

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:
Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Doris Branam. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly.

OTHERS:
Family of Kathy Melton Jackson; family of David O-Brien Lee; family of Jerry Vencill; Kendrick Carter; Gizele Bowen’s brother, Gary Casey; Pam Taylor; Linda Riley; Mitchell and Meghan Cooper; Kim McGraw’s mother; Dr. Brenda Lawson.

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: Nov 27		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
Monday, Nov 28		
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Nov 29		
No Table Talk	11 A.M.	Parlor/Zoom
Wednesday, Nov 30		
Adventure Time	3:30 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Dec. 4		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
Sunday Night Live	5 P.M.	Fellowship Hall

Attendance and Financial Giving Snapshot
Nov. 20 Black’s Chapel: 9 TPC: 33 Livestream: 7 Total: 49
Nov. 20 Contributions: \$1,355.00

Health Precaution: The chapel is available if you want to sit in a ventilated area. Masks and hand-sanitizers are available at the exits.

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

Our Guest Preacher Today
Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Powell. We are grateful for her worship leadership. Jennifer has accepted a call to be the pastor of a church in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Her pastoral ministry there will begin in February.

Sunday Night Live
Next Sunday, December 4, we will have a potluck supper at 5:00. At 5:30 Dr. Gilbert will lead a discussion of a short story by Flannery O’Connor.

Table Talk
“*The Sacred Journey*” by Charles Foster is an acclaimed book on the practice of spiritual pilgrimage. Copies of the book are available in the church office. We will meet for discussion of the book on December 6, 13, and 20 at 11 a.m. at the Front Porch Restaurant. Newcomers are always welcome!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
We thank everyone who filled a shoebox. Your gifts will bring the joy of Christmas to a child.

Food Pantry Emphasis for December: (Contents of the Christmas bags)
Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex. Thank you!

JOY <i>when you</i> NEED IT MOST		
Nov. 27	Jennifer Powell <i>Rejoice in the Lord. . . Always?</i>	Philippians 4:4-7
Dec. 4	Dave Gilbert <i>Coming to Your House</i>	Luke 1:39-45
Dec. 11	Dave Gilbert <i>Tidings of Happiness Joy</i>	Luke 3:1-18
Dec. 18	Dave Gilbert <i>Joy to the World</i>	Luke 2:8-20
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	Dave Gilbert <i>Joy to Carry You Through</i>	Philippians 2:5-11 & Christmas texts
Dec. 25 Christmas Day	Dave Gilbert <i>Lessons and Carols</i>	



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

November 27, 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

Tazewell Presbyterian Church
Black’s Presbyterian Chapel



Gathering and Praise

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also. *Isaiah 45:8*

Chiming of the Hour and Prelude *Meditation on Veni Emmanuel*
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Call to Worship and Lighting of the Candle of Hope

One: We give thanks for the light of Christ shining in the lives of all God’s people.
All: We light this candle as a sign of our hope,
One: our joyous hope that can be restored ---
All: our faith restored, our strength restored,
One: our confidence restored, our joy restored.
All: Light of Jesus, show us the way to hope today.

Response (11:00) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Choir

Welcome

*Hymn 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, Creator of all things good, we confess we fail to see your marvelous works in our everyday lives. We fail to see that you are with us in good times, as well as in times of angst, and thus we worry. We try to control, forgetting to bring our needs to you in prayer. Forgive us, and in doing so remind us of your presence in our everyday lives. Remind us of the hope we have in you. Embrace us with your steadfast peace. Fill us with joy always. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.
(Silent prayer)

O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs. 4
**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today;
We hear the Christmas angels the great, glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

Assurance of God’s Grace
One: Christ’s saving grace is a great gift from God.
Rejoice in the Good News!
All: We are forgiven! Let us rejoice always!

*Passing of the Peace

*Response of Praise
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Word Proclaimed

Children’s Message and Prayer (11:00) Barbara Kincer

Scripture Philippians 4:4-7 *(pg. 955)*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Jennifer Powell
Rejoice in the Lord . . . Always?

Response to the Word

*Hymn 106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

*Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Of the Father’s Love Begotten*
13th c. plainsong

*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.**

Sending and Service

*Hymn 105 *People, Look East*

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude