

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

## Church Directory

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090  
(540) 473-2042  
www.fincastlepresbyterian.org

## 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 at (540) 473-2042 or secretary@fincastlepresbyterian.org  
by Wednesday with items you want included in the bulletin.

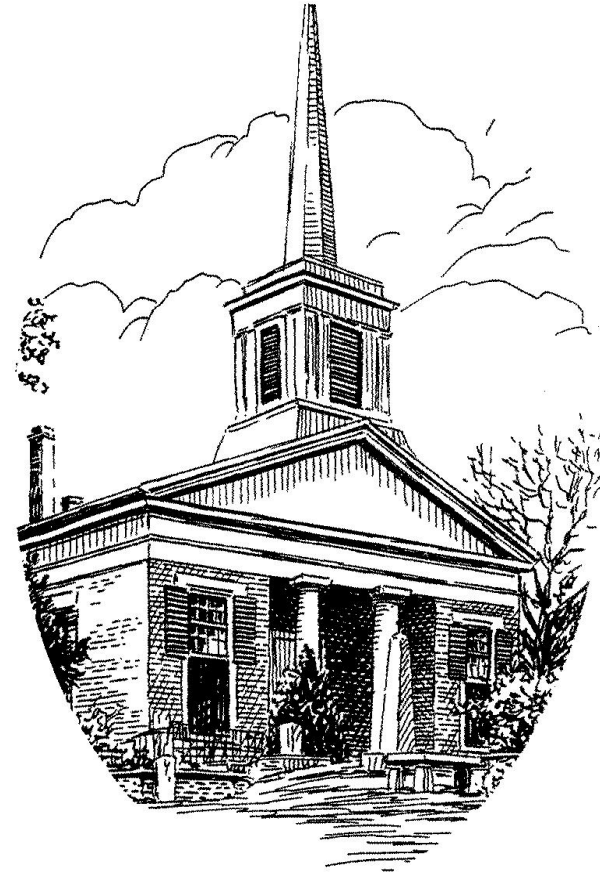
## The Church Calendar

Morning Worship ..... 10:30am

*Nursery available and Children's church during service*

Session ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Bell Choir ..... 12pm every other Sunday



## 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.

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Service for the Lord's Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 10:30am

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Prelude: "Behold, a Rose Breaks In the Bloom"  
Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit: #803 "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

Call to Worship: (Psalm 19:1 & 7 & 14)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**People: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

**People: be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #108 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:8, 9

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**All: Let us confess our sins before God and mankind.**

Prayer of Confession: (Psalm 51, adapted; unison)

**O God,**

**Have mercy upon us, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions; and our sin is ever before us.**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Silent Confession: Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Almighty God, who doth freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him,

**People: now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;**

Leader: remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;

**People: through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**All: Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Offering: "We Are Gathered Here to Praise the Lord"

Beall/Carter  
sung by Choir

\*Doxology # 809

\*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

Hymn: #342

"How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 19

John Griffith

Pg. 473

Luke 4:14-21

Pg. 892

Sermon:

"Today Is The Time To Turn Faith Into Action"

The Rev. David Dickerson

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

\*Hymn: #193

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad" (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude:

"How lovely shines the Morning Star"

J. C. Bach

\*Standing

## Announcements

January 27, 2019

**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, Rogena Sharp (*mother of Vickie Littleton*), the family of Bethany Stevens (*daughter of Mike & Carol Stevens*), Clyde & Natalie Givens

**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? No experience necessary, only enthusiasm. Please join us every other Sunday at 12pm. Contact Debbie Coots (540)588-5925 for more information.

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

**Duty Elder:** John Griffith

**Fellowship Hour:** Lyn Burton

**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, January 27<sup>th</sup>:** Office hours this week are Monday 8am-4pm & Friday 9am-4pm.

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 2 cents-a-meal Offering

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Souper Bowl Sunday after church in the Fellowship Hall will have soup and sandwiches.

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Presbytery Meeting at 9am First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 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:** Carolyn Kniceley 1/5, Julia Richardson 1/12, Mike Goad 1/13, Mark Schade 1/17, Becky DesChamps 1/23

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YTD Financial Report through December 2018

**Income:** \$99,767

**Expenses:** \$93,438

These responses were gathered during small groups at the first two Presbytery meetings of 2018.

**Focus groups have expressed the following concerns and desires:**

- A need for representation (by people of color, women, and people of all ages) in all areas of the presbytery – staff, committee work, GA commissioners, etc.
- To live into our connectional nature – have better colleague relationships, be a support for one another.
- A need for changes to presbytery meetings: opportunities for high-quality education/workshops, better use of the consent agenda, a more streamlined way to receive already-ordained members into PoP.

These responses were gathered from meetings with: Presbyterian Women, Black Caucus, Clergy Under 40, Presbytery Staff, and some Neighborhood Clergy Meetings.

**What's Next?** We will continue to gather ideas at Presbytery meetings and in small groups throughout the presbytery. The Cabinet will propose a new Mission Statement and set of clear priorities for PoP by the February meeting. After that, we will engage in a study of the presbytery's budget, committee structure, staff arrangements, and programs to ensure that all aspects of the presbytery are in line with our Mission. Please pray for this process, and please feel free to be in touch with your input or questions. The Mission Study Team members are: Smith Chaney, Helen Dean, Melissa McNair-King (chair), Will Robinson, and Gary Scheidt.

In closing business, the Report on Absences and Attendances was given by John Wiederholt, Stated Clerk, the Resolution of Appreciation was given by Rev. Rachel Shepherd, and the meeting was closed with prayer.

**Presbytery of the Peaks  
118<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, November 29, 2018  
Bulletin Insert**

The One Hundred Eighteenth Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks was called to order by Moderator Dick Boswell at 12:30 p.m., on November 29, 2018 in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA, two weeks later than its original date of November 15, a delay due to a winter storm. After declaration of a quorum and opening prayer, Interim Pastor of the host church, John McDonald, offered a warm welcome to all.

With one item being lifted out of the consent agenda and the addition of a report from the Committee on Representation, the day's agenda was approved, including the consent agenda, whereupon the presbytery was led in worship by Joyce Perez, liturgist and Moderator Dick Boswell, preaching. The offering of \$751.83, received by Hunger Action Advocate Denise Pillow was for the Presbytery's Two Cents a Meal ministry.

Following worship, a final report was given by an administrative commission for Shelton Memorial Presbyterian Church in Danville. The AC report was presented by teaching elder Ed Soto and the presbytery approved: (1) the assimilation of Shelton Memorial Presbyterian Church into Unity Presbyterian Church effective November 18, 2018, with a service of celebration of this new transition at 3:00 PM that same day; (2) the transfer of all membership rolls, financial assets, appurtenances, furnishings, and real property of Shelton Memorial Presbyterian Church to Unity Presbyterian Church, held in trust for the mission of the PC(USA), and used in accordance to the ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church and ultimately to the glory of God; and (3) the transfer of all Session minutes to the Presbytery office. The Presbytery was then led in a prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. Paul Johnson, the pastor of Shelton Memorial PC.

**The Committee on Administration Chair, Ed McElmurray**, presented its report. Three recommendations were presented with the first two recommendations being **Approved** and the third recommendation being **Denied**. 1. Recommend for first reading the 2019 proposed budget of \$812,167. 2. Recommend for first reading the revised Presbytery Staff Job Descriptions to be included in the Operations Manual of the Presbytery. Descriptions reflected the distribution of the Associate Presbyter for Ministry duties to the remaining staff. 3. Recommend the Presbytery eliminate the

Associate Presbyter for Ministry position effective November 16, 2018 as there are no plans to fill the vacancy. **Denied**

**The Presbytery was led by Transitional Associate Presbyter of Discipleship Rachel Shepherd in a celebration of Camp Peaks Director Joann McElmurray's** ministry upon her retirement. The Presbytery offered gratitude and thanks to Joann for her many years of organizing and running of Camp Peaks. Her leadership has made a lasting impression on many of our youth.

Tony Ward, chair of the **Commissioned Pastor Workgroup**, spoke about the Commissioned Pastor program in the Presbytery of the Peaks, with creative help from Commissioned Pastor Terri Cornwell and Teaching Elder Dusty Fiedler (HR).

Following Open Mic, **Bob McLavey presented two candidates on behalf of the Examinations Committee.** Jim Johns, Interim Pastor at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church and Nancy Morris, Honorably Retired Pastor were examined by the presbytery and received as members following their signing of the Book of Obligations.

**The Committee on Ministry report was given by Elder Sue Bentley,** which included eight recommendations, all of which were approved: 1. Terms of call for Brian Miles to serve as Pastor for Amherst Presbyterian Church effective October 28, 2018. 2. Allow COM to assign an Installation Commission to install Brian Miles at Amherst Presbyterian Church. 3. Approve the call for Validated Ministry between UKirk, Virginia Tech and Kathy Carpenter. 4. A Policy of Use of Commissioned Pastors for a first reading. 5. A second reading of the 2019 Terms of Call 6. The request of Trinity Ecumenical Parish to revise the call of Pastor Bea Miller from Associate Pastor to Co-Pastor. 7. Grant Rev. Stewart Childress Honorably Retired Status in the Presbytery of the Peaks effective January 1, 2019. 8. Grant Rev. Catherine Taylor Honorably Retired Status in the Presbytery of the Peaks effective March 8, 2019.

**Matt Bowman, member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, introduced Karen Watson to the Presbytery, recommending that she be accepted as a candidate in her ordination process.** After her examination, the recommendation was approved.

John Fedison, Chair of the Trustees, presented the Trustee's report. Their one recommendation was approved, namely, that Presbytery authorize the sale of 1.381 acres of the property at 108 Melinda Drive, which is zoned for commercial use. The following background information was presented:

This 1.381 parcel is zoned commercial, the remaining 5 acres has a mixed zoning of multi-family and single family residential. The selling of this parcel will not devalue the remaining property and has the potential to increase the overall value of the remaining 5 acres. The sale of this property now will take advantage of the current strong commercial real estate sales market in the area.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by John Erb, chair of the committee. All nominations were approved.

**The Presbytery's Mission Study Team offered the following update:** This year, our Presbytery has been engaged in a complete study of our congregations, the communities we serve, the priorities among our presbytery, and most of all – the ways that God is calling us to witness for Christ together. The Mission Study Team began meeting at the start of 2018 and works as a sub-group of the Cabinet.

**Here is what we have heard and learned so far:**

- We are a presbytery of “small” congregations. Membership sizes range from 4 to 1205, and 50% of our congregations have fewer than 50 members.
- We have 12,998 members, and the population within the bounds of the presbytery is 1,107,802. The population size in our presbytery is projected to grow by 2.3% over the next five years.
- Some communities within our presbytery should anticipate significant population growth within the next five years: Downtown Roanoke, Richland Hills (Lynchburg), Blacksburg and Forest
- Participants in the life of the presbytery (both Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word & Sacrament) have expressed a desire for:
  - Relationships and Building Community within PoP
  - Help for small and/or struggling congregations
  - Facilitating of connections between congregations
  - Ministry to young adults
  - Better use of communication and technology tools
  - A Restructuring of the Presbytery staff set-up