

**WELCOME!** Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, we’re glad you’re here with us today! Through the grace, hope and joy of the gospel we worship together and serve our community and world to the glory of God. Welcome!

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER . . .**

CHURCH FAMILY:  
Eunice Jones Lester; Connie Fletcher; Harriet Beavers; Wanda Deskins; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Doris Branam. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly. *Commonwealth Senior Living (Cedar Bluff):* Madeline Hurt; *Homebound:* Renia Hale Peery; Louise Smith.

OTHERS:  
Sam Larimer (death of wife Betty); Kim McGraw’s mother; Bob Altizer; Mark Ray and his wife; Anita Tinsley; Richard Morgan; Trish Johnson; Sam Penell; Dr. Brenda Lawson; Jason Hacker; Kathy Melton Jackson; *Active Military Service:* Jon Wright

ABINGDON PRESBYTERY: The Commissioned Lay Pastors of our Presbytery.

TO PASS ALONG A PRAYER REQUEST:  
Contact Eunice Jones at (276.988.4412) *jnseun@aol.com*); or 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>Today: May 29</b>		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
No Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, May 30 Memorial Day</b>		
<i>Church Office closed</i>		
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, May 31</b>		
Table Talk	11 A.M.	Front Porch Restaurant
<b>Wednesday, June 1</b>		
Worship Committee	1 P.M.	Parlor/Zoom
<b>Sunday, June 5 Holy Communion</b>		
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**Financial and Attendance Snapshot**

April Donations: \$7,932.00  
April Expenditures: \$4,806.48 + April Salaries \$6,800.06 > Total Expenses \$11,606.54  
Difference for April (-) \$3,674.54  
May 22 Offering: \$1,879.00  
May 22 Attendance: Black’s Chapel 10 TPC 48 Livestream 15 Total: 73

**Bulletin Art:**  
*Christ Monogram with Alpha and Omega.* Mosaic, 1st-4th centuries, Sousse, Tunisia.  
From **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Guest Preacher**

Rev. Gilbert is away this morning visiting family. Leading us in worship today is the Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks, the Presbytery Leader for Abingdon Presbytery. We are pleased to have Ann Elyse back with us again as she proclaims the gospel and shares news and/or insights about our presbytery and its congregations.

**In-Person Outreach Luncheon**

Tazewell Presbyterian Church welcomes you to an ‘IN-PERSON” luncheon on Wednesday, June 8. Reverend Nathan Thomas from Tazewell Christian Church will emcee a “Name That Tune 50’s, 60’s style” competition at 11 a.m. Be sure to brush up on your teenage music to prepare! It will be followed by a hot dog luncheon of baked beans, pasta or potato salad, and cupcakes or cookies. Homebound people will receive delivery earlier in the day. Please call 276.988.4724 before Monday, June 6, if you know someone who needs delivery. If there is no answer, please leave a message. No need to call if you have previously received it. We hope to see you on Wednesday, June 8, to enjoy getting to gather alive!

We will host our luncheon for seniors in the community on Wednesday, June 8. We thank all our volunteer helpers. We couldn’t put on the luncheon without you! Lunch donations are to be delivered to the church by 9:30 a.m.

**Food Pantry Emphasis for June: “Peanut Butter.”**

Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex. Thank you!

**Let There Be Ventilation**

The sanctuary windows are opened each Sunday before worship to facilitate with air ventilation. They are to remain open throughout the service. Please do not close them.

<i>Shepherd Your Heart</i> Wanting What God Wants		
April 24	What Do You Want?	<i>John 5:1-9</i>
May 1 Communion	We All Need a Place and a Time	<i>Mark 11:12-24</i>
May 8 Mother’s Day	Love Isn’t the Only Thing	<i>Mark 12:28-34</i>
May 15	It’s Our Story Too	<i>Luke 4:14-21</i>
May 22	It Takes Courage	<i>Mark 8:31–9:1</i>
May 29	What Time Is It?	<i>Acts 1:1-11</i>
	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks, Guest Preacher	
June 5 Pentecost	The Spirit’s Push	<i>Acts 2:1-13</i>
Communion		
June 12 Trinity Sunday	It’s Not Just About Today	<i>Mark 3:1-6</i>

**Tazewell Presbyterian Church  
& Black’s Chapel**

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**Sunday, May 29, 2022**  
**Ascension Sunday/ Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Tazewell Presbyterian Church**  
**Black’s Presbyterian Chapel**

**GATHERING**

**Preparation for Worship**

God of resurrection and new life, you created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation. As the sun brings light and warmth to the earth, help us to perceive your presence and the new life you offer to us. Make us signs of your peace, through Christ our Ascended Lord. Amen. (Silent prayer)

**Chiming of the Hour and Prelude**

*Sing Praises*  
Paxton

**Words of Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

We have come to worship God, the living God,  
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,  
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,  
Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.  
Glory to God!

**\*Hymn, No. 41**

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

Prayer of Confession

Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation, seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak our faith.  
Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service, reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.  
Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources, relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.  
Too often, Lord God, we look to the clouds for our inspiration, in the vain hope of finding you there.  
Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith, and open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence of our Risen, Living, and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.  
(Silent Confession)

Lord, Have Mercy

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

. . . Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.  
*We are invited to pass the peace to each other, saying “The Peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”*

\*Response of Praise

Hymn, No. 246, vs. 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

HEARING THE WORD

Time with the Children

Barbara Kincer

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11 *(pew Bible, pg. 884)*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized

with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*What Time Is It?*  
Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Apostles’ Creed (traditional)

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.

\*Hymn, No. 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Welsh melody/ arr. Carter

\*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 the People and 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, No. 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude

