

## **Church Directory**

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090

(540) 473-2042

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

### **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](mailto:secretary@fincastlepresbyterian.org)  
by Wednesday with items you want included in the bulletin.

### **THE CHURCH CALENDAR**

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

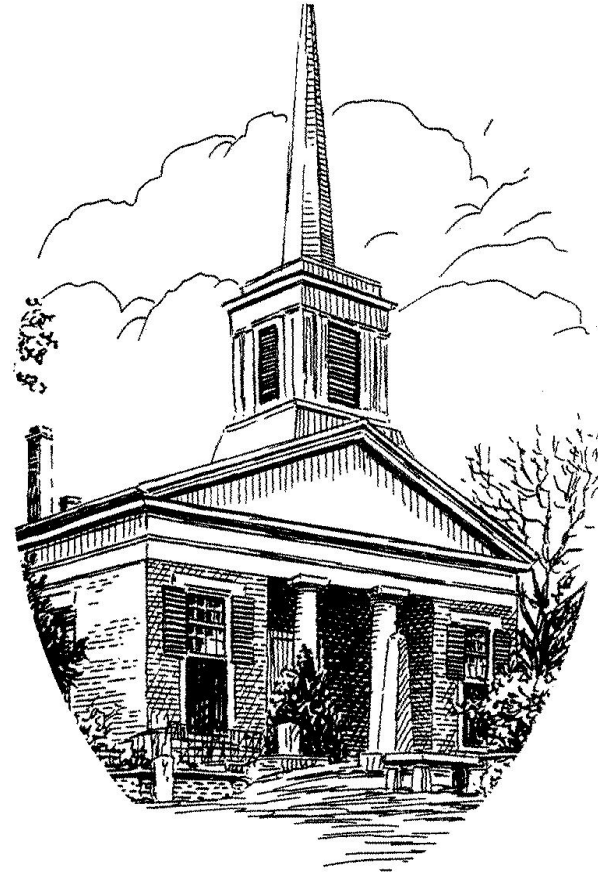
*Nursery available and Children's church during service*

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



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## 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*

# *Fincastle Presbyterian Church*

Service for the Lord's Day  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

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Prelude "Behold, a Rose Breaks Into Bloom" Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of  
the LORD has risen upon you ...

**People: The LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will  
appear over you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light,

**People: And kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

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

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #166 "While By the Sheep We Watch"

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: "The Snow Lay on the Ground" English Melody  
sung by the Choir

\*Doxology # 809

\*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

\*Hymn #164 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3	Kip Burton	Pg. 641
Luke 2:22-40		Pg. 889

Sermon: "The Revealer of Hearts & The Redeemer of Souls"  
The Rev. David Dickerson

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

\*Hymn #173 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Joy to the World"

\*Standing

## *Announcements*

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 coffee and 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, Sandra Sue Bolton, Andrew Tucker, Lew Thompson, Eric Burton, Emily Beard and Pat Flanagan Crosswhite

**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:** Kip Burton

**Fellowship Hour:** Gwen Griffith

**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

**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.

**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.

### Upcoming Events

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

**Sunday, January 7 Budget Presentation** after service

### 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 2018.

**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
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