

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

Jerry Wood; Sue Keene; Matthew Kincer; Jim Thompson; Dolores Pruitt; Connie Fletcher; Dorothy Wright; Julia Butler; Doris Branam.

Heritage Hall: Betty Kelly

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Michael Thomas, Kristie Hancock Clifton, Barbara Kincer, Josh Thompson, Davina Larimer Perkins, Howie Mitchell, and Peggy Riley.

OTHERS:

Reverend Michael Weller; Letty & George “Chappy” Chapman (death of her son); 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, December 10, 2023

Worship Service	Black’s Chapel	9:30 A.M.
Children’s Christmas Presentation during Worship		11:00 A.M.
Christmas Cantata & reception afterwards		5:00 P.M.

Monday, December 11, 2023

Boys Scouts, Fellowship Hall	6:00 P.M.
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Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Second Tuesday’s Quilters, Fellowship Hall	4:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

Outreach Luncheon	11:00 A.M.
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Sunday, December 17, 2023

Worship Service-Black’s Chapel	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service-TPC Sanctuary	11:00 A.M.

Attendance:

December 3 TPC 31 Livestream 12 BC 11 Total 54

Pulpit Schedule for December 2023

December 3	Dr. Scott Sikes
December 10	Pastor Grace Kim
December 17	Dr. Martin Dotterweich
December 24	Pastor Grace Kim
December 31	The Reverend Russ Hatfield

**Tazewell Presbyterian Church
& 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!

Our Pledges of Time, Talent, and Resources

Thank you for the Time, Talent, and Pledges. If you haven’t had the chance to dedicate your pledges yet, you can place them on the offering plate.

Poinsettias

Please have your forms and checks for the Poinsettias back to the church by Sunday, December 17, 2023. Make checks payable to Tazewell Presbyterian Church.

Food Pantry Needs for December 2023

The Food Pantry’s special emphasis for December 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).

Christmas Cantata

The TPC Chancel Choir will be joined by choirs from Lebanon Memorial UMC and Main Street UMC, as well as other friends from the community, to present a Christmas cantata "Sing for Joy," on Sunday, December 10th, at 5:00 p.m. in the TPC sanctuary. This service includes choral pieces in a variety of styles from classical to African rhythms to jazz, combining to present the story of the birth of Christ through Word and music. A reception for all, in Fellowship Hall, follows the cantata.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

*December 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent*



TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black’s Presbyterian Chapel

The Gathering

Chiming of the Hour & Prelude: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

The Gledhill Family: Josh, Trang, Addie

We acknowledge that peace does not reign in our world. The natural world around us is being destroyed. Wars rage between countries. Injustice exists in every nation. Violent conflicts erupt between friends. Children are abused right in our neighborhoods. We ask, “Who will show us the ways of peace and reconciliation?” “Where do we find the strength, the will, the courage to work for peace?” As always in the life and teachings of Jesus we find the way to peace and justice. And with the help of the Holy Spirit we find the courage and the power to work for peace. If we follow Jesus we will find our way past greed and indifference to a restoration of creation. If we follow Jesus we will find our way past the fear of differences to an appreciation of diversity. If we follow Jesus we will find our way past hurts and disappointments to forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is our hope for Peace. Today we relight the candle of preparation of peace. Let it remind us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Call to Worship *based on Isaiah 2:1-5*

One: Come and gather, O People of God!
Many: Let us gather at the House of the Lord!
One: We await the Word, who will lead all nations.
Many: We await the One who will guide us in Peace.
One: Let us – in peace – kindle the light of the Lord.

*Hymn 88, verses 1, 6 and 7 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious God, forgive us for we are unprepared to meet you. So often we choose to live by the ways and values of the world and ignore the ways you came to teach us.
All: In your loving mercy, forgive us, O God.
One: Sometimes we exhibit greater hubris than faith and lose focus of what you humbly require for us. For we have forgotten that the meek are blessed and will inherit the Earth.
All: In your loving mercy, forgive us, O God.
One: In this time where pride and greed have become the rule of the day, we forget that you have taught us that those who scrape the pots and pans of desperation -- the hungry and the thirsty, will be filled and nourished.
All: In your loving mercy, forgive us, O God.
One: Holy Redeemer, teach us the way of return. Build in us a new strength that will lead us to new and surprising hope. Remind us again that in this time of domination, the merciful are blessed and you will wipe away the tears of all who mourn.
All: In your loving mercy, forgive us, O God.
One: Show us how to be peacemakers and sowers of justice so that we may break the bonds of hatred and injustice and redirect our attention to your steadfast love.
All: In your loving mercy, forgive us, O God.

Kyrie

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

One: No matter how long the night seems the morning will surely come. No matter how thick the darkness seems the light can shine through. So is the steadfast love of God.
Friend, believe the good news of the gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*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

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Word

Children’s Presentation

Scriptures: Mark 1:1-8 *(Please see the insert)*

Sermon Rev. Grace Kim
“Gift of Goodwill (John), Path Maker”

Response to the Word

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

*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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... therefore, we praise you... with all who have ever sung this hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you Jesus Christ, our Savior..... therefore, in remembrance of your promise we offer ourselves to you in union with Christ as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

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 115 *Away in a Manger*

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

**Please rise in body and/ or spirit.*