

## **Church Directory**

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090

(540)473-2042

[www.fincastlepresbyterian.org](http://www.fincastlepresbyterian.org)

### **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

*Organist and Choir Director:* Evelyn Renshaw

*Secretary/Bookkeeper:* Traci Bruno

### **Office Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday: 9am – 3:30pm

Wednesday: 9am – 12 Noon

### **THE CHURCH CALENDAR**

Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 am

*Nursery available on Sunday mornings & during special events*

*Children's church during service*

Presbyterian Women . . . . . 2nd Tuesday

Bell Choir. . . . . 12 noon , every other

Sunday

Please contact Traci, 540-473-2042 or [secretary@fincastlepresbyterian.org](mailto:secretary@fincastlepresbyterian.org)  
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**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 20, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.**

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Savior of the Heathen, Come" J.S. Bach

Choral Introit:

Hymn # 140 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship

Minister: Give ear, o shepherd of Israel, thou that leads Joseph like a flock;

**All: thou that dwells between the Cherubim, shine forth.**

Minister: Stir up your strength and come and save us.

**All: Turn us again O Lord, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.**

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle "Love" Zephaniah 3:17

\*Hymn # 136 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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: "A Litany for Advent" arr. by S.W. McRae  
Sung by the Choir

\*Doxology # 809

\*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time/ Christmas Joy Offering

\*Hymn # 147 "Away in a Manger"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Micah 5:2-5a John Hancock Pg. 805

Luke 1:46-55 Pg. 888

Sermon: "Magnificat" Dr. Iain Maclean

\*Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

\*Hymn # 173 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Prelude in a minor" J.S. Bach

\*Standing

**Announcements**  
**December 20, 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, Al and Ruth Frederick, Greg Miller, Bill Finley, Bill and Jean Branscom, Eric Burton, Jim Miles and the Hetzel family.

**Duty Elder:** John Hancock

**Coffee Hour:** Burton/Helms

**The local Fincastle community churches will hold an Ecumenical Christmas Eve service here at Fincastle Presbyterian Church at 7:30pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>.** The liturgy will be conducted by local clergy, with the sermon being present by the Rev. Montie Brown, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fincastle. The offering during the service will be donated to the Botetourt Food Pantry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

**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.

**The organ will be tuned on Tuesday, 12/22 at 10:30am.** Please leave the temperature on at a comfortable setting in the sanctuary.

**Rescue Mission Items for December:** Jam and Jelly

<b>Offering Year-to-Date:</b>	<b>11-30-15</b>	\$ 83,075.05
<b>To Meet Budget:</b>	<b>11-30-15</b>	\$103,066.08

**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, December 24, 2015** – Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service here at Fincastle Presbyterian Church at 7:30pm

**Friday, December 25, 2015** – Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 27, 2015** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day 10:30am Worship with Dr. Iain Maclean

**Thursday, December 31, 2015** – New Year's Eve

**Activities at Fincastle Presbyterian Church – Get Involved!**

**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, [mohelms123@hotmail.com](mailto:mohelms123@hotmail.com) or Gwen Griffith at 540-966-4255, [gwenbgolf65@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Dinner will be provided. Join us and bring a friend!

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*Poinsettia Dedication*

*In Memory of*

**Evelyn Benton Helms**  
*by Marcia and Jim Helms*

**Don Langford**  
*by Dot Langford*

**Jack and Marie Bailey**  
*by Fred and Debbie Coots*

**Fred A. Coots, Sr.**  
*by Fred and Debbie Coots*

**Libby and Stan Cobb**  
*by Sarah and Bruce Bulmer*

**Evelyn and John Bulmer**  
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**JoeAnna and Corky Bolton**  
*by Lynne Bolton*

**Katie and Charles Kniceley**  
*by Carolyn Kniceley*

**Hildegard Busch**  
*by John and Barbara Hancock*

**Faye and Ralph Maeder**  
*by Sandy Gates*

**Dewey and Nellie Goad**  
*by Mike and Cathy Goad*

**Paxton Davis**  
*by Peggy Davis*

**Dorothy Garrison, Bill Shuey, Frank McDonald**  
*by Ed and Verna Shuey*

*In Honor of*

**Whitey and Julia Richardson's grandchildren**  
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