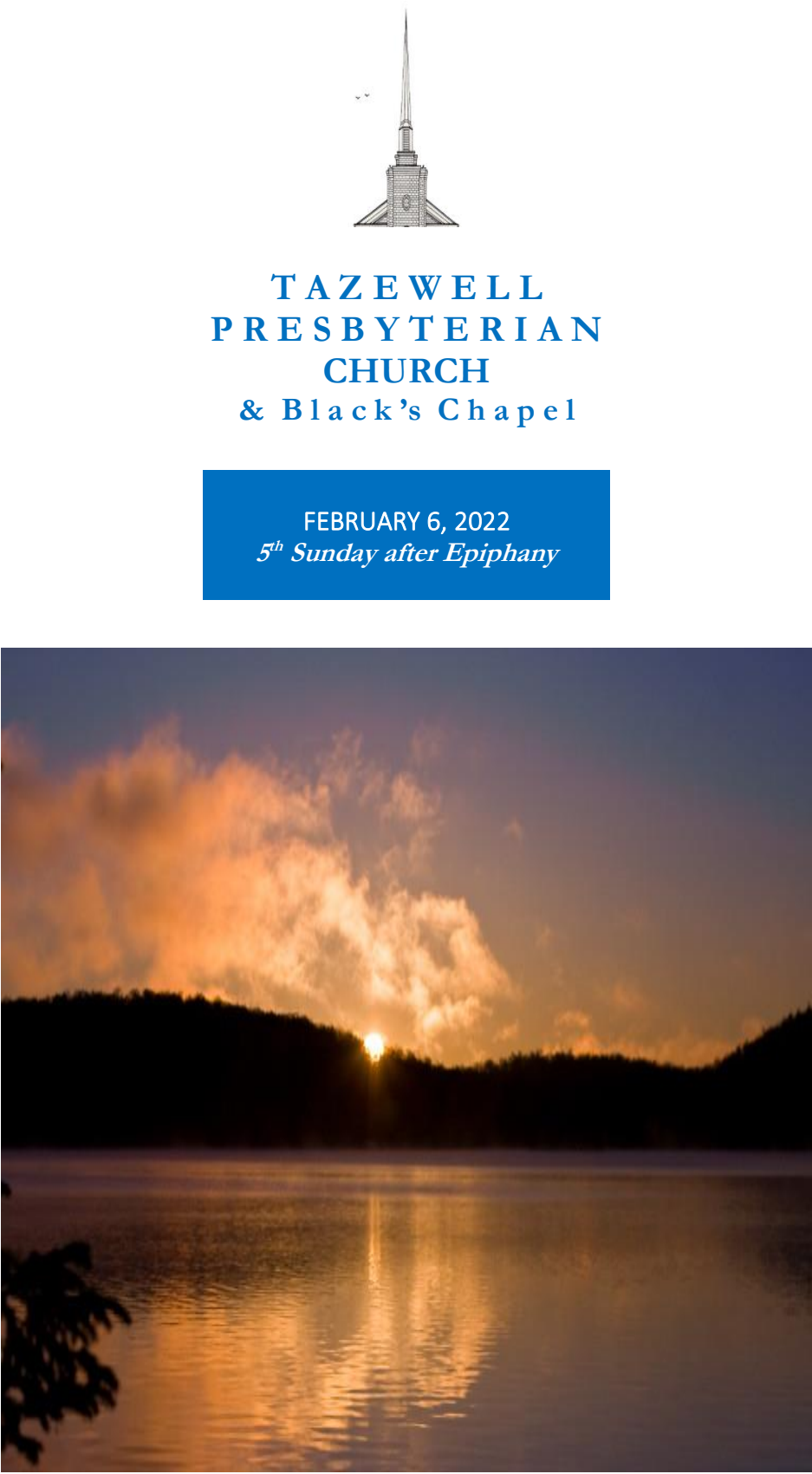
**Holy Envy:**  
The Table Talk Group’s next book will be ***Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others***, by Barbara Brown Taylor. The renowned and beloved *New York Times* bestselling author of *An Altar in the World* and *Learning to Walk in the Dark* recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world’s religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. Books are being ordered now. We invite you to join us. We meet on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. at the Front Porch Restaurant.

