

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.

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Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3rd, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

Prelude "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" Nicolas Lebeque

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit #140 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:9-11, adapted

Leader: Let us worship God. Through Isaiah, God calls to us:

People: Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

Leader: See, the Lord God comes with might ... He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,

People: And carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle "Hope"

*Hymn #135 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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

Offering: "An Advent Carol " Beall/Carter
sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9	Becky Downs	Pg. 643
Mark 13: 24-37		Pg. 882

Sermon: "Call to Keep Alert! To Work for the Purpose of God"
The Rev. David Dickerson

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn #776 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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, Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sentences of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

Closing Prayer

*Hymn #239 "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Sleepers, Wake" Hans Sachs

*Standing

Announcements

December 3rd, 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, 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 and Sandra Sue Bolton

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.

We welcome Rose Ann Burgess as our guest organist today. She has served in liturgical and non-liturgical churches for 60 years. Her duties have included Director of Music Ministries (choirs of all ages, handbells, instrumentalists) and organist. She retired after teaching music for 31 years in the Roanoke City Schools.

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

Duty Elder: Becky Downs

Coffee Hour: Paul & Ginnie Phillippe

Angel Tree: There are still several angels on the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer donating and letting the Committee do the shopping, that is welcomed too. Just make a note on your check memo line for "Angel Tree". The gifts will be delivered December 17.

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

Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Group at Lyn Burton's to celebrate, review and plan for our next Bible Study. Please join us!

Sunday, December 10 Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 17 Old Fashion Christmas Breakfast 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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 study to begin in January.

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

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Poinsettia Dedication

In Memory of

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 & Genevee Jeter & Bland Painter, Jr.

by B. & Betty Painter

In Honor of

Our Grandchildren

by Whitey & Julia Richardson

Sandy Gates

by Jim & Sue Porter

The Simmons Family

(past & present)

Patsy & David Dickerson