

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Church Directory

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090
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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 Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.

Treasurer: Becky Downs

Organist and Choir Director: Evelyn Renshaw

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Beth Clark

Office Hours:

Monday & Friday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

The Rev. Dr. 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.

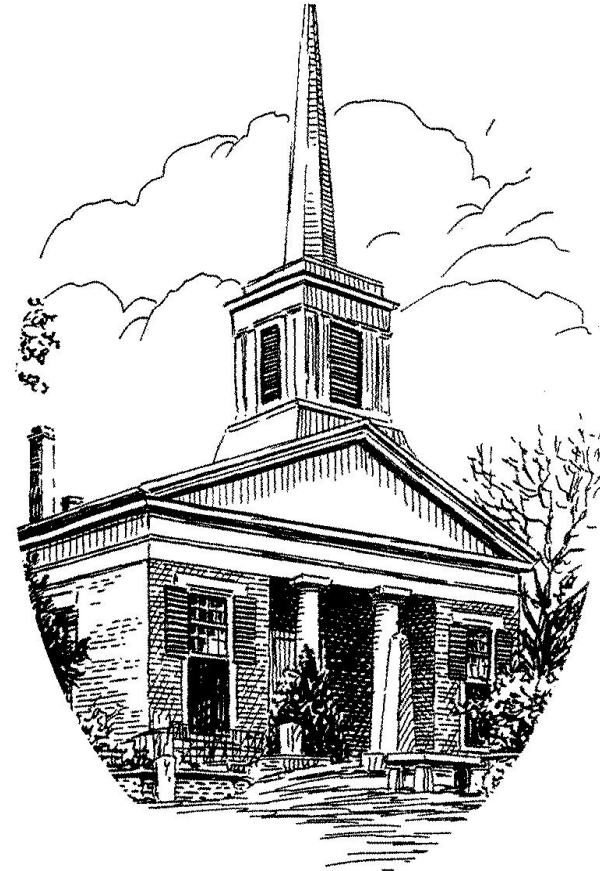
The Church Calendar

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.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019 – 10:30am

Prelude: *"Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost"*
J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Introit:

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:6, 7

Leader: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,

People: call ye upon him while he is near:

Leader: let wicked forsake their way,

People: and the unrighteous their thoughts!

Leader: and let them return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon them;

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

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #271 *"Christ Is Coming! Let Creation"*

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.

All: Let us admit our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God,

In Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful.

We are lazy servants, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us, O God, and though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, and free us from sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession: Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted:

Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

People: He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering: *"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"*
Armsdorf

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: #21 *"How Great Thou Art" (v. 1,2,4)*

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 97 Becky Downs Pg. 519
John 17:20-26 Pg. 941

Sermon: "... that they may all be one..."
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn: #517 *"The Solid Rock"*

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: *"Prelude in g minor"*
J.S. Bach

*Standing

Announcements

June 2, 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, 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*), Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Jane Beasley, Vaughn Bozman (*Gwen Griffith's brother*), John Alderson, The Family of Sue Ellen Bolton Thayer, Leon Tomblin, Kaki Peaslee, Eric Burton

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: Becky Downs

Fellowship Hour: Sandy Gates

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

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.

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

Members: Please like Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Facebook. See fun pictures and updates.

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, June 2nd: Two-Cents-A-Meal

Wednesday, June 19th: Workday at the Church from 8am-10am

Birthdays: Becky Downs 6/6, Randall Wright 6/8, Mardee Kilby 6/10, David Dickerson 6/29

Written reports were received by the **Mission Committee, Presbyterian Women, Committee on Administration, the Stated Clerk, and Session Records Workgroup.**

**Presbytery of the Peaks
120th Stated Meeting, May 4, 2019
Bulletin Insert**

The ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES report was presented by the Stated Clerk John Weiderholt.

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| Teaching Elder Members of the Presbytery | 52 |
| Commissioned Ruling Elders Present and Entitled to Vote = | 8 |
| Ruling Elder Commissioners/Cabinet/Committee Chairs | 62 |
| SUB-TOTAL <u>VOTING</u>: | 122 |
| Other Teaching Elders Serving in Peaks | 0 |
| Visiting Ministers. | 1 |
| Certified Christian Educators | 0 |
| Youth Advisory Delegates | 0 |
| Visiting Ruling Elders | 18 |
| Other Visitors | 11 |
| Presbytery Staff Not Included Above | 3 |
| SUB-TOTAL <u>NON-VOTING</u> | 33 |
| TOTAL ATTENDANCE | 155 |

Next Meeting:

**August 17, 2019
Presbytery of the Peaks Office
108 Melinda Drive
Lynchburg, VA**

The One Hundred Twentieth Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks was called to order by **Moderator Will Robinson at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke** at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments, hospitality, an orientation of first time commissioners and visitors, and registration paved the way for our afternoon assembly.

