

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

Carol Ann Fournier; 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 17, 2023

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

Monday, December 18, 2023

Boys Scouts, Fellowship Hall	6:00 P.M.
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Sunday, December 24, 2023

Worship Service-Black’s Chapel	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service-TPC Sanctuary	11:00 A.M.
Christmas Eve Service-TPC	7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

December 10 TPC **49** Livestream **14** BC **11** Total **74**

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Emphasis Food Pantry Needs

Special Emphasis for the Food Pantry for the remainder of December and the month of January is soup. This is for Souper Bowl Sunday to enable us to give out extra soup during the winter months.

Thank You

Thanks to all who donated candy for the Halloween “Trick or Treat” at Tazewell Presbyterian Church. It went well and hopefully we can do this again next year.

Our Pledges of Time, Talent, and Resources

The 2024 Time, Talent and Pledge cards were in the bulletin several weeks ago. If you were not here, your copies were mailed to you. Please prayerfully consider how you would want to take part of this church in 2024.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

*December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent*



TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black’s Presbyterian Chapel

The Gathering

Chiming of the Hour & Prelude:

Advent Noel
Chauvet

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy *Lucie and Vince D’Amato*

In the Old Testament, the word “joy” is nearly always associated with an act of God, and even more specifically, with an act of God delivering his people. When they were enslaved in Egypt, God set them free. As they traveled to the Promised Land, God proved to the Israelites over and over again that God was with them. When the nation of Israel was carried off into captivity by the Babylonians, again they cried out to God, and God delivered them and brought them back to Jerusalem. Each time they were rescued, the Israelites were joyful and rejoiced in God’s love for them. But each time they soon forgot God’s deliverance and turned away from God. On Christmas, God sent himself to us to bring us life and never-ending joy. Today, as we celebrate Advent and think of joy, let’s remember and live each day in the knowledge and understanding of what God has done for us. As we light the candle of Joy, may our hearts be forever filled with the joy of Christ’s coming.

***Call to Worship** *based on Isaiah 35:1-10*

One: The wilderness will dance and the dry places will sing praises to God.
All: When we see the glory of the Lord, we will be strengthened.
One: God’s peace opens our eyes. God’s gift of hope opens our hearts.
All: With joy, we will praise the promised Savior of the world.
One: Let us—with joy—kindle the light of the Lord.

***Hymn 93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

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: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: 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**
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Word

God’s Word in Song: *Hope is Born*
Frombach, Dengler

Children’s Message Barbara Kincer

Scriptures: Matthew 1. 1-17 (Pew Bible, pg. 783)
Luke 3.23-38 (Pew Bible, pg. 834-835)

Sermon Dr. Martin Dotterweich

“The Faith and Love and the Hope are All in the Waiting”

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 123, verses 1, 3, 5** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* 16th c. folk tune

***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 145** *What Child Is This*

***Benediction**

***Chiming of the Trinity**

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