

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020 – 10:30am – Live Streaming



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

Prelude: "My inmost heart now raises"
J.C. Bach

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6,7 (unison)
O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Invocation: *The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Hymn: #2 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Call to Confession: (unison)
Let us confess our sins against both God and our neighbor, trusting in God's promised grace revealed in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51 (adapted) (unison)
**O God,
Have mercy upon us, according to thy loving kindness. According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Silent Confession: Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. If a person is in Christ, that person becomes a new person altogether – the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #71 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Prayer of Illumination: *The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Scripture Reading:
Genesis 45:1-15 Old Testament Reading
Matthew 15:21-28 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "God's Love Tears Down Walls of Separation, and Builds Bridges to Reconciliation"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #433 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Prelude in F Major"
J.S. Bach

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Family of Jean Coots, Jean Branscom, Laura Holt McCann, Jackie Ferrel, Holly Myers (*Ty's daughter*), Ruth Schaaf (*Bev's mother*), Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Vaughn Bozman (*Gwen Griffith's brother*), Kaki Peaslee, Doug Ross, Dianne & John Poynor, Marilyn Koch (*Lisa's Mom*), Janet Woolwine (*Carolyn's Sister*), Neal Brush, Alexis Porter (*The Porter's granddaughter*), Molly Rose (*Valerie Lucas's cousin*), Gwen Griffith, Kerri Summerlin (*Carolyn Knicely's niece*), Gretchen Greiner, Family of Bob Waid, Ann Whitehurst (*Evelyn's Friend*), Lisa Curlee (*Sarah Bulmer's sister*), Phyllis Tenser, Kip Burton, Marc Evans (*nephew of Peggy's friend*), *Rebecca Cook (Evelyn's cousin), Gene & Nancy Powell (Evelyn's friends)*

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Birthdays: Evelyn Renshaw 8/4, Patsy Dickerson 8/6, Lydia Sydnor 8/9, KJ DeHaven 8/12, Jean Branscom 8/17, Dot Langford 8/17, Fred Coots 8/19, Sue Goodpasture 8/22, Gardner Branscom 8/23, Jane Jones 8/31

First Scripture Reading:

Genesis 45:1-15

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him; and he cried, "Make every one go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, I pray you." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Make haste and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry; ¹⁰you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have; ¹¹and there I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come; lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Make haste and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Hymns:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join and help my tongue to praise his name whose mercies are divine.

6 His mighty works and ways by Moses he made known, but gave the world his truth and grace by his beloved Son.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife we hear your voice, O Son of Man!

5 Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod: till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.