

Church Directory

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THE SESSION

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

2018

Kip Burton, Sandy Gates, Dick Woodard

2019

Hal Bailey, Becky Downs, Bob Omer

2020

Lynne Bolton, Alan Brenner, John Griffith

TRUSTEES

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

THE CHURCH STAFF

Interim Minister: The Reverend David Dickerson

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.

The Rev. David Dickerson, D.Min: 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

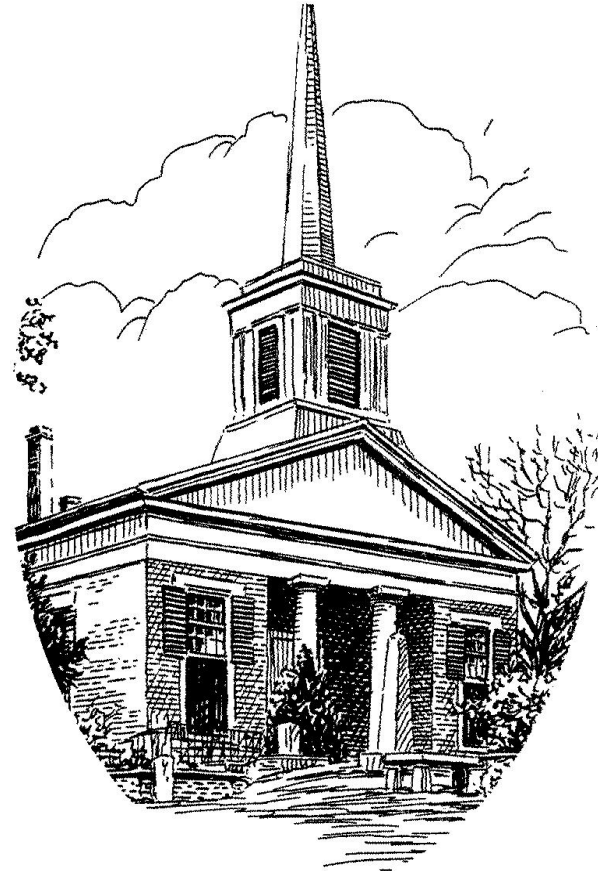
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Nursery available during service

Session 4th Thursday

Bell Choir 12 p.m. every other Sunday

FINCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 3rd, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: "Farewell I gladly bid thee" Kaufmann
"Soul, adorn thyself with gladness" Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit #4 "Father, I Adore You"

Call to Worship: (Isaiah 55:6,7; NRSV)

Leader: Seek the LORD while he may be found,

People: Call upon him while he is near;

Leader: Let the wicked forsake their way,

People: And the unrighteous their thoughts;

Leader: Let them return to the LORD, that he may have
mercy on them,

People: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #229 "Lift High the Cross"

Call to Confession:

Leader: If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and
strangers to the truth.

**People: If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be
trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from
every kind of wrong.**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,

**We acknowledge and confess before you, our sinful nature prone to evil
and slothful in good; and all our short comings and offenses. You alone
know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in
wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for
all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse
us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Thy dear
Son.**

**And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech you, to live in
your light and walk in your ways according to the commandments of
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession: Amen.

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:

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,

**People: And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns
in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: If a person is in Christ, that person becomes a new person
altogether -

**People: The past is finished and gone, everything has become
fresh and new.**

Leader: Friends: Believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Amen!

*Gloria Patri # 805

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Offering

"We Praise You, Lord"

sung by the Choir

Beall/Carter

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

*Hymn #209 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (v.1 and 2)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 45:1-15

Sandy Gates

Pg. 40

Matthew 6: 25-34

Pg. 840

Sermon:

"Why Doesn't God Do Something About It?"

(The Doctrine of Providence and the Problem of Evil)

The Rev. David Dickerson

*Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

*Hymn #209 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (v.3,4, and 5)

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude:

"Prelude in d minor"

J. S. Bach

*Standing

Announcements

June 3rd, 2018

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 Frederick, Jean Branscom, Chris Fowler (friend of Becky Downs), Laura Holt, Dawn (friend of the Burton's), Leon Tomblin, Andrew Tucker, Emily Beard, Sue Ellen Bolton Thayer, Jackie Ferrel, Jessica Nelson, Holly Myers (Ty's daughter), Whitey Richardson, Ruth Schaaf (Bev Schade's mother) and Gwen, Tom & Josh Doshen (Ed Shuey's sister and family)

All Children are invited to participate in Children's Time. Afterwards, smaller children may go to the staffed nursery.

Attention High School & College Students of Fincastle Presbyterian Church: If you would like to apply for the **Suzanne Moore Hale Scholarship**, please send you application to Fincastle Presbyterian Church, PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090

Duty Elder: Sandy Gates

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.

Bell Choir: We are actively seeking handbell players. You do not have to have any experience as a musician, only enthusiasm. For information, please contact Debbie Coots at 540-588-5925.

Rescue Mission Items: Lunch Bags and Large Ziploc Bags

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

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.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 6 Endowment Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Vacation Bible School will be **June 24-28**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fincastle Methodist Church Family Life Center. Preschool – 5th Grade. The theme is Blast to the Past. **Help during the week is still needed. If you would like to volunteer, call Kip at 540-239-3184.** There will be a Bible Study for adults held during the children's program.

Birthdays: Becky Downs, 6/6; Randall Wright 6/8; Mardee Kilby, 6/10; Brian Wood. 6/18; David Dickerson, 6/29

Presbytery of the Peaks
116th Stated Meeting,
May 3, 2018
Bulletin Insert

The One Hundred Sixteenth Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks was called to order by Moderator Dick Boswell at 9:30 a.m., on May 3, 2018 in the sanctuary of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, VA, who also opened with prayer. Pastor of the host church, Bart Edwards, offered a warm welcome to all. Customary appointments were made by the moderator.

