

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 4th 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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17th, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Prelude "O Thou, of God the Father" Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit #140 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship: (Luke 3:4-6, adapted)

Leader: As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

People: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low ...

Leader: and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough ways made smooth ...

People: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. "

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle "Joy" Mike & Cathy Goad

*Hymn #136 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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: "Advent Candle Song" Clyde
sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

*Hymn #138 "Savior of the Nations Come"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Cindy Bailey Pg. 641
John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pg. 922

Sermon: "Called to be Witnesses to the Light!"
The Rev. David Dickerson

*Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

*Hymn #174 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Come, Thou Savior of our race" Vetter

*Standing

Announcements

December 17th, 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.

Prayer Concerns: Carol Brenner, JoAnn Lowdon, Mary Myers, Al and Ruth Frederick, Jean Branscom, Chris Fowler (friend of Becky Downs), Laura Holt, Dawn (friend of the Burton's), Chuck Geiger, Leon Tomblin, Sandra Sue Bolton, Andrew Tucker, Lew Thompson and Eric Burton

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.

Handicap Parking: Please leave the spaces beside the church building available for handicap parking.

Duty Elder: Hal Bailey

The congregational Care Committee is organizing a way for us to take turns calling on the Rev. Edgar Mayse. We will be checking on his welfare and helping with any needs he may have. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to call him (after 12:00 noon) and perhaps take him out to lunch or dinner or drop off a meal at his house.

Rescue Mission Items: Baby Formula, Tissues, Chap Stick, Deodorant

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.

Please call the office to schedule the use of our tables and chairs so we can be sure they are in the building when someone has signed up to use the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery Worker Needed: If you know of a teenager who would be interested in providing this service, please contact Kip @ 540-239-3184 or the church office.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 24, after church, all are invited to the **Dickersons**, at 427 E. Main St. for an **Open House!**

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Joy Offering

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. Special Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25 – Friday, December 29, Church Office closed. December 31 bulletins will be printed Friday December 22.

Sunday, January 7 Installation of Class of 2020 - Lynne Bolton, Alan Brenner and John Griffith

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

Look for future details for a study to begin in January.

December Birthdays Henry Brenner, 12/2; Hannah Brenner, 12/5; Delores Wood, 12/6; Jim Helms, 12/24

YTD Financial Report through November 2017 Income: \$96,693 Expenses: \$76,966

Poinsettia Dedication

In Memory of

Paxton Davis

by Peggy Davis

Jack & Marie Bailey

by Fred & Debbie Coots

Fred Coots, Sr.

by Fred & Debbie Coots

Mac & Betty Jean McDonald

by Ed & Verna Shuey

Bill & Dorothy Shuey

by Ed & Verna Shuey

Our Parents

by Kip & Lyn Burton

Francis & Martha Hoge

by John & Mardee Kilby

J. L. & Elva Kilby

by John & Mardee Kilby

Faye & Ralph Maeder

by Sandy Gates

Dewey & Nellie Goad & Ronnie Goad

by Mike & Cathy Goad

Richard & Genevieve Jeter & Bland Painter, Jr.

by B. & Betty Painter

Don Langford

by Dot Langford

Hunter & Viola Painter & Margaret Brenner

Carol & Alan Brenner

Libby & Stan Cobb & Evelyn & John Bulmer

by Bruce & Sarah Bulmer

In Honor of

Our Grandchildren

by Whitey & Julia Richardson

Sandy Gates

by Jim & Sue Porter

The Simmons Family

(past & present)

Patsy & David Dickerson