Church Directory

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THE SESSION

Moderator: Dr. Iain S. Maclean Clerk of Session: John Kilby

2015

Cynthia Bailey, Alan Brenner, Valerie Lucas

2016

Lynne Bolton, John Graham, John Hancock

2017

Bruce Bulmer, Debbie Coots, Gwen Griffith

TRUSTEES

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator: Marcia Helms Vice-Moderator: Gwen Griffith

Secretary: Leigh Anne Martin Treasurer: Nancy Pauley

Historian: Connie Miles

THE CHURCH STAFF

Minister: Dr. Iain Maclean
Minister Emeritus: Dr. Edgar Mayse
Treasurer: Barbara Hancock
ganist and Choir Director: Evelyn Rens

Organist and Choir Director: Evelyn Renshaw Secretary/Bookkeeper: Traci Bruno

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday: 9am – 3:30pm Wednesday: 9am – 12 Noon

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Please contact Traci, 540-473-2042 or <u>secretary@fincastlepresbyterian.org</u> by 10am Wednesday morning with items you want included in the bulletin.

The Presbyterian Church at Fincastle, Virginia is a continuation of the Sinking Springs congregation formed in 1754 and the Mountain Union congregation organized in 1832. The building was erected in 1771 for the established Church of England in Botetourt County.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church Service for the Lord's Day 1st Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Come, Thou Savior of our race" Vetter

Choral Introit:

Hymn # 140 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship

Minister: O my God, in you do I trust;

All: do not let me be put to shame.

Minister: Lead me in your truth and teach me.

All: Make me to know your ways.

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle "Hope" Jeremiah 33:14-16

*Hymn # 133 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; Cleanse us from our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Hymn # 823 "Lord, Have Mercy upon Us"

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri # 805

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Offering: "An Advent Carol" Beall/Carter

Sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809 *Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

*Hymn # 138 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Bruce Bulmer Pg. 1030

Luke 21:25-36

Pg. 915
"Spiritual Scouts Motto"

Dr. Iain Maclean

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn # 379 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Prelude in g minor" J.S. Bach

*Standing

Sermon:

Announcements November 29, 2015

Welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a visitor, please fill out a visitor card that is in your pew and put it in the collection plate or give to an Elder. All members, friends and visitors please join us after church in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments.

Prayer Concerns: Charley Nelson, Mary Westerman, Betsy Holt, JoAnn Lowdon, Mary Myers, Rachel DeHaven (David's mother), Clyde Givens, Barbara Woodard, Al and Ruth Frederick, Greg Miller, Bill Finley, Bill and Jean Branscom, Eric Burton, Jim Miles and the Hetzel family.

Duty Elder: Bruce Bulmer

The Historic Fincastle Holiday Tour is Saturday, December 12th from 10am to 4pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Market Place (Fincastle Baptist Church) from 9:30am to 3pm for \$15.00, \$12.00 for HFI members. Proceeds are used for scholarships and preservation projects in Fincastle. The Market Place is free and features hand crafted arts, crafts and food.

The Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6pm at Tizzone's for our annual Christmas Dinner. Please let Nancy Pauley or Marcia Helms know if you plan on attending.

The 2015 Angel Tree is up in the Fellowship Hall. The tags are for specific gifts for a child not all gifts needed for that child. Any questions or needed help with shopping, please contact the member listed on the angel tag. Thank you for your support.

Please take time to open and read the email newsletter sent to you each month. There is a wealth of information regarding the happenings at our church. Please forward it to your friends and family who may be interested, and share it on Facebook.

Rescue Mission Items for November: Sugar, Mayonnaise

 Offering Year-to-Date:
 10-31-15
 \$ 74,472.00

 To Meet Budget:
 10-31-15
 \$ 92,330.03

Schedule of Events

Thursday, December 3, 2015 – Session Meeting

Sunday, December 6, 2015 – 2nd Sunday of Advent "Peace" 9:30am Mere Spitituality at 9:30am and 12 Noon 10:30 am Worship with Dr. Iain Maclean *Communion Service*

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 12, 2015</u> – The Historic Fincastle Holiday Tour from 10am to 4pm.

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 13</u>, <u>2015</u> – 3rd Sunday of Advent "Joy" 10:30 am Worship with Dr. Iain Maclean *Lessons and Carols*

Sunday, December 20, 2015 – 4th Sunday of Advent "Love" 10:30 am Worship with Dr. Iain Maclean *Christmas Joy Offering*

<u>Thursday, December 24, 2015</u> – Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service here at Fincastle Presbyterian Church at 7pm

Friday, December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day

<u>Activities at Fincastle Presbyterian Church – Get Involved!</u> Bell Choir

For information please contact Debbie Coots at 540-588-5925. We are actively seeking Handbell players. You do not have to have any experience as a musician, only enthusiasm. Choir Rehearsal is at 9:30am prior to Sunday Service.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's Group information please contact Marcia Helms at 540-581-5828, <u>mohelms123@hotmail.com</u> or Gwen Griffith at 540-966-4255, gwenbgolf65@yahoo.com

Flowers and Friendship spreads: If you would like to volunteer in providing refreshments (coffee, tea, juice, small food item) for fellowship hour following the service, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in providing flowers for an upcoming worship service, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Youth Group Events – Bring a Friend!

Our Middle and Senior High Youth Group will meet every other Sunday evening from 5pm to 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

