

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
Walthert

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (unison)

Let us worship God. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone that believes in Him may not be lost but have eternal life. Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

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

Hymn: #569 "Living for Jesus a Life That Is True"

Call to Confession: (unison)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God. Let us ask God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty God,

You have loved us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move towards us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, 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)

This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good.

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: #576

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 16:1-15
Matthew 20:1-16

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"Are We Envious of God's Generosity to Another"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #622

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude:

"Prelude in G 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, 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 has been forwarded by email.

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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 16:1-15

¹They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your murmurings against the Lord. For what are we, that you murmur against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening flesh to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your murmurings which you murmur against him—what are we? Your murmurings are not against us but against the Lord." ⁹And Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your murmurings.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the Lord said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning dew lay round about the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as hoarfrost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 20:1-16

¹"For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. ⁵Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last." 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?"

Hymns:

Living for Jesus a Life That Is True

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1 Living for Jesus, a life that is true, Striving to please Him in all that I do; Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee, For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me; I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne; My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

4. Living for Jesus through earth's little while, My dearest treasure, the light of His smile; Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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1 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus--no turning back, no turning back.

4 Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?--no turning back, no turning back.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.