

WELCOME

We wish you peace this Christmas, and joy in the New Year.

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:
Family of Kathy Melton Jackson; family of Don Hudson; Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Doris Branam. *Heritage Hall:* Betty Kelly.
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THIS WEEK

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

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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. Let us 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</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 OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black's Presbyterian Chapel



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CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

WELCOMERev. Gilbert

*CALL TO WORSHIPPsalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;
tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God’s glory among the nations,
God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world, and those who live in it.

Let the whole creation sing for joy
at the presence of God, who is coming.
God is coming indeed,
to judge the earth with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity and truth.
Praise the Lord!

*HYMN 133 (vss. 1, 2 & 4)O Come, All Ye Faithful

PRAYER

FIRST LESSONGenesis 3:8-15, 17-19
Adam and Eve disobey God’s command and disrupt the goodness of creation.

CAROL 140 (vss. 1 &) (seated)“Once in Royal David’s City”

SECOND LESSONGenesis 22:15-18
God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

CAROL 88 (vss. 1, 2, 6)“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

THIRD LESSONIsaiah 9:2, 6-7
The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.

*CAROL 123 (vss. 1, 2 & 4)“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

FOURTH LESSONIsaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

CAROL 129 (vss. 1 & 2)“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

FIFTH LESSONLuke 1:26-35, 38
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

CAROL 119 (vss. 1 & 3)“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

SIXTH LESSONLuke 2:1-16
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

*CAROL 113“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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.

SEVENTH LESSONJohn 1:1-5
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

*HYMN 134 (vss. 1, 2 & 4)“Joy to the World!”

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.

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.

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.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING