

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: 8:00am - 4:00pm

The Rev. David Dickerson, D.Min: Church Office Hours

Mondays - Wednesdays: 8:30am – 11:30am

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 10:30am

Nursery available and Children’s church during service

Session 4th Thursday

Bell Choir 12pm 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

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018 - 10:30am

Prelude: "O Christ who art the Light of the World" Dupre'

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9, (selected verses)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

People: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting the Advent Candle: Love Jim & Sue Porter

Hymn #133 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Confession:

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

People: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 you our grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: We declare to all who repent, in the name of Jesus: "you are forgiven!"

All: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #805

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Offering: "The Coventry Carol" Johnson
sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

Hymn #174 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Micah 5:2-5a Dick Woodard Pg. 805

Luke 1:39-55 Pg. 888

Sermon: "The Long Expected One Comes in Unexpected Ways"
The Rev. David Dickerson

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn #166 "While by the Sheep We Watched"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Descend, O Jesus from heaven to earth" Dupre'

*Standing

Announcements

December 23, 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 (Becky's friend), Laura Holt, Leon Tomblin, Andrew Tucker, Emily Beard, Sue Ellen Bolton Thayer, Jackie Ferrel, Holly Myers (Ty's daughter), Ruth Schaaf (Bev's mother), Andrew Pauley, Mary Lee Reese, Clyde Hypes, Mary Black, Audrey Brizendine (Evelyn's friend), Gloria Willis, Ben Womble

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: Dick Woodard

Fellowship Hour: Jim & Sue Porter

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 23rd Christmas Joy Offering

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve Service at the church at 5pm

Monday, December 24th Office Hours will be Monday 9am-11am & Friday 8am-4pm.

Sunday, January 6th Communion

Sunday, January 13th Bell Choir Performing

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 November 2018

Income: \$85,587

Expenses: \$84,431

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Poinsettia Dedication

In Memory of

Don Langford
by Dot Langford

JoeAnna & Corky Bolton
by Lynne Bolton

Our Parents
by Phyllis & Jim Tenser

Paxton Davis
by Peggy Davis

Dr. Iain Maclean & Dr. Edgar Mayse
by Jim & Sue Porter

Doc & Nancy Bailey
Glen Trout & Eloise Garland
by Cynthia Bailey

Pat & Bill Simmons
by David & Patsy Dickerson

Monty Leitch
by David & Patsy Dickerson

Hunter & Viola Painter
by Carol & Alan Brenner

Dewey & Nellie Goad
Ronnie Goad
by Mike & Cathy Goad

Jim Miles & Tom Wren
by Connie Miles

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In Memory of

Jack & Marie Bailey
by Fred & Debbie Coots

Fred Coots Sr.
by Fred & Debbie Coots

Our Parents
by Ed & Verna Shuey

J.L. & Elva Kilby
by John & Mardee Kilby

Francis & Martha Hoge
by John & Mardee Kilby

R.A. & Doris Griffith
V.C. & Rose Bozman
by John & Gwen Griffith

In Honor of

Marilyn Koch
by Randy & Lisa Wright

Janice Simpson
by Randy & Lisa Wright

Our Children and Grandchildren
by H.W. & Jacquelyn Burton

