

**Church Directory**

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090  
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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**

*Interim Minister:* The Reverend David Dickerson

*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.

Reverend David Dickerson: Church Office Hours

Mondays - Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Other Times by Appointment

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 . . . . . 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Bell Choir . . . . . 12 p.m. every other Sunday

**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

### Christmas Eve Service

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

Prelude *"In Bethlehem's low stable"* Walcha

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit #126 *"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"*

Call to Worship: (Micah 5:2-5a)

Leader: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

**People: Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth ...**

Leader: And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

**People: And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised!**

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle "The Christ Candle"  
David & Patsy Dickerson

\*Hymn #152 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, You sent a star to guide all people to the holy child, Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.**

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"* Adam  
sung by the Choir

\*Doxology # 809

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #150 *"What Child Is This?"*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Kip Burton Pg. 595  
Luke 2:1-20 Pg. 889

Sermon: *"A Christmas Eve Meditation"*  
The Rev. David Dickerson

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

\*Hymn #146 *"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: *"This day full of gladness"* Dupre

\**Standing*