

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

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.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019 – 10:30am

Prelude: "O Christ who art the Light of the World"
Dupré

Welcome and Announcements:

Choral Introit: #140 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship:

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 his name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love
Alan, Henry, Pierce, and Hannah Brenner

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

Silent Confession: Amen

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: "A Litany for Advent"
arr. by S.W. McRae
sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: #193 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad"
(v. 1, 2, 3, 6)

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Matthew 1: 18-25

John Griffith

Pg. 591

Pg. 835

Sermon:

"Do Not Fear, God Is With Us!"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn: #170

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

*Charge and Blessing

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

*Standing

Announcements

December 22, 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: Al Frederick, Jean Branscom, 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*), Alexis Porter (*The Porter's granddaughter*), Molly Rose (*Valerie Lucas's cousin*), Gwen Griffith, Kip Burton, Kerri Summerlin (*Carolyn Knicely's niece*), Jeff Sprinkel

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: Lynne Bolton

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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 22nd: Christmas Joy Offering

Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Service & Christmas Eve Offering at 5:30pm

Sunday, January 5th: Two-Cents-A-Meal

Sunday, January 12th: Budget for 2020 presented to congregation (snow date January 19th)

Birthdays

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

YTD Financial Report through November 2019

Income: \$88,592

Expenses: \$109,036

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In Memory of

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by Lynne Bolton

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by Alan Brenner

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