

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

Rev. Grace Kim and husband Rev. Dr. Samuel Weddington; also, their son Sammy, who is on a mission trip to Ukraine; Sergeant family (death of Gary's mother, Jeanne Richardson-Sergeant); Jerry Cromer; Charlie Irvin; Jim Thompson; Dolores Pruitt; Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Doris Branam.

Heritage Hall: Betty Kelly

Please be in prayer and support of our transitional team who were commissioned on April 30 to be evaluating our congregational needs and future direction for Tazewell Presbyterian Church and Black's Chapel.

The team members are *(Barbara Kincer, Carol Weaver, Laura Thompson, Lucie D'Amato, Matthew Irvin, & Scott Kitts)*

OTHERS:

Pruett family (death of Joe "Muss" Pruett) grandfather of Lura Thompson & great grandfather of Huntley. 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

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Worship Service-Black's Chapel 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service-TPC Sanctuary 11:00 A.M.

Monday, July 31, 2023

Boys Scouts, Fellowship Hall 6:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Worship Service-Black's Chapel 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service-TPC Sanctuary 11:00 A.M.

Attendance:

July 23 TPC 24 Livestream 10 BC 5 Total 39

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

Pulpit Schedule for August 20, 2023

August 6 *Dr. Scott Sikes*
August 13 *Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks*
August 20 *Rev. Robert Belcher*
August 27 *Reverend Grace Kim*

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& Black's Chapel**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We welcome all who join our Sunday worship service. If you are not able to be present in our sanctuary you can join us live on [YouTube by searching Tazewell Presbyterian Church](#). All of our live-streamed services are available for replay. Through our worship, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and celebrate the community of faith. We are happy that you are here!

We welcome back Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks. Ann is the presbytery leader and stated clerk for Abingdon Presbytery. She holds a Bachelors degree in Religious Studies from the College of William and Mary and a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Ann Elyse has taught and preached for youth and adults in congregations, camps and conferences and regional meetings alike. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring nature, often with her Basset hound Greta.

Mark Your Calendars

August 13, 2023 is the date for the annual Worship/Church Picnic at the Crab Orchard Pioneer Park. We will meet at 11:00 am for worship in the Red Barn then picnic under the shelters at 12:00 noon. We are now able to bring a covered dish to share (no more bag lunches). The church will provide drinks, fried chicken, and paper goods. Reverend Grace Kim will be unable to be with us. Ann Elyse Hicks will be our speaker and Donnie Hagy is providing special music. Please come for worship, good food and wonderful fellowship.

Food Pantry Needs for August 2023

The Food Pantry's special emphasis for August is "canned meat & school supplies." Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex (front entry).

(Automated Defibrillator Equipment) updated!

The AED located in the Chapel has been updated. If anyone is interested in being trained on how to use it, a signup sheet in the narthex will be available.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost



TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black's Presbyterian Chapel

The Gathering

Chiming of the Hour & Prelude: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*
Lafferty/arr. Purifoy

Choral Introit: *We Are Called* Choir

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(By Katherine Hawker, "Liturgy Outside")*

Called to be branches in Christ's body,
we yearn to be connected to the vine.
Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,
we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.
Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,
we seek God's nurturing presence.

***Hymn 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Prayer of Confession (By Moira Laidlan, “Liturgies Online”)

Holy God, we confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised.

Lord, Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
(Please share the peace with those around you).

*Response of Praise How Great Thou Art (refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.
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The Word

Children’s Message

Scripture: Matthew 13:32-33, 44-50 (Pew Bible, pg. 795)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks
“The Kingdom Is Like...”

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 301 Let Us Build a House

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: Spirit Song Wimber/Carter

*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 by 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 761 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity and Postlude

* Please rise in body and/or spirit.