

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Church Directory

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

The Session

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

2019

Hal Bailey, Becky Downs, Bob Omer

2020

Lynne Bolton, Alan Brenner, John Griffith

2021

Sandy Gates, Garland Jones, Lyn Burton

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.

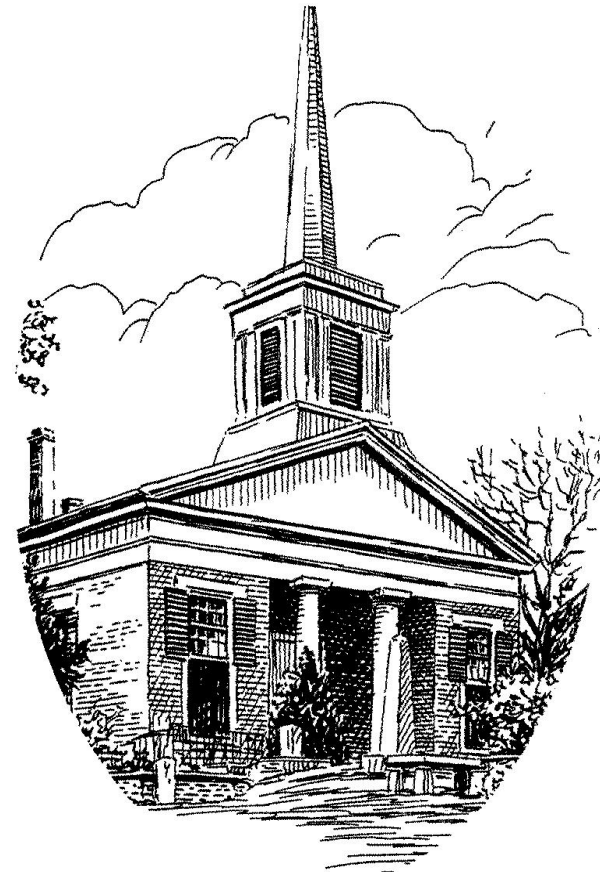
The Church Calendar

Morning Worship 10:30am

Nursery available and Children's church during service

Session 4th 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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Second Sunday in Lent

March 17th, 2019 – 10:30am

Prelude: "My inmost heart now yearneth"
Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit: #479 "O How He Loves You and Me!"

Call to Worship: (Psalm 95:1, 2)

Leader: O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,

People: and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #579 "I Surrender All"

Call to Confession:

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

People: Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God.

All: Let us ask God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name.

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.

People: He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Leader: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us,

All: Amen!

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Offering: "Teach Me Your Way"
Shaw
Sung by Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

Hymn: #433 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6

Sandy Gates

Pg. 11

Luke 13:31-35

Pg. 907

Sermon:

"I Must Be On My Way"

The Rev. David Dickerson

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn: #619

"God Will Take Care of You"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude:

"Fugue in e minor"

J.S. Bach

*Standing

Announcements

March 17, 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, 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, Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Betty Cherry (*Evelyn's cousin*), Vaughn Bozman (*Gwen Griffith's brother*), John Alderson, Patty Bailey (*Hal Bailey's step-mom*), The Family of Sue Ellen Bolton Thayer

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: Sandy Gates

Fellowship Hour: The Burton's & Coots's

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.

Community Lenten Services: at the Fincastle UMC fellowship hall, starting March 13th. They will begin at 12pm each Wednesday.

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.

Orders for Easter flowers: This year can be for the normal lilies or for tulips (in pots with 8 or more bulbs each). The cost for each will be \$16.00 and sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall. Last day to order is April 9th.

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.

Homeplace Restaurant: John Kilby has arranged a dinner on March 21st at 6:00PM. The amount will be \$22 which includes tax and tips. Please notify John by Monday, March 18th @5:00PM if you want to go. John's email is kilby50@yahoo.com and phone number 992-4616.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 21st: Homeplace Restaurant 6pm

Thursday, March 28th: Session Meeting

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

Sunday, April 7th: Two-Cents-A-Meal

Tuesday, April 9th: Last day to order Easter flowers

Thursday, April 18th: Tenebrae Service at 7pm. Scripture Readers needed. Please contact Lynne Bolton to volunteer.

Birthdays: Sean Dehaven ^{3/5}, Hal Bailey ^{3/6}, Ed Shuey ^{3/6}, Nathalie Givens ^{3/8}, Cal Beasley ^{3/8}, Mary Lee Reese (*David's Mom*) ^{3/9}, Hal Bailey Jr. ^{3/10}, Leigh Littleton ^{3/13}, Alan Brenner ^{3/25}, Patty Vari ^{3/29}

YTD Financial Report through February 2019

Income: \$12,926

Expense: \$12,208

Wednesday Lenten Services and Lunches

*Fincastle United Methodist Church
Family Life Center
137 S. Church Street
473-3001*

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a short, 20 minute service beginning at 12:05pm with music and messages of faith and hope from area pastors.

A home-cooked lunch immediately follows each service at 12:30 pm.

The service and meal are designed to give you time to return home or to work within one hour. Child care is provided and

Take-out meals are available.

Everyone is welcome, so invite your friends! Parking is available on the street, at the Masonic Lodge and in the parking lot beyond the Lodge.

If school is closed, service is canceled

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Here is what we have heard and learned so far in the Mission Study:

**Presbytery of the Peaks
119th Stated Meeting, February 21, 2019
Bulletin Insert**

- 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
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

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

The following questions were asked in the small group discussions:

1. Reactions to this information
2. What are we missing?
3. What are some practical ways that we can address the priorities that you have articulated?
4. Does our current Mission Statement reflect who we are or should be?

