

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.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019 – 10:30am

Prelude: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
Krebs

Welcome and Announcements:

Choral Introit: #140 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Call to Worship: (Phil. 2 selected verses)

Leader: If there is any encouragement in Christ

People: If there is any comfort from his love

Leader: If there is any fellowship of the Spirit

People: If there is any affection and compassion

Leader: Then make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love. Do nothing out of selfishness or vain conceit.

People: But with humility of mind, let us consider others as more important than ourselves.

Leader: Not merely looking out for our own personal interests

People: But also for the interests of others.

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

Hymn: #135 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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: (unison)

O Wise and powerful God!

You have given us light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our own human understanding and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted.

Call us back into your presence this Advent season, O God. Overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word and worth, bestow upon us gifts that equip us to meet life's demands, so that we might be your people in the world and live in the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ, our living and coming King.

Silent Confession: Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon: responsive

Leader: Understand this: in Jesus Christ, there is no condemnation. There is only God's gracious provision.

People: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Those who come to me shall not hunger, and those who believe in me shall never thirst."

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Amen!

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Offering: "An Advent Carol"
Beall/Carter
sung by the Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: #136 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: John Griffith Pg. 595
Isaiah 11:1-10 Pg. 836
Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: "The King Calls Us To Grow: From Where We Are, To Where We Are Meant To Be!"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"
Lemmons

*Standing

Announcements

December 8, 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, 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 Shuey's

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

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