

**Church Directory**

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090  
(540) 473-2042  
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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](mailto: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 ..... 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2019 – 10:30am

Prelude: "O Jesu So Meek, O Jesu So Mild"  
Kauffmann

Welcome and Announcements:

Choral Introit: #126 "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Call to Worship: Luke 2:10-14

Leader: But the angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:"

**People: "to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."**

Leader: "This will be sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

**People: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,**

Leader: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #146 "Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come"

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 wrong.**

**All: Let us confess our sin before God.**

Prayer of Confession:

**Great God our Father,**

**You have given us Jesus, light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love. We are frightened disciples who are slow to speak your gospel. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your word to nations, and tell your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever.**

Silent Confession: Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Who is in the position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Offering:

"The Snow Lay on the Ground"  
English Melody  
sung by the Choir

\*Doxology # 809

\*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: #163

"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 63: 7-9

Matthew 2: 13-23

John Griffith

Pg. 642

Pg. 836

Sermon:

"The Gift Is Offered"  
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

\*Hymn: #174

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude:

"Adeste Fideles"  
Liszt

\**Standing*

## Announcements

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**Duty Elder:** John Griffith

**Fellowship Hour:** Meg Omer, Lynne Bolton, Patsy Dickerson

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

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**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>:** Budget for 2020 presented to congregation (snow date January 19<sup>th</sup>)

## Birthdays

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