

Thank you for attending
The Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24, 2015
at Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Participants

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

108 E. Back Street
Fincastle, VA 24090
Rev. Dr. Iain Maclean

Fincastle United Methodist Church

137 So. Church Street
Fincastle, VA 24090
Rev. Dr. Jae-Haeng Choi

First Baptist Church

6529 Blue Ridge Tpke.
Fincastle, VA 24090
Rev. Montie Brown

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

111 So. Roanoke Street
Fincastle, VA 24090
Rev. Robert Brodie

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.

**Order for the Celebration
And Worship of God
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.**

Welcome Rev. Dr. Iain S. Maclean

Prelude: “Behold, a Rose Breaks Into Bloom” Brahms

Call to Worship

Minister: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;

All: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

All: Alleluia!

Prayer Rev. Robert Brodie

Give us O God, such love and wonder that with shepherds and magi and pilgrims of all times, we may come to adore the holy child, the promised King and with our gifts worship Him, Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.
AMEN

Lighting of the Christ Candle Isaiah 9:2-7

*Hymn #171 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Confession and Peace Rev. Dr. Jae-Haeng Choi

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not always welcomed the light, or even trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in truth of Christ the Lord.

Declaration of Absolution Rev. Dr. Jae-Haeng Choi

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Christ the Lord, you are forgiven.

The Peace Rev. Robert Brodie

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

*Hymn #162 “The First Noel”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Psalm

Reading

Rev. Montie Brown

Sermon

Rev. Montie Brown

Confession of Faith

Rev. Dr. Iain S. Maclean

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus;
who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [Philippians 2:6-11]

Solo “Some Children See Him”
Sung by Barbara Woodard

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Jae-Haeng Choi

Hymn #173 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Offering Rev. Dr. Jae-Haeng Choi
All proceeds of this ecumenical offering will go to the Fincastle Food Pantry.

Offertory “The First Noel” Handbell Choir

*Offertory Response: Hymn #152, Refrain

*Hymn # 164 “Silent Night! Holy Night!”

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Iain S. Maclean

*Postlude “Adeste Fideles” Barrett

*standing