

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

Carol Ann Fournier; Jerry Wood; 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; 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 31, 2023

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

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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

Attendance:

December 24 TPC **31** Livestream **10** BC **11** Total **52**

Pulpit Schedule for January 2024

January 7	Pastor Grace Kim
January 14	Dr. Martin Dotterweich
January 21	Pastor Grace Kim
January 28	Pastor 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!

Special Emphasis Food Pantry Needs

Special Emphasis for 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 31, 2023
1st Sunday of Christmas



TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black’s Presbyterian Chapel

The Gathering

Chiming of the Hour & Prelude:

Joyful Tidings
arr. Moffett

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: A new year begins, and with it, new opportunities to live the Gospel!

All: We give thanks to God for the year past, and look with anticipation at what God will bring in the year to come.

One: God has destined us for adoption as God’s children. The season of Christmas reminds us of the fulfillment of that adoption.

All: We are God’s children, and the Lord is our God!

One: In Christ, we have obtained an inheritance;

All: We, who have set our hope in Christ, live for the praise of his glory!

One: Come, let us worship the newborn King!

All: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 140

Once in Royal David’s City

Prayer of Confession

One: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God’s mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God’s love for us, let us pray together.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us, we pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. 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, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
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	Barbara Kinser
Scripture:	Luke 2:22-40 (Pew Bible, pg. 833)
Sermon	Father Russell Hatfield

“Christ In Our Midst”

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 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:	Impromptu on “Gloria” arr. Kirkland
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*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 136

Go Tell It in the Mountain

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

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