

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: Beth Clark

Office Hours:

Monday & Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 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 Beth, 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

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: "Savior of the Heathen, Come" J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit: #106 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Call to Worship: Isaiah 35:3-4

Leader: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

People: Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

Leader: "Be strong, do not fear!"

People: Here is your God. He will come... He will come and save you!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

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

Call to Confession:

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this:

People: While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Leader: Because we have faith in Him,

People: We dare with confidence to approach God.

All: Let us ask God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Eternal God,

God of the future,

You are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant Jesus, Our Savior, whose triumph we want and eagerly wait for.

Silent Confession: **Amen.**

**Kyrie: Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. The Lord has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

People: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

All: Amen!

*Gloria Patri #805

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Offering: "Come, Light of the World" Page/Shafferman
sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

*Hymn #297 "Spirit of the Living God"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Sandy Gates Pg. 683

Luke 21:25-36 Pg. 915

Sermon: "God Will Keep God's Promises... To Our Eternal Blessing"
The Rev. David Dickerson

*Profession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

*Hymn #20 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Fugue in a minor" J.S. Bach

*Standing

Announcements

December 2, 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 it 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, Mary Myers, Al Frederick, Jean Branscom, Chris Fowler (friend of Becky Downs), Laura Holt, Leon Tomblin, Andrew Tucker, Emily Beard, Sue Ellen Bolton Thayer, Jackie Ferrel, Holly Myers (Ty's daughter), Whitey Richardson, Ruth Schaaf (Bev Schade's mother), Andrew Pauley, Merylyn Bosch, Mary Lee Reese, Clyde Hypes, Mary Black, Theresa Carroll (Verna's aunt), Audrey Brizendine (Evelyn's friend)

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.

Bell Choir: Anyone interested in giving bells a try, please join us for one or all of these practices! You do not have to have any experience as a musician, only enthusiasm.

Adult Sunday School Class: Please join us at 9:30am

Duty Elder: Sandy Gates

Fellowship Hour: Lyn Burton & Lynne Bolton

Disaster Assistance Response: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to needs from Hurricane Florence on the East Coast and Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines. If you want to give, two PDA numbers have been assigned for monetary gifts (DR00169 – Hurricane Florence) & (DR000194 – Typhoon Mangkhut). Donations may be sent to: Presbytery of the Peaks, 108 Melinda Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502.

Rescue Mission Items: See item list on the basket in the Fellowship Hall.

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 ensure they are in the building when someone has signed up to use the Fellowship Hall.

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, December 2nd Office hours this week will be Monday 8am-4pm & Thursday 12:30pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, December 5th Choir Practice 3pm

Thursday, December 6th Session Meeting

Sunday, December 9th Bell Choir performing

Tuesday, December 11th Choir Practice 3pm

Sunday, December 16th Service of Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 18th Choir Practice 3pm

Sunday, January 6th Communion

Saturday, March 23rd Please place on your calendars. Lifetouch will take **photographs of all of us for our new Church Directory 12pm-7pm**. If you have great photos of church gatherings etc. please send them to Sandy Gates so they can be included in the Directory.

Birthdays: Henry Brenner, 12/2; Hannah Brenner, 12/5; Ty Harris, 12/12; Jim Helms, 12/24

YTD Financial Report through October 2018

Income: \$78,439

Expenses: \$78,198

We need you! OHAC has started in Fincastle. We invest in the lives of under resourced children in our community through educational programs and need volunteers. Two hours of your time each week can change the life of a child.

Who?

You and a small group of 3-4 elementary children.

What?

Eat snack, read a story, and help with homework.

When?

Monday and/or Wednesday afternoons, 2:20pm – 4:20pm, when Botetourt County Schools are in session.

Where?

St. Mark's Episcopal Youth Center, corner of Herndon St. and South Roanoke Street, Fincastle.

Contact:

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