**The Church Session and Officers**  
Class of 2022: Joe Bowen, Jerry Cromer, Eunice J. Lester, Carol Weaver  
Class of 2023: Joan Flynn, Henny Kincer, David Larimer, Josh Thompson  
Class of 2024: Randall Cooper, Greg Thomas, Michael Thomas  
Moderator: Rev. Dr. David Gilbert  
Clerk of Session: Carol Weaver  
Treasurer: Joe Bowen  
Trustees: Joe Bowen, David Larimer, Jim Thompson

**Session Assignments:**  
Administration: Joe Bowen, Jerry Cromer (chair), Michael Thomas  
Education: (chair: Kim McGraw)  
Fellowship & Mission: Randall Cooper, David Larimer, Josh Thompson (chair)  
Property: Henny Kincer (chair), Greg Thomas  
Worship: Joan Flynn, Eunice J. Lester, Carol Weaver (chair: Lanie Francisco)

SERMON SERIES  
**“I Wish You Would Talk About . . . .”**  
**Jan. 9 – Feb. 27**

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| Jan. 9        | Predestination: Does That Sound Like Good News?   |
| Jan. 16       | <i>Worship cancellation due to winter storm</i>   |
| 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?  |
| <b>Feb. 6</b> | <b>The Earth is the Lord’s (A Word About Climate Change)</b>                              |
| Feb. 13       | Why Did Jesus Talk So Much About Money?<br>(Doesn’t He Know that Makes Us Uncomfortable?) |
| Feb. 20       | Do We Need the Book of Revelation?  |
| Feb. 27       | Mystery: Thank God for What We Don’t Know   |



**ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE**

The same Creator who fashioned you and me has also created the earth itself. Human choices always have consequences, and some of those consequences can be harmful. The threats to life in future generations is something people of faith must always consider, and the specifics of such threats in our time requires our attention. Today we remind ourselves that we worship a God who has created the whole earth and a Christ who has died to redeem the whole creation.

GATHERING

The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.  
-Psalm 24:1

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE

*The Heavens Are Telling*  
Beethoven

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

9 a.m. Randall Cooper  
11 a.m. Kim McGraw

O come, let us worship and bow down;  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our creator.**

In God’s hands are the depths of the earth;  
and the heights of the mountains as well.

**The sea belongs to the living God,  
and the dry land which his hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our creator.**

\*HYMN

*This Is My Father’s World*  
TERRA BEATA

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise.  
The morning light, the flowers bright declare their Maker’s praise.  
Our God has made this world and shines in all that’s fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father’s world. O Let me ne’er forget  
that though the wrongs seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
we confess to You and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed:  
in what we have done  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by Your Holy Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ.**

\*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 GOD’S GRACE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

As we have been forgiven in Christ, let us also forgive one another.  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*RESPONSE: # 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

RECEIVING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11 a.m.)

Barbara Kincer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 8:18-25 (*pg. 919*)  
Luke 9:57-62 (*pg. 843*)

The Word of God  
for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

GOD’S WORD ENGAGED

Dave Gilbert

*The Earth Is the Lord’s (A Word About Climate Change)*

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN

*Prayer for Creation*  
BEACH SPRING

**O, Creator of the cosmos, We present our hearts in prayer.  
We are awestruck by your glory, Which surrounds us everywhere.  
From the birdsong of the morning To a stormy sky at night,  
You reveal yourself in Nature, In its gentleness and might.**

**Through each rainbow that you send us You renew your covenant  
With the earth and all life on it, Telling us of your intent  
That each living thing should flourish, In its own way, in its place.  
You call us to new awareness Of our neighbors and their space.**

**We seek mercy, we seek vision, And the courage we will need  
As we work to help the victims Of the sins of human greed.  
By our choices, in our actions, May we be part of your plans.  
Help us gently till the Garden You’ve entrusted to our hands.**

**Finding strength in common purpose, May Your faithful people be  
Voices for a new perspective, Leaders in simplicity.  
Give us guidance, O, Creator. Give us power to achieve  
True compassion for Creation As the legacy we leave.**

\*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Morning Has Broken*  
Gaelic melody

\*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.**

SENDING

\*HYMN 547

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*  
AR HYD Y NOS

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE