

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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: "Cantilena"
Josef Rheinberger

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (unison)

Let us worship God. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself – not counting their sins against them – and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation. Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

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

Hymn: #72 "To God Be the Glory"

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 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)

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, let us 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 "Blessed the Lord, My Soul"

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

Scripture Reading:
Exodus 14:19-31 Old Testament Reading
Matthew 18:21-35 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "Forgiving From the Heart"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #461 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Toccata in F Major"
Buxtehude

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*), Luke Waldrop (*Father of Dr. Kathy Kerkering*), Michael Miracle (*Kip & Lyn's nephew*)

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting: September 14th by ZOOM video meeting at 5:30pm- for the stated purpose of purchasing 2.4-acre property behind church. A link to join the ZOOM meeting will be forwarded at a future date.

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Birthdays: Clyde Givens 9/8, John Kilby 9/10, George Sydnor 9/11, Verna Shuey 9/18, Mary Dehaven 9/28, Sarah Bulmer 9/30

First Scripture Reading:

Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹ Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴ And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel; for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians." ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the Lord routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. ³¹ And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord; and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; ²⁵ and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; ³³ and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Hymns:

To God Be the Glory

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1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done, so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Blessed 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.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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1 Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me drink of thee; spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.