

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; 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 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
Monday, Dec 12		
Boy Scouts	6 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Dec 13		
Don Hudson Funeral (King University)	10 A.M.	King University Chapel
Administration Team	7 P.M.	Parlor
Wednesday, Dec 14		
Outreach Luncheon	11:30 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Adventure Time	3:30 P.M.	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Dec. 18		
Worship Service	9 A.M.	Black’s Chapel
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Attendance and Financial Giving Snapshot

Dec. 4 Black’s Chapel: 6 TPC: 43 Livestream: 14 Total: 63
Dec. 4 Contributions: \$2,502.00

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!

Tazewell Presbyterian Church
& Black’s Chapel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Today

The congregational meeting today will be held immediately following the 11 a.m. service. 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, Sue Keene, and Scott Kitts. 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.

Sunday Night Live

We will enjoy a potluck supper tonight at 5:00. Then, at 5:30, we will discuss two short Christmas stories. Copies of the stories are available in the church narthex for your pick up and reading ahead of our gathering. After the story discussion there will be time for us to share some of our favorite Christmas memories. We hope you can join us tonight as we rejoice in the spirit of Christmas.

Don Hudson Funeral Service

Don Hudson’s service will be this Tuesday, December 13, at 10 a.m. The service will be held in the chapel at King University. Several members of the church are planning to go to the service. If you would like to go to the service and would be willing to drive or join others in a carpool, please call Phyllis Christian in the church office (276) 988-4724.

Sanctuary Flowers

The White Poinsettia has been placed in loving memory of all of our church members who have died this past year. The Red Poinsettias have been placed in loving memory of all the saints of Tazewell Presbyterian Church who have died through the years.

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 11, 2022

The Third Sunday of Advent

TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black’s Presbyterian Chapel



Gathering

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND PRELUDE

Venite Adoremus
arr. Hughes

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

This morning we light the Candle of Joy.
Our spirits rejoice in the coming of the One who is:
Wisdom,
Adonai,
Root of Jesse,
Key of David,
Rising Sun,
Ruler of the nations,
Immanuel.

He strengthens those who are weak,
comforts those who are broken-hearted,
and His light is life for all.
Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

CHOIR RESPONSE (11:00)

Choir

There's a Song in the Air

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dave Gilbert

*HYMN 143 (vs. 1-3)

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Immanuel, God with us ----
Our prayer this week is simple:
train our eyes to see what you see,
our hearts to love what you love,
our desire to want what you want.
In your steadfast love, release us from our fears and sins.
With your help, we will draw closer to your dreams for us:
dreams you have never forgotten,
dreams you will never abandon. (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 3:1-18 (*pg. 834*)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dave Gilbert

"Tidings of Happiness Joy"

Response to the Word

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Impromptu on "Gloria"
arr. Kirkland

*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 105 (vss. 1, 2, 5)

People, Look East

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY AND POSTLUDE