The Stated Clerk presented the Docket and Consent Agenda. By common consent Rev. John Losee was granted the status of Honorably Retired as of May 1st, having served Unity Presbyterian Church of Danville for 14 years. For medical reasons, Rev. David Etheridge was granted Minister at Large status effective April 16th, having served St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg for 11 years. And Rev. Andy King was granted Minister at Large status effective May 11th, so that he may become a stay at home parent for his son and soon-to-beborn twin girls. The Docket was amended to include a verbal report by the Committee on Representation.

The Presbytery was led in worship by Ruling Elder Nikki Kariuki (Quaker Memorial), with Rev. Dr. Catherine Taylor (Pastor, Blacksburg) preaching, who was joined by Rev. Bart Edwards and Quaker Memorial elders in offering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Quaker Memorial Organist Rose Peak led the worshippers in music. An offering of \$760.52 was received for our Two Cents a Meal Hunger ministry, which was dedicated in prayer by Hunger Action Advocate Denise Pillow.

Following worship the Presbytery was led by the Mission Study Team in a discernment process that included small group Bible study and discussion of Chapter Three of the Book of Order as it pertains to the work of a presbytery. Divided into six groups throughout the church, members of the Mission Study Team summarized the feedback the presbytery gave in the February 2018 meeting. Six priorities were

then discussed in light of scripture and polity. The morning conversations ended with each commissioner indicating his or her convictions about priorities through a voting method designed by the team. (Results will be reported back to the August meeting of the Presbytery.). The Mission Study groups were dismissed with prayer to a delicious lunch arranged by Quaker Memorial.

Lunch was followed by announcements and concerns, which included a letter from the Session of First Presbyterian, Martinsville, asking the Presbytery to reconsider the schedule of the May meetings so that they do not conflict with the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May.

For the second time in 2018, a new feature of the Presbytery meeting was presented, "Ministry Made Possible." High Bridge pastor Jason Grimes shared his congregation's experience as a Camp Peaks congregation, including the impact of the camp on the congregation and community. Then Rev. Allison Unroe, Moderator of Presbytery's Committee on Discipleship, presented all nine of the Camp Peaks 2018 host congregations, who were then commissioned for their upcoming work.

The Sexual Misconduct Policy Committee presented for a second reading a revised "Policy on Sexual Misconduct and Procedures for Misconduct Complaints." The revised policy was written to reflect the most current General Assembly guidelines and best practices. Additional materials were promised to guide Sessions in their work with such policies. The policy was approved.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reported its ongoing work and presented Rachel Sutphin, a member of Christiansburg PC, as an Inquirer in the ordination process, and shared her intention to enter Columbia Theological Seminary in the fall after successful graduation from Virginia Tech in May.

In response to a request by the Elon Evangelical Presbyterian Church, formerly of the PCUSA, the Trustees advised the presbytery to approve the release of the reversion clause on a 1 acre tract of land so that the congregation could make improvements on the remaining

property. It was approved, noting that the reversion clause will remain in effect for the church building and manse properties.

Allison Unroe, moderator of the Transitional Associate Presbyter for Discipleship Nominating Committee introduced Rev. Rachel Shepherd as the Committee's enthusiastic and unanimous choice to serve the presbytery in a transitional position. Rachel will be fulfilling the responsibilities of the Associate Presbyter for Discipleship for an initial two year term with a third year expected, while the presbytery continues to discern its vision and priorities.

As the Order of the Day, the Committee on Ministry's Moderator Sue Bentley led the presbytery in all the necessary business of examining and receiving two new Ministers of the Word and Sacrament: Rev. Chaplain Chad McCain, who will serve as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian, Lynchburg beginning in July; and Rev. Rachel Shepherd, who began serving as presbytery staff in early April. Additionally, Tony Ward, a Commissioned Pastor and Moderator of the Commissioned Pastor Workgroup presented Margie Anderson for commissioning to service within the bounds of the Peaks as a Missional Commissioned Pastor, authorizing her to serve congregations as a preacher and worship leader, including sacraments, as congregational needs may require.

The Committee on Ministry recommended the formation of an administrative commission for Shelton Memorial PC, Danville, in response to their request to merge with another PCUSA congregation in Danville, or to be closed, pending the outcome of discernment led by the administrative commission. Presbytery approved the administrative commission and authorized the COM Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Transitional General Presbyter to appoint its members.

The Committee on Administration Report was given by Ed McElmurray, chair, who presented a Covenant Agreement to govern the relationship between the presbytery and Rachel Shepherd as Transitional Associate Presbyter for Discipleship. The terms of agreement were approved by the presbytery.

The Cabinet recommended on first reading a revision to the Manual of Operations that would make explicit the presbytery's responsibility and authority for deciding the location or relocation of the presbytery office upon a recommendation by the Committee on Administration. The revision was approved.

A brief Committee on Representation report was given by chair Rev. Joe McCutchen, offering a snapshot of our current status with regard to ethnic representation on presbytery committees.

Written reports were approved from the Committee on Discipleship, Session Records Workgroup, Presbyterian Women, Black Caucus, and Leadership, all of which may be found in the full minutes of the meeting which are online at the presbytery's website. Also in the full minutes are the presbytery's current financial reports. (www.peakspresbytery.org)

136 voting members were present. 36 non-voting visitors attended. 12 Ministers of the Word and Sacrament were excused, 12 were listed as absent, and 63 congregations were not represented by Ruling Elder commissioners.

After appropriate thanks were offered, the presbytery meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator Dick Boswell.