

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 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.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

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

Attendance:

December 17 TPC **35** Livestream **11** BC **11** Total **57**

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!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We will have Christmas Eve Candlelight service this evening at 7:00 pm. Please come and witness our lighting of Christ candle and join the voices of singing *Silent Night, Holy Night*.

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 24, 2023
4th Sunday of Advent



TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black’s Presbyterian Chapel

The Gathering

Chiming of the Hour & Prelude: *Venite, Adoremus*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love
Joan Flynn and John Patrick Flynn

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. This light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. Jesus shows us God’s perfect Love. He is God’s Love in human form. The Bible says that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

Today as we light the candles of love, we celebrate the announcement of the coming King and the greatness of God’s love revealed through the Christ child.

Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 7:10-16

One: We seek a sign of the Lord our God from the depths of the earth to the heights of the heavens
Many: Let God’s sign be known to all.
One: A young woman shall give birth to peace, hope, and joy.
Many: A young woman will give Love a name, Emmanuel–God is with us.
One: Let us – in love – kindle the light of the Lord.

*Hymn 134

Joy to the World

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for the times we refuse to listen to those who announce your presence. Forgive us when we ignore the cries that come from the wilderness.
Open our eyes to see the places you are in work and help us live into our callings. Remind us of the Good News of Jesus Christ, Emanuel, God with Us.
Empower us to be part of that Good News. 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: 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

The first Nowell the angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

The Word

Children’s Message

Scriptures: Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bible, pg. 831)

Sermon Rev. Grace Kim
“Bitter Tears, the Favored One”

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 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: Away in a Manger
incorporating two tunes of the familiar hymn

*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 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.