**Next Meeting: Saturday, May 4, 2019
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke**

The One Hundred Nineteenth Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks was called to order by 2018 Moderator **Dick Boswell** at 9:30 p.m., on February 21, 2019 in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, VA. Following the opening prayer the presbytery moved immediately to the installation of the 2019 Moderator and Vice-Moderator, **Rev. Dr. Will Robinson**, Pastor of Salem Presbyterian Church and **Viola “Skip” Martin**, a Ruling Elder from First, Pulaski. After declaration of a quorum and opening prayer, **Mark Hinchcliff**, Pastor of the host church, offered a warm welcome to all, followed by a greeting by **Carl Utley**, Transitional General Presbyter.

With four items being lifted out of the consent agenda, the day’s agenda was approved, including the consent agenda, whereupon the presbytery was led in worship by **Leanna Blevins**, liturgist and **Rev. Andrew Whaley**, Pastor of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, preaching. The offering of **\$882.52 received by Hunger Action Advocate Denise Pillow** was for the Presbytery’s Two Cents a Meal ministry. Through the necrology, the presbytery remembered and honored the ruling and teaching elders of our presbytery who joined the Church Triumphant in 2018, with a concluding prayer by Rev. Whaley. **Musicians from First, Martinsville** blessed the presbytery with their musical offerings, **Cynthia Dobrinski**, organ, **Lynn Pritchett**, flute and **Deborah Burgess**, soloist.

The Presbyterian Women shared their extensive ministry through a presentation led by **Helen Dean**, a feature of our meetings called “Ministry Made Possible.”

The Mission Study Team Moderator Melissa McNair-King, pastor at First, Pulaski, walked the presbytery through its discoveries and then the presbytery broke into small groups to discuss the insights and to begin the conversation about what might be missing from our deliberations so far, whether we are on track in our current mission, and what might be next for the presbytery.

Following lunch, robust fellowship, and Open Mic, the **Committee on Ministry** opened the afternoon’s business with several recommendations. Through the Consent Agenda the presbytery approved an administrative commission to respond to the request of Beale Memorial Presbyterian Church to leave the PCUSA for membership in the Evangelical Presbyterian

Church: **Keith Leach, TE and Chair, Janice Fraser, TE, and John Arehart, RE.**

Sue Bentley, chair of the COM, recommended a policy to guide the presbytery in our use of Commissioned Pastors, including CP's who are commissioned to serve a single congregation and CP's who are commissioned to serve a presbytery neighborhood. Following approval, the following assignments were approved and CP's were commissioned or renewed in their covenantal relationships: **Margie Anderson, The Highlands; Jan McGilliard, The New River Valley; Dick Boswell, The Hill Cities; Richard Henderson, The Southside, and Al and Barbara Jacobs, The Piedmont**

To close the COM report, **Rev. Bob McLavey recognized the retirement of Stewart Childress, pastor of Mayberry and Bluemont Presbyterian churches**, after which he led the presbytery in prayer for Stewart's ministry.

Susan Verbrugge, moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, presented **Jennifer Brothers**, a member of Second Presbyterian, Roanoke and a second career student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, so that she might advance to the candidacy phase of her preparation for ministry. The presbytery was delighted by Jen's testimony and sense of call to ordered ministry.

A significant piece of the presbytery's work was to receive the recommendations from the Bills and Overtures Committee, reported by **Bob McLavey, TE**. Nine overtures have been sent to the nation's 172 presbytery's consent or disapproval. Each of the nine were affirmed by the presbytery, action that will be reported back to the Office of the General Assembly of the PCUSA. (Additional information can be gleaned from the PCUSA website.)

Hunger Action Advocate **Denise Pillow** led the presbytery in recognizing the congregations that participated in the 2018 Two Cents a Meal ministry. 84 of our 120 congregations gave to relieve hunger through this vital program.

The **Nominating Committee, moderator John Erb**, presented a slate of people to serve on the various committees of the presbytery. Elected were:

MODERATOR 2020

VICE MODERATOR 2020

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Chair 2019

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Kyle Allen TE 2021

Monica Stevens RE 2020

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Sydney Nordt RE 2021

COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

David Kirk TE 2021

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chair 2019

COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

Janet Rakes RE 2019

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

George Wilson TE 2024

Viola "Skip" Martin

Steve Willis

Ed McElmurray

Covenant

First Martinsville

Salem

HR

Jordan Hertz

Blacksburg

HR

The Committee on Administration report was given by Ruling Elder Richard Claterbaugh. The presbytery approved the 2019 budget of \$812,167, new position descriptions for the presbytery staff to absorb the responsibilities of the Associate Presbyter for Ministry, and the terms of call for both of our transitional presbyters. The effective salary approved for **Carl Utley** was \$88,434 and for **Rachel Shepherd** was \$55,896.

The Board of Trustees submitted in writing their 2018 Annual Report. Other written reports included were offered by The Presbyterian Women, The Session Records Work Group, and The Committee on Mission.

The Stated Clerk's report included the 2018 Minister and Church attendance figures. 19 congregations had 100% representation. 19 congregations had 75%. 18 congregations had 50%. 14 congregations had 25% and 43 congregations were absent from all 2018 meetings. Among active clergy, honorably retired, commissioned pastors, and members at large, 47 had a 100% record as either present or with an excused absence. 13 were absent in 2018.

After suitable thanks was offered by **Kristin Reinhold, TE** for the day, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator