

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

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
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
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Come now, Saviour of the Heathen" Dupre`

Choral Introit:

Hymn # 140 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship

Minister: Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way.

All: And the Lord, whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple.

Minister: Behold he shall come says the Lord of Hosts.

All: Even the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight.

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle "Peace" Luke 1:76-79

*Hymn # 135 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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

Offering: "Call to Advent" Williams
Sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 1:3-11 Alan Brenner Pg. 1022

Luke 1:68-79 Pg. 889

Sermon: "Promise" Dr. Iain Maclean

*Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

*Hymn # 170 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Elders

Invitation to the Congregation

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sentences of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

Closing Prayer

*Hymn # 209 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Awake! Hear the call of watchmen" Dupre`

*Standing

**Announcements
December 6, 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: Alan Brenner

Coffee Hour: Verna Shuey

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.

There will be a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Fellowship Committee on Sunday, December 13th from 9:15am to 10am. All are welcome to come.

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.

Thank you to the Church Decorating Team for making our historic church look so festive and beautiful during the holiday season and also with thanks to all of the church members who purchased a poinsettia in memory or honor of their loved ones.

Rescue Mission Items for December: Jam and Jelly

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

Schedule of Events

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

Sunday, December 13, 2015 – 3rd Sunday of Advent “Joy”
10:30 am Worship with Dr. Iain Maclean
Lessons and Carols

Pancake Breakfast 9:15am to 10am

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

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

Friday, December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day

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 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. Dinner will be provided. Join us and bring a friend!

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In Memory of

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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

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