

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER . . .**

**CHURCH FAMILY:**

Travis and Heather Mitchell; Dora Barnes; Eunice Jones; Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Barbara Gillespie; Doris Branam. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly. *Homebound:* Louise Smith.

**OTHERS:**

Linda Riley; family of Robert (Bob) Altizer; Mitchell and Linda Cooper; Naomi Lamie; Jerry Vencill; Scott Jordan (Andrew Jordan's father); Kim McGraw's mother; Anita Tinsley; Dr. Brenda Lawson; Kathy Melton Jackson.

*Active Military Service:* Jon Wright.

**TO PASS ALONG A PRAYER REQUEST:**

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**THIS WEEK**

<b>Today: Sept 18</b>		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black's Chapel
Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall/ Zoom
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, Sept 19</b>		
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Sept 20</b>		
Table Talk	11 A.M.	Front Porch
Session Meeting	7 P.M.	Fellowship Hall/Zoom
<b>Wednesday, Sept 21</b>		
Adventure Time	3:30 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice	6:45 P.M.	Chapel
<b>Sunday, September 25</b>		
<i>Guest Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Powell</i>		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black's Chapel
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**Attendance Snapshot**

Sept. 11 Black's Chapel: 8 TPC: Livestream: N/A last Sunday Total:

**Bulletin Art:**

*The Tree of Life: Olive Tree*, Elizabeth Steele Halstead, posted on March 28, 2017 on the Calvin Institute of Worship website for use in worship bulletins. The olive tree reminds us of the covenantal relationship between God and creation. The evergreen leaves and its branches give shelter and rest. The abundance of fruit displays God's providence. The oil excreted from its leaf is used for healing. And for us, like for Noah, its leaves symbolize the hope and peace of renewal. Praise the Lord! May all creation serve and glorify our Creator God.

**Masks:**

Masks are available in the narthex for any desiring one.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next Sunday**

Next Sunday Dr. Gilbert will be away and the Rev. Jennifer Powell will lead us in worship. Rev. Powell has filled our pulpit previously and we give thanks for her gracious leadership of worship.

**Food Pantry Emphasis for September: "canned corn"**

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

**Sunday Night Live**

Join us tonight for a potluck supper at 5 P.M. At 5:30 we will continue our discussion of "Global Warming and Climate Change." Discussion materials may be picked up in the narthex.

**Table Talk Group**

The Table Talk Group will meet this Tuesday at 11 A.M. at The Front Porch. We will conclude our discussion of the book *Holy Envy* as we reflect on chapters 11 and 12, and the book's epilogue.

**Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering**

PW's Fall Gathering will take place this coming Saturday, September 24, at Fairview Presbyterian Church in Hillsville. Registration is at 9:30 A.M., with the program beginning at 10 A.M. A great morning is planned with lots of helpful information, inspirational worship, and a lunch provided by the Fairview PW. Items will be collected for the Presbyterian Children's Home. For additional information, please call Carol Propst at (423) 534-1849.

**How Do You Know?**

Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" How do you know what is really true? How do you distinguish truth from falsehood? Fact from fiction? In this series we 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</i> <i>Philippians 1:3-11</i>
Sept 4	When Truth Changes	<i>John 8:1-11</i>
Sept 11	Truth and Consequences	<i>John 18:33-19:7</i>
<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>Seeing Our Blindness</b>	<b><i>Mark 10:46-52</i></b>
Sept 25	Guest Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Powell	
Oct 2 <i>Communion</i>	There May Not Always Be a Reason, but There Is Always a Response	<i>John 9:1-12</i>
Oct 9	The Truth We Ultimately Trust	<i>John 3:1-15</i> <i>1 Cor. 13:4-13</i>

**Tazewell Presbyterian Church  
Black's Presbyterian Chapel**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 – 9:00 & 11:00 AM



**GATHERING**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE**

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*  
from Thomas Aquinas / arr. K. Lee Scott

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Here in this place,  
light streams in and music rings out.

Here in this place,  
friends are greeted and strangers are welcomed.

Here in this place,  
truth is discerned and promises are remembered.

Here in this place,  
God welcomes all and we are home.

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 54**

*Make a Joyful Noise to God*  
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Merciful God,  
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 Prayer)*

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*RESPONSE (Hymn 839, v. 1)

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

# WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:46-52 *(pg. 823)*

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*"Seeing Our Blindness"*

Dave Gilbert

## RESPONSE

### \*HYMN 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
OPEN MY EYES

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The 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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,  
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

*Amazing Grace*  
arr. Summers

### \*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 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
ELLA COMBE

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE