

FINCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Directory

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THE SESSION

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

2017

Bruce Bulmer, Debbie Coots, Gwen Griffith

2018

Kip Burton, Sandy Gates, Dick Woodard

2019

Hal Bailey, Becky Downs, Bob Omer

TRUSTEES

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

THE CHURCH STAFF

Minister Emeritus: Dr. Edgar Mayse

Treasurer: Becky Downs

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.

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

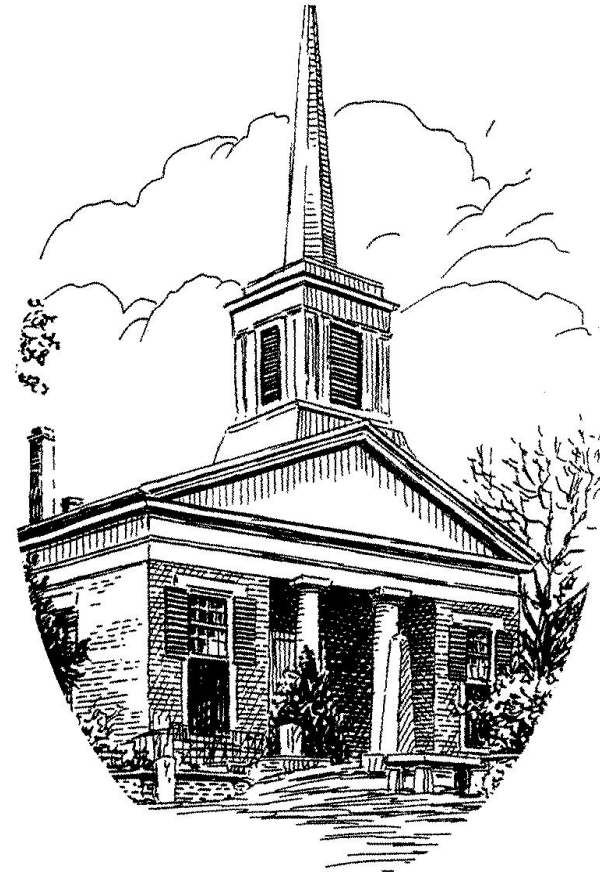
THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Nursery available and Children's church during service

Session 4th Thursday

Bell Choir 12 p.m. every other Sunday



MISSION STATEMENT

*Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
Growing in God
Through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences
And serving our community in love*

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. Presbyterians have worshipped here continuously since the Revolutionary War.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9th, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Prelude "These Are the Holy Ten Commands" J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Minister: This is our treasured hour completely and fully
dedicated to the worship of Almighty God,

**All: To the remembrance and honor of our Lord
Jesus Christ,**

Minister: To the Holy Spirit that lives and moves in us,

**All: To the world around us that everyone will know
God's grace, Jesus' love and the power of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn # 95 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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: "When in the hour of utmost need" J.C. Bach

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

*Hymn #502 "Amazing Grace"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 8 Kip Burton Pg. 467

Acts 1 Pg. 947

Sermon "Called" The Rev. Steve Darr

*Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

*Hymn #514 "Blessed Assurance"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Prelude in g minor" J.S. Bach

*Standing

Announcements

July 9th, 2017

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 refreshments.

Prayer Concerns: Carol Brenner, Betsy Holt, JoAnn Lowdon, Mary Myers, Al and Ruth Frederick, Jean Branscom, Chris Fowler (friend of Becky Downs), Laura Holt, Ray & Jesse Schneider (friends of Iain), Dan & Dawn (friends of the Burton's), Leon Tomblin, Whitey Richardson, Nancy Pauley, Mary Black and Iain's family

We welcome The Rev. Steve Darr to the pulpit today. He is the campus minister for Community College Ministries in the Presbytery of the Peaks.

Donations are requested - modest or generous- to the **Presbyterian Women's Flower Fund** so that we may have fresh flowers more Sundays. Make checks payable to Fincastle Presbyterian Church with Flower Fund on the memo line.

Duty Elder: Kip Burton

Coffee Hour: Lyn Burton & Bev Schade

All Children are invited to participate in Children's Time.

Fellowship Hour Refreshments: If you would like to volunteer in providing refreshments (coffee, tea, juice, small food item) for the Fellowship Hour following the service, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Rescue Mission Items for July: Book Bags & School Supplies

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

July Birthdays: Connie Miles, July 7; Julia Bailey, July 11; Nancy Pauley, July 15; Cathy Goad, July 23; Bruce Bulmer, July 24; Gwen Griffith, July 26; Lisa Sydnor, July 27; Vickie Littleton, July 28

Schedule of Events

Today Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for refreshments and **to share stories and memories of our beloved Dr. Iain Maclean.** It will be an open forum for anyone with something to share.

Thursday, July 20 **Game Night** 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

July 23-27 **Vacation Bible School** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration - Pre-school through 8th Grade - with High School Youth serving as classroom assistants. The theme is Barnyard Roundup. There will also be an Adult Bible Study. Pick up registration forms in the Fellowship Hall.

Thursday July 27 Session Meeting

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.

Women's Bible Study Group

We will begin in September. If you are interested, please call Lyn Burton at 540-473-1533.

112th Stated Presbytery Meeting Summary May 4, 2017



- **THANK YOU to Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, and its hosting congregational partners from the north side of the city: Peace PC, Green Ridge PC and Fifth Avenue PC, for hosting our meeting.** Their hospitality was first rate.
- We welcomed 158 people to our gathering.

The Annual Report of the Presbytery to the General Assembly showed that we have 122 congregations with a total of 13,281 members, and an additional 95 affiliate members. Our collective gains were 368 people, with 110 child baptisms and 20 adult baptisms. These additions to the Peaks Presbyterian community were offset by losses totaling 1,828. Our average attendance in Sunday worship is 5,186, a rate of 39 percent. 32 sessions did not report.

For those who wonder about the age of our members, our official rolls reflect the following distribution:

Age Distribution of Active Members		Male	Female
25 & Under	1070	404	531
26 - 45	1582	612	743
46 - 55	1096	399	531
56 - 65	1732	631	882
Over 65	3250	1007	1719

- Outstanding, steady and calm leadership was provided by Moderator Melissa McNair King; we served God decently and in order, with a spirit of gentleness and competence. Inspiring worship was led by pastors Jaime Smith, Philip Bouknight, Russ Merritt, and Kristin Reinhold. We were led in a renewal of our baptismal vows and were fed at the Lord's Table. Recognizing the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, a central theme of the Reformation informed the worship service, "The Priesthood of All Believers."
- Inspiring for its scope, a mission focused video edited by Jeff Binder highlighted the Priesthood of Peaks Presbytery Believers at work to serve Jesus Christ within our bounds. Peaks congregations supplied the video clips. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, putting needed furniture in homes, nurturing interfaith conversations and ministries, and other outreach continues to drive Peaks Presbyterians.

- Carl Utley, Transitional Presbytery, briefly reported on the work of a transitional presbytery leader. As a presbytery leader he is to guide the presbytery theologically in its work and ministry, represent the presbytery to our congregations, be the head of staff, and serve as a resource to the Cabinet, Committee on Administration, Church Development Committee, and other constitutionally required committees of the presbytery. As a **transitional** leader, he will lead the presbytery in conversations about mission and priorities and the changing context of ministry in southwest Virginia.

Related to pastoral leaders and congregations, the Committee on Ministry:

- Renewed the Commissioned Ruling Elder contract between Villamont Presbyterian Church and Phil Berry.
- Approved the request of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, to form a Credentialing Committee for the Rev. Vernie Bolden, minister in good standing of the Christian Church-Disciples of Christ, to serve as Stated Supply Pastor.
- Approved the Commission for Ordination of Amanda Hayes Bowman at Maysville Presbyterian Church on April 9, 2017.
- Granted permission for Diane Baldwin, CRE, to administer Communion at Meherrin Presbyterian Church from April 15, 2017 to April 14, 2018.
- Granted permission for Mike Price, CRE at Buffalo Presbyterian Church, to administer Communion at Meherrin Presbyterian Church from April 15, 2017 to April 14, 2018.
- Granted permission for Barbara Jacobs, CRE at Drakes Branch, to administer Communion at Meherrin Presbyterian Church from April 15, 2017 to April 14, 2018.
- Granted permission for Al Jacobs, CRE at Drakes Branch, to administer Communion at Meherrin Presbyterian Church from April 15, 2017 to April 14, 2018.
- Approved the request of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian to add Elder Ray Williams to the Pulpit Supply List for the Presbytery of the Peaks.
- Approved the renewal of the temporary supply contract between Fincastle Presbyterian Church and Ian Maclean from Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2017.
- Approved the request of Oak View Presbyterian Church to enter into a temporary supply contract with Dr. William G. Chrystal from April 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2017.
- Approved the Commission to Install Eduardo Soto as Pastor at Altavista Presbyterian Church on May 21, 2017 at 4 p.m.
- Approved the request to renew the Interim Pastor contract between First Presbyterian Church, Covington and the Rev. Jim Slate from Feb.1, 2017 to Jan. 31, 2018.

