

Church Directory

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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

Bookkeeper/Secretary: Beth Clark

Office Hours:

Monday & Friday: 8:10am - 3:40pm

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

Mondays: 9am – 12pm, Wednesdays: 2pm – 5pm, Fridays: 9am – 12pm

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 12:30pm every other Sunday

Sunday School.....9:30am

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.

All: Amen!

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday in Advent & Communion Sunday

December 1, 2019 – 10:30am

Prelude: "O Thou, of God the Father"
Walther

Welcome and Announcements:

Choral Introit: #140 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship:

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

Hymn: #138 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

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!

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 judgement. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you.

Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant Jesus, our Saviour, 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.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People

Offering: "He Shall Come"
Schram
sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

John Griffith

Pg. 587

Matthew 24:36-44

Pg. 859

Sermon:

"Stay the Course"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #778

"As He Gathered at His Table"
(v. 1-4)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Elders

Invitation to the Congregation

Minister: Christ came to us proclaiming peace: peace to all those who are near, peace to all those who are far away. In Christ's body we are made one. The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sentences of Institution

Partaking of the Bread & Cup

Closing Prayer

*Hymn: #778

"As He Gathered at His Table"
(v. 5-7)

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude:

"Come, Thou Savior of our race"
Vetter

*Standing

Announcements

December 1, 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 & put it in the collection plate or give to an Elder. All members, friends & visitors please join us after church in the Fellowship Hall for coffee & refreshments.

Prayer Concerns: Family of Carol Brenner, Al Frederick, Jean Branscom, Chris Fowler (*Becky's friend*), Laura Holt, Jackie Ferrel, Audrey Ferrel, Holly Myers (*Ty's daughter*), Ruth Schaaf (*Bev's mother*), Mary Lee Reese, Clyde Hypes, Mary Black, Audrey Brizendine (*Evelyn's friend*), Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Vaughn Bozman (*Gwen Griffith's brother*), Leon Tomblin, Kaki Peaslee, Doug Ross, Dianne Poynor, Faye Hundley, Marilyn Koch (*Lisa's Mom*), Janet Woolwine (*Carolyn's Sister*), Neal Brush, Family of Jill Adamson-wife of Russell (*Lynne's cousin*), Troy Ivy (*The Porter's son-in-law*), Molly Rose (*Valerie Lucas's cousin*), Gwen Griffith, Kip Burton, Kerri Summerlin (*Carolyn Knicely's niece*)

All Children are invited to participate in Children's Time. Afterwards, younger children may go to the staffed nursery and older children may attend Children's Time upstairs.

Duty Elder: John Griffith

Fellowship Hour: The Goad, Brenner, & Davis Family

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.

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

Members: Please like Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Facebook.

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.

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.

2019 Angel Tree Gifts: Please have Angel Tree gifts in the fellowship hall by December 22nd Sunday Worship for delivery that day. Sign-out sheet and tags are in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions or help shopping call: Becky DesChamps or Verna Shuey.

Poinsettia Dedication Sign-Up is now available: If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of your loved one(s), please do so by signing up on the poinsettia sheet in the Fellowship Hall. The orders must be placed no later than December 15th. The price per poinsettia is \$15.00. **Please make a separate check from contribution check** payable to FPC and put "poinsettia" in the memo line. The poinsettias will be displayed in the Sanctuary during our Advent season. You may also email Beth at secretary@fincastlepresbyterian.org to place your order.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 1st: Communion

Thursday, December 5th: Session Meeting

Sunday, December 15th: Lessons & Carols
No Sunday School
Breakfast at 9am in Fellowship Hall

Birthdays

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