

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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: "Jesus, my trust" Dupré  
"Jesus Christ, our Saviour" Dupré

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:6,7 (unison)

**Seek ye the Lord while he may be Found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts: and let them return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon them; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

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

Hymn: #634 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Call to Confession: (unison)

**If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us admit our sin before God.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Almighty God,**

**In Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. We are lazy servants, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from your love. Have Mercy on us, O God, and, though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, and free us from sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie:

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

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)

**Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Christ, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace, remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #638 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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

Scripture Reading:  
Exodus 1:8-2:10 Old Testament Reading  
Matthew 16:13-20 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "To Know and Be Known by the Lord!"  
*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #517 "The Solid Rock"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Give praise to Christ Jesus"  
Dupré

## 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, Marc Evans (*nephew of Peggy's friend*), Rebecca Cook (*Evelyn's cousin*), Family of Nancy Powell especially husband Gene Powell (*Evelyn's friend*), Michael Miracle (*Kip & Lyn's nephew*)

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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:

### Exodus 1:8-2:10

<sup>8</sup> Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war befall us, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens; and they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Ra-m'ses. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. <sup>13</sup> So they made the people of Israel serve with rigor, <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field; in all their work they made them serve with rigor. <sup>15</sup> Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiph'rah and the other Pu'ah, <sup>16</sup> "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, she shall live." <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt called the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and are delivered before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and grew very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Now a man from the house of Levi went and took to wife a daughter of Levi. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> And when she could hide him no longer she took for him a basket made of bulrushes, and daubed it with bitumen and pitch; and she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds at the river's brink. <sup>4</sup> And his sister stood at a distance, to know what would be done to him. <sup>5</sup> Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her maidens walked beside the river; she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to fetch it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it she saw the child; and lo, the babe was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup> And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away, and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son; and she named him Moses, for she said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

## Second Scripture Reading:

### Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

## Hymns:

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty--hold me with thy powerful hand: Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee

### Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, and worn. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand. Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

### The Solid Rock

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1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness: I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]