- Approved the request to renew the Commissioned Ruling Elder contract between Rustburg Presbyterian Church and Terri Cornwell from Feb. 1, 2017 to Dec.31, 2019.
- Approve the interim pastor contract between Clarksville Presbyterian Church and Jonathan Barker from Feb. 16, 2017 to Feb. 15, 2018.
- Approve the changes made in Kristi Rolison's installation service. Nancy Dawson attended in place of Steve Earl and Howard Jennings served as Moderator.

Other Committee on Ministry recommendations approved by the presbytery included:

- Dismiss James Moss to South Atlantic Presbytery for New Church Development effective May 4, 2017.
- Approve transfer of membership of TE, Barry Tucker to the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, Evangelical Presbyterian Church effective May 4, 2017.
- Concur with the request of Amherst Presbyterian Church at a congregational meeting on February 19, 2017, and Teaching Elder Matt Gaventa to dissolve the pastoral relationship and transfer Rev. Gaventa's membership to Mission Presbytery effective February 20, 2017.
- Approve and sustain the examination of Jonathon Barker, member of Salem Presbytery, pending his signing of the Book of Obligations, and that he be received as a member in good standing to serve as Interim Pastor at Clarksville Presbyterian Church, Clarksville.
- Remove from the rolls of presbytery Rev. Gary Lyn Coppedge, with appreciation and thanks, since he has joined a congregation in a denomination that is not in full communion with the PCUSA.
- Approve the 2017 Financial Terms of Call Report for Installed Pastors and Certified Christian Educators.
- Approve the request of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg to appoint an Administrative Commission to aid and support the dissolution of Covenant as of December 31, 2017. The Administrative Commission was elected and given authority to perform its duties.
- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended for candidacy Jordan Hertz, an elder at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Roanoke. Ms. Hertz shared her sense of call in the context of her faith journey. The Presbytery, inspired by her testimony, was happy to approve.

- The Missions Committee presented for adoption a Resolution of Welcome as a response to the changes in our country's immigration policy and priorities:

As Presbyterians, we believe that every person is a child of God, worthy of love and acceptance; and we affirm our biblical faith to welcome the stranger and give safe haven to the refugee, remembering that we follow Christ who was himself a refugee. Therefore, the Presbytery of the Peaks of the Presbyterian Church (USA), meeting on this 4th day of May, 2017, renews its commitment to be welcoming and hospitable to refugees and those seeking asylum due to nationality, race, or religion, and decries any government policy that discriminates against these individuals as immoral, and contrary to US values and our understanding of the Biblical great ends of the Church. And further, with regard to all future policies, we urge the President and members of Congress to lead with integrity and with the values of compassion and hospitality essential to our identity as a nation.

Following modest discussion the resolution was approved unanimously.

- Upon recommendation from the Nominating Committee, 40 people were elected to leadership positions within the presbytery, including the position of Moderator and Vice Moderator for 2018. Elected as Moderator was Richard Boswell, a Ruling Elder from First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg and as Vice-Moderator was Will Robinson, a Teaching Elder at Salem Presbyterian Church in Salem.

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY MEETINGS & EVENTS

POP Stated Meeting August 19, 2017 - Farmville

POP Stated Meeting November 16, 2017 – Blacksburg PC

Contact the Presbytery office to be added to Peaks Postings weekly newsletter.

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