

For PRAYER . . .

**CHURCH FAMILY:**

Matthew Kincer; Sam Larimer (David Larimer’s brother); Roger Weaver; Jerry Cromer; Jim Thompson; Dolores Pruitt; Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Doris Branam.

**Heritage Hall:** Betty Kelly

**OTHERS:**

Reverend Michael Weller; Nancy Lowe (sister of Martha Cooper) in the loss of her husband; 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, October 1, 2023**

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

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

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

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

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023.**

Adventure Time/TAG 3:30 P.M.

**Sunday, October 8, 2023 (World Communion Sunday)**

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

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

**Attendance:**

September 24 TPC 48 Livestream 14 BC 10 Total 72

**Pulpit Schedule for October 2023**

October 1	Dr. Scott Sikes
October 8	Reverend Grace Kim
October 15	Dr. Martin Dotterweich
October 22	Reverend Grace Kim
October 29	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!

**Food Pantry Needs for October 2023**

The Food Pantry’s special emphasis for October is “Christmas bag contents {3-lb. canned ham, boxed dressing, canned or boxed potatoes, gravy mix, canned sweet potatoes, bread mix, jello, cake mix/canned icing or brownies}”. Donations may be placed in the basket in the church narthex (front entry).

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

*October 1, 2023*

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*



**TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Black’s Presbyterian Chapel**

**The Gathering**

**Chiming of the Hour & Prelude:** *On Christ, the Solid Rock*  
William Bradbury

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 138)**

One: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart; we sing your praise!

**All: We give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; your name and your word are exalted.**

One: We call and you answer; you increase the strength of our souls.

**All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you for they have heard your words.**

One: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord; they shall sing of your glory!

**All: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; from the arrogant He looks away.**

One: Though we walk in the midst of troubles, you stretch out your hand; you deliver us.

**All: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us; the Lord will not forsake us.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Prayer of Confession

One: Beloved, the proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we fall short of God’s call for our lives, through Christ we are offered grace upon grace. With the confidence of children of God and trusting in such grace, let us confess our sin together with these words.  
**All: Gracious and loving God, forgive us. We try to make you in our image. We turn to false idols and earthly powers for the wisdom, assurance, and strength you have already shown us. We deny your purpose for us. We forsake your promise of salvation. Renew us that we may be your people, your holy temple on this earth, bound together by love and mercy. With trust and hope, we pray. 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

One: My friends, hear the good news!  
**All: Through the abundance of God’s mercy and forgiving love, we are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others, to offer words and deeds of hope in a struggling world. God’s blessings are poured over us; we are a forgiven people. 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

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

The Word

God’s Word in SongChancel Choir

Children’s MessageBarbara Kincer

Scriptures: Isaiah 51:1-6 (Pew Bible, pg. 594)  
Matthew 16:13-20 (Pew Bible, pg. 798)

SermonDr. Scott Sikes

“Do Not Tell Anyone”

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 321, verses 1, 4, 5The Church’s One Foundation

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: Lord I Want to Be a Christian  
traditional spiritual/arr. 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 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 and Service

\*Hymn 543God Be the Love (O Christ, Surround Me)

\*Benediction

\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.