

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

Pam Irvin; Sue Keene; Rick Campbell (son of Connie Fletcher); Charlie Irvin; Stanley Stevenson; Matthew Kincer; Jim Thompson; Dolores Pruitt; Connie Fletcher; Julia Butler

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

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

OTHERS:

Greg Neel; Nate Thomas; Jo Jones; 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 1, 2024

Worship Service-Black's Chapel	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service-TPC Sanctuary	11:00 A.M.
Church Greening	2:00 P.M.

Monday, December 2, 2024

Boy Scouts-Fellowship Hall	6:00 P.M.
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Friday-December 6, 2024

PW Christmas Lunch-Front Porch	1:00 P.M.
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Sunday, December 8, 2024

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

Attendance:

November 24 TPC 32 Livestream 10 BC 11 Total 51

Pulpit Schedule for December 2024

December 1	<i>Dr. Scott Sikes</i>
December 8	<i>Rev. Grace Kim</i>
December 15	<i>Rev. Grace Kim</i>
December 22	<i>Rev. Grace Kim</i>
December 29	<i>Father Russell Hatfield</i>

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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](#). We are happy that you are here!

Season of Advent

We will gather today at 2 PM for church greening to decorate the sanctuary. Please join us for fellowship and work! We also have copies of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas to accompany you this season. Please pick up your copy!

Poinsettias

In lieu of poinsettias, we are continuing the tradition of donations in honor or in memory of loved ones at this Christmas season. Suggested recipients of this year's donations are *A Child Shall Lead Them* Food Pantry and *The Care Portal Tazewell*. Please use the bulletin insert, which you may put in the offering plate, or deliver to the church office.

Christmas Cantata

This year our TPC Choir, along with singers from neighboring churches, have the joy of combining with the choir of Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church in presenting our Christmas Cantata. The cantata will be presented on **December 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church sanctuary**. Please plan to attend!

Baptism

On Sunday, December 15, we will share in the Sacrament of Baptism for Matilda Massie Thompson, daughter of Josh and Lura Beth Thompson. Please join us in this time of joy for our congregation.

Special Emphasis Food Pantry Needs

Food Pantry needs for the months of November and December are the Christmas Bag contents: 3 lb. canned ham, boxed stuffing, canned or boxed potatoes, gravy mix, canned sweet potatoes, boxed bread mix, jello, cake mix, and icing or brownie mix.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 1, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent



TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black's Presbyterian Chapel

The Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude:

Veni Emmanuel
ancient Advent hymn/ arr Scriveynor

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit: *O Light the Advent Candle of Hope*

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

The Larimer Family

Reader: We light the candle of Hope to show us the way.

All: And to remind us that God is with us today

*Call to Worship Luke 1: 68-79

One: Lift up your hearts, for the Lord has looked favorably upon us.

All: The Lord has raised up a mighty savior for us.

One: God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors.

All: The Lord rescues us so that we might serve Him without fear,

One: knowing the holy presence of God all our days.

All: By the tender mercies of our God

One: the dawn from on high will break upon us

All: to give light to those who sit in darkness

One: and in the shadow of death

All: to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

One: To the Lord, we lift up our souls; in God, we put our trust. Just as we wait for the Lord, the Lord waits for us to confess and turn from our sin so that we might be forgiven and graced with new life.

All: God of our salvation, we confess that we often lose sight of your paths. We ignore your call to lives of service, love, and faithfulness. We bring hurt upon others, and we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord. Do not remember our sins, but remember us in your goodness. Teach us your humble ways. Amen.

Response:

While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting, come;
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Friends, we have heard the good news!

All: Good and upright is the Lord who teaches us the way of love and faithfulness. God remembers us and offers the promise of grace. Through Jesus Christ, we receive forgiveness. 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 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain)

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

The Word

Children’s Message Barbara Kincer

God’s Word in Song: Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bible p. 645)
Luke 1:5-25 (Pew Bible p. 831)

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Dr. Scott Sikes “Do Not Be Afraid”

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed

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

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: Of the Father’s Love Begotten
from 13th c. plainsong /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

The Prayer 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 121, Verses 1 & 4 O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.