Following a welcome by host pastor **Russ Merritt** and **Transitional General Presbyter Carl Utley**, a quorum was declared by the **Stated Clerk, John Weiderholt**, and our assembly was underway. Ruling Elders **Smith Chaney, Martinsville and Shelda Wills, Christiansburg**, were appointed to serve as tellers and Ruling Elder, **Theresa Underwood, Peace PC**, was appointed to offer a resolution of appreciation at the end of the assembly.

After consideration of the consent agenda, a revised docket to include a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry was approved. The presbytery was led by Carl Utley in a Taize Morning Prayer service. The assembly wholeheartedly entered the spirit of the service that included music, the coming Sunday's lectionary scripture, silence and prayer. The service also included a **Two Cents a Meal Offering of \$821.80.**

The Mission Committee presented Ministry Made Possible, highlighting three mission opportunities:

- 1) Presbytery of the Peaks is partnering with **LovABLE Services** in support of a new mission outreach geared toward improving educational, professional, and relational opportunities for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities in our presbytery. Representing LovABLE Services were Beth Woodrum, Chris Woodrum, and Elizabeth Allen, daughter of teaching elder **Kyle Allen, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church.**
- 2) **Rev. Janet Chisom**, Salem Presbyterian Church, spoke about her recent trip with CEDEPCA to Guatemala and the upcoming trip in October.
- 3) **Sandra Whitt**, ruling elder at **Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church**, spoke about a South Sudan Network through the PCUSA. She described how she became involved with **The Lost Boys of Sudan** through her home church. A conference explaining the network is scheduled for July 22-23 in New Wilmington, PA. Scholarship funds are available for POP

members to attend. The Committee on Mission is exploring the possibility of partnerships in South Sudan through Presbyterian Mission. Two PoP missionaries will journey to South Sudan May 20-30 with a group of individuals from different presbyteries throughout the United States to evaluate this possibility. Regular updates will be submitted throughout the trip to be disseminated to Presbytery members.

The 2:10 p.m. Order of the Day occasioned the Report of the Examinations Committee, Rev. Bob McLavey, Chair. Three teaching elders were examined and approved.

- 1) **Rev. David Baker**, Stated Supply, Williamson Memorial Presbyterian Church, transferring from Tampa Bay Presbytery;
- 2) **Rev. David Cozad**, Interim, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, by transfer from Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery,
- 3) **Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter**, Bereavement Coordinator, Good Samaritan Hospice, by transfer from Presbytery of the James.

The Presbytery was privileged to welcome **Rev. Warren LeSane** who brought greetings from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

Dale Brown, chair of the Sexual Misconduct Policy Committee, presented their report and its one recommendation was **Approved**. The new policy requires criminal background checks for:

All Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Chaplains, Commissioned Pastors, Certified Christian Educators and other certified leaders who perform any service of any kind for any congregation, council or institution.

Sue Bentley, chair of the COM, presented Ruling **Elder Diane Baldwin**, of Quaker Memorial PC, Lynchburg, to be commissioned as a Missional Commissioned Pastor for the **Piedmont Neighborhood**; Teaching Elder, Kim Steinhorst, is her appointed mentor. The COM also presented for a second reading and adoption a policy that will govern the presbytery's use of ministers of another denomination, which was unanimously **approved**.

At COM's invitation, Martha Reisner, the Peaks Church Consultant representative from the Board of Pensions, presented information concerning recent programs that might be of benefit to the presbytery.

Two recommendations presented by **John Fedison** were approved from the **Trustees**. The first expanded by one additional acre the portion of the

Presbytery office property that could be sold to commercial interests. The second recommendation approved a request from Unity Presbytery Church, Danville, to sell the property of the former Shelton Memorial Presbyterian Church, which it assimilated at the end of 2018.

The Cabinet presented for approval and first reading a new mission statement and priorities that the Presbytery expressed repeatedly in 2018.

The new Mission Statement is **“Building partnerships in Christ to empower communities of faith to be the Body of Christ for the world.”** Three priorities were identified :

- 1) **To strengthen every congregation, campus ministry, new worshipping community, community of faith, and leaders of all ages through communication, connections, and education.**
- 2) **To collaborate with every congregation, campus ministry, new worshipping community, and other communities of faith in developing effective and appropriate ministries for the 21st century**
- 3) **To embody all of the above priorities in designing a sustainable staffing model for the presbytery, in calling/hiring staff, and in locating the presbytery office.**

To address the third priority, four teams will be formed by Cabinet that will take a fresh look at four aspects of our presbytery's mission: 1) budget, 2) staff design, 3) office location and 4) presbytery structure. Their task is to align the presbytery's ministry and structure with the newly approved mission and priorities.

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

Two recommendations lifted from the consent agenda were presented by **Margie Anderson, member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and approved:**

- 1) All people coming under the care of CPM from 4/3/19 onward be required to take at least one credit of Clinical Pastoral Education(CPE) in order to be Certified Ready to Seek a Call from our Presbytery.
- 2) Those under the care of CPM before 4/3/19 will be strongly encouraged by CPM to take at least one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).