

WELCOME!

We are very glad you could join us for tonight’s service of worship.
We wish you peace and joy this Christmas and in the New Year.

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) *jseun@aol.com*); or the th office at (276.988.4724; *sectazpresb12@yahoo.com*). Names will remain on the Prayer List for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

THIS WEEK

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| Sunday (Christmas Day) | | |
| Lessons & Carols Service | 11 A.M. | Sanctuary |
| Monday, Dec 26 | | |
| Office Closed | | |
| Wednesday, Dec 28 | | |
| Farewell Dinner for Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert | 6 P.M. | Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday, Jan 1 (New Year’s Day) | | |
| Worship Service | 9:30 A.M. | Black’s Chapel |
| Worship Service | 11 A.M. | Sanctuary |

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. Let us rehearse once again the story that is the source of joy to the world, and to us when we need it most.

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| 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 |



CHRISTMAS EVE
Tazewell Presbyterian Church
7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

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| GATHERING MUSIC | |
| WELCOME | |
| LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE | |
| <p>O Holy Night! O Blessed Night! This is the night of our dear Savior’s birth! Authority rests upon His shoulders and He is named; Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.</p> <p>So much to expect from a child asleep between the star and the straw. Emmanuel, God with us! Let earth receive her king!</p> | |
| *HYMN 134 | <i>Joy to the World</i> |
| | <p>Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.</p> <p>Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p> <p>No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.</p> <p>He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.</p> |
| SCRIPTURE READING | John 1:1-14 (pg. 862) |
| HYMN 121 (seated) | <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> |
| SCRIPTURE READING | Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 954) |
| MEDITATION | <i>Joy to Carry Us Through</i> Rev. Dr. Dave Gilbert |

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| *HYMN 119 | <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> |
| | <p>Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”</p> <p>Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”</p> <p>Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”</p> |
| SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER | |
| THE LIGHT OF CHRIST | <i>When passing the flame, please keep your lit candle upright while the next person tilts his or her unlit candle to yours. Candles can be extinguished following the Benediction and returned at the exits.</i> |
| *HYMN 122 | <i>Silent Night, Holy Night!</i> |
| | <p>Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.</p> <p>Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;" Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.</p> <p>Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!</p> |
| *BENEDICTION AND SILENT DEPARTURE | |

*Christmas Day
Service of Lessons and Carols
11 a.m.*