

For PRAYER . . .

CHURCH FAMILY:

Steve Melton; 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 15, 2024

Worship Service-Black's Chapel 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service-TPC Sanctuary 11:00 A.M.

Christmas Cantata-Lebanon Memorial UMC 3:00 P.M.

Monday, December 16, 2024

Boy Scouts-Fellowship Hall 6:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Worship Service-Black's Chapel 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service-TPC Sanctuary 11:00 A.M.

Attendance:

December 8 TPC 32 Livestream 10 BC 11 Total 53

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!

Sacrament of Baptism

Today, we welcome Matilda (Tilley) Massie Thompson into the One Universal Church of Christ by the Sacrament of Baptism. Tilley's parents are Josh and Lura Beth Thompson; her grandparents are James and Melissa Thompson and Charlie and Jackie Pruett.

Christmas Cantata, Today!

The Christmas cantata will be presented **today at 3:00 p.m. in the Lebanon Memorial United Methodist Church sanctuary.** (24 Tate St. Lebanon, VA) Please join the celebration!

Hunger Offering

Today, we receive the Hunger Offering. These funds support those in need, particularly in our local communities.

Christmas Joy Offering

Next Sunday, December 22nd, we will receive the Christmas Joy Offering. It is a special offering that combines thousands of Presbyterian congregations' gifts to bring hope through education and emergency assistance.

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*.

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 15, 2024
The Third Sunday of Advent*



TAZEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Black's Presbyterian Chapel

The Gathering

Prelude: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* arr. Summers

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

The Thompson Family

Reader: We light the candle of Hope and Peace and today the candle of Joy to show us the way.

All: And as a reminder that God is with us today.

***Call to Worship**

from Luke 1 and 3

One: Zechariah sang to his newborn child:

Many: "You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

One: You will tell his people how to be saved through the forgiveness of their sins.

Many: You will proclaim God's mercy to those who sit in darkness.

One: You will be a voice in the wilderness crying out,

Many: All people shall see the salvation of God!

*Hymn 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, baptism promises the washing away of our sin and the start of our new life in Christ.

But we confess that we are still in love with our old ways.

We sin against you and one another, in what we do and in what we fail to do. We take comfort in what is familiar and excuse ourselves rather than serve you.

Forgive us when we mistake such comfort for the peace you offer us in Christ Jesus. Prepare our hearts to embrace new ways of following him. Amen.

Response:

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!

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 *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)*

Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo.

Sacrament of the Baptism

(Matilda Massie Thompson, daughter of Josh & Laura Beth Thompson)

Presentation

Renunciations

*Profession 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands

Welcoming

Hymn of Welcome: God Claims You

All: Child of promise, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Choir: We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

All: Tilley, Tilley, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Choir: We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.

All: Josh and Lura, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

Choir: We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.

All: Child of Promise, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

The Word

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79 (Pew Bible p. 832)
Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 834)

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Grace Kim

"A Child Shall Prepare His Ways"

Response to the Word

Invitation to Offering and Hunger Offering

Offertory:

Once in Royal David's City

*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 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

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