

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:

The family of SSG Justin Wathen; 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:

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

Today: Sept 25		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black's Chapel
Bible Study (Not today)	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall/ Zoom
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
Monday, Sept 26		
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Sept 28		
Adventure Time	3:30 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice	6:45 P.M.	Chapel
Sunday, Oct 2 (Communion)		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black's Chapel
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Attendance Snapshot

Sept. 18 Black's Chapel: 9 TPC: Livestream: Total:

Bulletin Art:

Cross of Wood: Elizabeth Steele Halstead, posted on March 28, 2017 on the Calvin Institute of Worship website for use in worship bulletins.

Masks:

Masks are available in the narthex for any desiring one.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Guest Preacher Today

This morning Dr. Gilbert is away and the Rev. Jennifer Powell is leading us in worship. We are very pleased to have Jennifer with us again and thankful for her gracious worship leadership. Let us all extend to her our warm welcome!

Food Pantry Emphasis for September: "canned corn"

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

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.

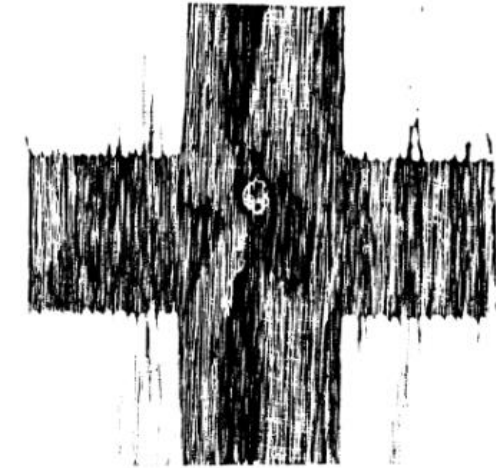
Aug 28	Truth Is Relational	<i>John 14:1-7</i> <i>Philippians 1:3-11</i>
Sept 4	When Truth Changes	<i>John 8:1-11</i>
Sept 11	Truth and Consequences	<i>John 18:33-19:7</i>
Sept 18	Seeing Our Blindness	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>
Sept 25	The Truth About Following	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i> <i>Guest Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Powell</i>
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>

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 – 9:00 & 11:00 AM



THE GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

from Thomas Aquinas / arr. K. Lee Scott

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(credit: Rev. Katheen Sheets)

One: To the fisherman Jesus said:
All: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

One: To the tax collector Jesus said
All: "Follow me."

One: To the rich man Jesus said:
All: "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

One: At the last supper Jesus said:
All: "Follow me."

One: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:
All: "Follow me."

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we fail to follow you completely. Our priorities often veer away from you. We calculate our own gains and losses. We are so attached to our possessions; we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. Most merciful God, loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

One: Beloved, good news in Jesus Christ is this:

All: We are forgiven!

One: With every choice, in every moment,

All: let us live joyfully as God forgiven people!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND PRAYER (11:00)

Barbara Kincer

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25-33 (*pg. 850*)

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Truth About Following"

Rev. Jennifer Powell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus.....
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me.....
no turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow.....
no turning back, no turning back.

*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Title

arr.

*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.

CELEBRATIONS 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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me
(The Summons)

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE