

**WELCOME!** Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, we’re glad you’re here 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:  
Randall & Martha Cooper; Dora Barnes; Eunice Jones; Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Barbara Gillespie; Doris Branam. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly. *Commonwealth Senior Living:* Madeline Hurt; *Homebound:* Renia Hale Peery; Louise Smith.

OTHERS:  
The family of Madeline Hurt; Mitchell and Linda Cooper; Naomi Lamie (7 month old), and her mother Jordan Lamie; all affected by the flooding in Buchanan County; Robert Adkins; Jerry Vencill; Scott Jordan (father of Andrew Jordan); Olivia Young; Kumiko Gilbert; Kim McGraw’s mother; Bob Altizer; Anita Tinsley; Dr. Brenda Lawson; Jason Hacker; Kathy Melton Jackson; Wanda Deskins; *Active Military Service:* Jon Wright

ABINGDON PRESBYTERY:  
Green Spring Presbyterian Church (Abingdon); Richlands Presbyterian Church.

TO PASS ALONG A PRAYER REQUEST:  
Contact Eunice Jones at (276.988.4412) [jnseun@aol.com](mailto:jnseun@aol.com)); or 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**

<b>Today: August 21</b>		
Worship Service & Church Picnic	11 A.M.	
<b>Monday, August 22</b>		
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, August 28</b>		
Black’s Chapel Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall
Worship in the Sanctuary	11 A.M.	Sanctuary

**Financial and Attendance Snapshot**  
Aug. 14 Contributions: \$1,050.00  
Aug. 14 Attendance:   Black’s Chapel: 11   TPC: 40   Livestream: 12   Total: 63

**Bulletin Art:**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Disaster Preparedness and Response Training**  
The Mission Ministries and Partnerships committee, in conjunction with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, will be presenting a Zoom education opportunity on Disaster 101. This presentation will teach us some of the basics of disaster preparedness and response. The Zoom gathering is **tomorrow night, August 22 at 7pm**. It will also be recorded for future viewing. Dave Gilbert’s Friday ENote has the Zoom link for tomorrow night’s presentation.

**Food Pantry Emphasis for August: “canned meat & school supplies”**  
Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex. Thank you!

**Looking Ahead: Mark Your Calendar**  
Sunday Night Live: September 11 and 18– Topic: Global Warming  
Table Talk: resumes September 13 – “Holy Envy,” ch. 10, “Divine Diversity”  
Adventure Time: resumes on September 7

**Home Communion**  
Prepared communion cups are available from the church for use at home if you are worshiping with us via the internet. Joan Flynn, Lanie Francisco and Rev. Gilbert are happy to make “at-home communion visits.” If you would like such a visit, please call the church office.

<i>How Do You Know?</i>		
Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” It’s an important question, but there is another question to answer first. How do you know what is really true? How do you distinguish truth from falsehood? Fact from fiction? Over the next several Sundays we will consider not simply what it means to talk about the content of truth, but how we know the truth to be true.		
Aug 28	Truth Is Relational	<i>John 14:1-7 Philippians 1:3-11</i>
Sept 4 <i>Communion</i>	When Truth Changes	<i>John 8:1-11</i>
Sept 11	Truth and Consequences	<i>John 18:33-19:7</i>
Sept 18	Truth’s Major Obstacle: I Am Blind, but Think I See	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>
Sept 25	Truth and Responsibility: Is It Easier if You Know Who to Blame?	<i>John 9:1-12</i>
Oct 2 <i>World Communion</i>	Truth and Mystery: Thank God for What You Don’t Know	<i>Ps. 139:1-18 1 Cor. 13:4-13</i>

WORSHIP AND PICNIC  
CRAB ORCHARD MUSEUM  
*August 21, 2022*



**GATHERING**

**WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP**

The earth is the LORD’S and all that is in it.  
Stars and starfish, mountains and valleys, friends and strangers to us:  
all bear the fingerprint of God’s grace.  
**Let the whole creation sing praises to our God!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother fire, so warm and bright,  
chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds such blessings on our way, sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
You have made all things well,  
but all is not well with us.  
We confess to You 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. Amen.

### *Silent Reflection and Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

## WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Jonah 4:5-11 *(The Message)*

Jonah went out of the city to the east and sat down in a sulk. He put together a makeshift shelter of leafy branches and sat there in the shade to see what would happen to the city. God arranged for a broad-leafed tree to spring up. It grew over Jonah to cool him off and get him out of his angry sulk. Jonah was pleased and enjoyed the shade. Life was looking up.

But then God sent a worm. By dawn of the next day, the worm had bored into the shade tree and it withered away. The sun came up and God sent a hot, blistering wind from the east. The sun beat down on Jonah's head and he started to faint. He prayed to die: "I'm better off dead!"

Then God said to Jonah, "What right do you have to be angry about this shade tree?" Jonah said, "Plenty of right. It's made me angry enough to die!"

God said, "What's this? How is it that you can change your feelings from pleasure to anger overnight about a mere shade tree that you did nothing to get? You neither planted nor watered it. It grew up one night and died the next night. So, why can't I likewise change what I feel about Nineveh from anger to pleasure, this big city of more than 120,000 childlike people who don't yet know right from wrong, to say nothing of all the innocent animals?"

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### What About All These Animals?

Dave Gilbert

## RESPONSE

**\*DOXOLOGY AND INVITATION TO OFFERING**

*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.*

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## 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.

\*HYMN 442

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Refrain:  
*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.*

## Refrain

*The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.*

## Refrain

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.*

Refrain

*God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

Refrain

**\*BLESSING AND TABLE GRACE**

## Presbytery Happenings and Celebrations

The Mission Ministries and Partnership committee is thrilled to share that Abingdon Presbytery has received three grants from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These grants are for Oakwood and Buchanan First, who sustained damages in the flooding, and a third initial assistance grant to help us get started in the recovery and rebuilding efforts. Praise be to God for this generosity!

## Good News Moments

Here are the most recent good news moments from our assembly meeting last week:

Wild Goose Christian Community had an amazing and life-giving time at the Wild Goose festival in NC--they were a huge hit!

Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol celebrated an awesome youth Sunday. CPC has been chosen to be an anchor church for Tackle Hunger, and has been accepted into the Thriving Communities program through Montreat. Wow!

The Anchor of Hope and Galena congregations are gearing up to start their search for their next installed pastor. Our prayers are with them!

Rich Valley's Africa trip was a rousing success. They plan to return next year (last week of April/first week of May), and are looking for others, especially pastors, to join them. The plan is to extend the teaching ministry from Kenya into neighboring countries. Talk to Mike Klumpp if you're interested!