

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

The family of Kathy Melton Jackson (including Steve Melton and Eunice Lester Jones); the family of Don Hudson (Christina, Madi, and Michael); Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Doris Branam. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly.

OTHERS:

The family of Jerry Vencill; Kendrick Carter; Gary Casey; Pam Taylor; Linda Riley; Mitchell and Meghan Cooper; Kim McGraw's mother.

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: Dec 4		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black's Chapel
Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
Called Session Meeting	12 P.M.	Fellowship Hall/Zoom
Monday, Dec 5		
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Dec 6		
Table Talk	11 A.M.	Front Porch
Christian Ed Committee	7 P.M.	Parlor/Zoom
Wednesday, Dec 7		
Worship Committee	1 P.M.	Parlor/Zoom
Adventure Time	3:30 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, Dec 8		
Women's Circle	10 A.M.	Parlor/Zoom
Sunday, Dec. 11		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black's Chapel
Bible Study	10:10 A.M.	Fellowship Hall
Worship Service	11 A.M.	Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting	12 P.M.	Sanctuary
Sunday Night Live	5 P.M.	Fellowship Hall

Attendance and Financial Giving Snapshot

Nov. 27 Black's Chapel: 11 TPC: 38 Livestream: 10 Total: 59
 Nov. 27 Contributions: \$6,235.00

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

Food Pantry Christmas Bag Contents

3 lbs. canned ham, boxed or canned potatoes, gravy mix, sweet potatoes, boxed bread mix, jello, boxed dessert mix, canned frosting. Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex. Thank you!

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 & Black's Chapel**
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Called Session Meeting Today

A brief called meeting of the Session will be held today in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the 11 a.m. service. At the meeting the Administration Team will present its recommendations regarding a compensation package for Rev. Grace Kim as transitional pastor.

Sunday Night Live

Next Sunday, December 11, we'll enjoy a potluck supper together at 5:00. (You may also want to bring some Christmas cookies or pumpkin pie to share). Then, at 5:30, we will discuss two little Christmas stories. Copies of the stories can be picked up in the narthex. Join us for the good food and good conversation as we rejoice in the spirit of Christmas and share some of our favorite holiday memories!

Table Talk Book Discussion

We will meet this Tuesday, December 6 to discuss chapters 1, 2 and 3 of *The Sacred Journey* by Charles Foster, and then also the following two Tuesdays, December 13, and 20. Our gatherings are at 11 a.m. at the Front Porch Restaurant, and all are welcome.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, December 11 at 12 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is: (1) to approve the dissolution of the pastoral call between the Rev. Dr. David Gilbert and Tazewell Presbyterian Church; and (2) to receive and vote on the nominating committee's slate of elder nominees for service on the session and its slate of member-at-large nominees for service on the nominating committee. The slates of nominees are: For Session Elders: Eunice Jones and Sue Keene. For Nominating Committee Members (members-at-large): Debby Crews, Joe Bowen, Jim Thompson and Kim McGraw. (*David Larimer & Joan Flynn will represent Session on the committee*). The Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks, Presbytery Leader, will moderate. All members of the congregation are urged to attend this important meeting.

A BIG Thanks To: Carol Weaver; Jimmy & Melissa Thompson; Josh, Lura and Huntley Thompson; Brad and Davina Perkins; Lynn Larimer; Joe and Gizele Bown; Cindy Lowe; and Pam Irvin. We thank all of them for making the church beautiful for the Advent and Christmas season!

JOY WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

Nov. 27 – Dec. 25, 2022

This is the season when we light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This year, perhaps more than most, we need a little joy. When life is wearying and hope is fragile, joy can seem hard to come by. But joy is a strong disposition. Joy is both a gift and a spirit that is pursued. This Advent we will rehearse once again the story that is the source of joy to the world, and to us when we need it most.

Nov. 27	<i>Rejoice in the Lord. . . Always?</i>	
Dec. 4	<i>Coming to Your House</i>	
Dec. 11	<i>Tidings of Happiness Joy</i>	
Dec. 18	<i>Joy to the World</i>	
Dec. 24	<i>Joy to Carry You Through</i>	Christmas Eve
Dec. 25	<i>Lessons and Carols</i>	Christmas Day



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black's Presbyterian Chapel



Gathering

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE *Peace on the Earth, Good Will to Men*
arr. from *Carol*, Richard Willis

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE Randall Cooper (9:00); the Bowens (11:00)

We light this candle as a sign of Christ's peace,
the joyous peace that is God's promise to all ---
to all humankind, and to every corner of creation:
the peace that is wholeness and rest, our salvation and desired end.

We are waiting and preparing ourselves ----
not only for the celebration of the birth of God's love in Bethlehem,
but also, for the birth of God's promised day.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!
Light of Jesus, show us the way to peace today!

CHOIR RESPONSE (11:00) *Lullaby to the Christ Child*
Choir

WORDS OF WELCOME Dave Gilbert

*HYMN 88 (vss. 1, 2, 6, 7) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come, Wisdom from on high.
Come, Dayspring.
Come, Desire of nations:
We are waiting ----
sometimes patiently,
sometimes apathetically,
and sometimes wearily.
In our waiting, do not lose patience with us.
But lead us in the paths of peace;
for Jesus' sake.
(*Silent Prayer*)

SUNG RESPONSE

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Word

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Barbara Kincer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Congregation sings*)
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:39-45 (*pg. 831*)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dave Gilbert
"I'm coming to your house"

Response to the Word

*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
16th c. German carol

*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

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 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE