

## **Church Directory**

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090

(540) 473-2042

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

### **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](mailto: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

### 4th Sunday of Advent

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 10:30 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

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

Choral Introit #106 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Call to Worship

Minister: Jesus says, "I am coming soon."

**All: Amen, come Lord Jesus!**

Minister: Amen, come look, the young women is with child.

**All: She will call him, Emmanuel, God with us.**

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle "Love"  
Brian, Delores, Griffith & Jesse Wood

\*Hymn# 155 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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 #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: "An Advent Carol" Beall/Carter  
Sung by Choir

\*Doxology # 809

\*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

\*Hymn # 138 "Savior of the Nations, Come" (v. 1-3)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-16 Dick Woodard Pg. 591

Matthew 1:18-25 Pg. 836

Sermon: "A Fundamental Truth" Dr. Iain Maclean

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

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 # 138 "Savior of the Nations, Come" (v. 4 and 5)

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Descend, O Jesus, from heaven to earth" Dupre

\**Standing*

## *Announcements*

### December 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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) and Leon Tomblin

**Condolences** to John Kilby and family on the death of his mother this past week.

**Duty Elder:** Dick Woodard

**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 Bruce Bulmer & Kip Burton and all that assisted in replacing the boiler. Thanks also to Evelyn Renshaw who had to "make do" and to the Barbara Hancock, Marcia Helms and Meg Omer who served refreshments in limited circumstances.

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

**Botetourt Food Pantry:** Always needs laundry detergent. They cannot use funds for this. This may also be left in Fellowship Hall.

YTD Financial Report through November 2016 Income: \$92,949 Expenses: \$89,117
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## Schedule of Events

**Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.** at First Baptist Church, Blue Ridge Turnpike, Fincastle VA.

**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

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> bulletins** will be printed Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please have all items turned in by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Church Office will be closed** December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Church office hours will be Tuesday & Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 to 4:30 & Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 2:00.

## 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](mailto:gwengriffith42@gmail.com)

### **Youth Group**

Middle and Senior High Youth Group will meet every other Su  
Dinner will be provided. Join us and bring a friend.

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*by Peggy Davis*

**Don Langford**  
*by Dot Langford*

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

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