

Church Directory

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090

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THE SESSION

Moderator: The Reverend Dr. Iain S. Maclean

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

2016

Lynne Bolton, John Graham, John Hancock

2017

Bruce Bulmer, Debbie Coots, Gwen Griffith

2018

Kip Burton, Sandy Gates, Dick Woodard

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: The Reverend Dr. Iain S. Maclean

Minister Emeritus: Dr. Edgar Mayse

Treasurer: Barbara Hancock

Organist and Choir Director: Evelyn Renshaw

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Georgia Fuller

Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Nursery available on Sunday mornings & during special events

Children's church during service

Presbyterian Women 2nd Tuesday

Bell Choir. 12 p.m. every other

Sunday

Please contact Georgia, 540-473-2042 or secretary@fincastlepresbyterian.org
by Wednesday with items you want included in the bulletin.

The Presbyterian Church at Fincastle, Virginia, whose congregation dates to 1763, is a continuation of the Sinking Spring and Spreading Spring congregations formed prior to 1760 and the Mt. Union congregation organized in 1832. The original building was erected in 1771 for the established Church of England in Botetourt County.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11th, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *"O Christ who art the Light of the World"* Dupre

Call to Worship

Minister: "Jesus says He is coming soon..

All: Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord;

All: "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle *"Joy"* Rick & Patti Vari

*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: *"O Holy Night"* Adams

Sung by Lynne Bolton, soloist

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

*Hymn # 147 *"Away in a Manger"*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 35:1-10 Dick Woodard Pg. 615

Matthew 11:2-11 Pg. 844

Sermon: *"Taking Offense"* Dr. Iain Maclean

*Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

*Hymn # 146 *"Joy to the World"*

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: *"Rejoice now, beloved Christians"* Dupre

**Standing*

Announcements

December 11th, 2016

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: Betsy Holt, JoAnn Lowdon, Mary Myers, Rachel DeHaven (David's mother), Clyde Givens, Al and Ruth Frederick, Jean Branscom, Chris Fowler (friend of Becky Downs), David DeHaven, Tina Haxton, Leon Tomblin, Laura Holt, Ray & Jesse Schneider (friends of Iain), Marshall Gates, Wayne Wright (father & father-in-law of Randy & Lisa), Dan & Dawn (friends of the Burtons), Chris Rannells (friend of Jim & Sue Porter)

Duty Elder: Dick Woodard

Coffee Hour: Meg Omer

All Children are invited to participate in Children's Time. Afterwards, smaller children may go to the staffed nursery and older children may attend Children's Church upstairs.

Thank you to Hal Bailey for providing and driving the float. Thanks also to Cindy Bailey, Carol Brenner, Bryce Branscom and his friend Carter, George & Taylore Snyder, Brian, Delores, Griffith and Jesses Wood for helping decorate, playing hand bells and handing out candy. Great Parade!

Our Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please call Verna Shuey (521-5857), Becky DesChamps (992-4722) or Ginnie Phillippe (473-1262). Bring gifts by 11:00, Sunday Dec 18th.

Rescue Mission Items for December: Jelly & Jam

Botetourt Food Pantry always needs laundry detergent. They cannot use funds for this. Leave donations in the Fellowship Hall.

Annual Soup Drive for Seniors through February 6, 2017. The goal is 3500 cans. Leave donations in the Fellowship Hall. This drive is from our Local Office on Aging.

I would like to help develop a new Mission Statement:

Sign Here _____

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, December 13 The **Presbyterian Women** will be meeting at Tizzzone's at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for our Christmas Dinner and a little holiday fun.

Sunday, December 18 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy a **Pancake Breakfast** and Fellowship.

Sunday, December 18 bulletin will be printed Wednesday December 14th. Please have all items for bulletin turned in by 10:30 a.m.

Activities at Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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.

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, gwengriffith42@gmail.com

Youth Group

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.

YTD Financial Report through Oct 2016 Income: \$85,397 Expenses: \$83,320
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In Memory of

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by Peggy Davis

Don Langford
by Dot Langford

Jack and Marie Bailey
by Fred & Debbie Coots

Ann Wood & Louise Griffith
by Brian & Delores Wood & Family

Dewey, Nellie & Ronnie Goad
by Mike & Cathy Goad

Jennifer Cross Omer
by Bob & Meg Omer

Harold Hilt & Martha Preston
by John Graham

Mike Koch
by Randy & Lisa Wright

Bill Branscom
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