

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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

September 27, 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: "This is my Father's World" by Dennis Johnson  
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" by Wayne Kerr  
"Te Deum" by Marc-Antoine Charpentier  
Rose Ann Burgess, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1,2 (unison)  
**O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.**

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

Hymn: #621 "I Must Tell Jesus"

Call to Confession: See Hebrews 4:14-16 (unison)  
**Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Almighty God,**

**We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.**

**But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders, spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto man-kind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name.**

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 Him, 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: #584

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Prayer of Illumination:

*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 17:1-7  
Matthew 21:23-32

Old Testament Reading  
New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"A Question of Authority"  
*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #612

"How Firm a Foundation"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude:

"Rondeau"  
Henry Purcell  
Rose Ann Burgess, Organist

## 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, 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)*, *Family of Rosalie Schade (mom of Mark Schade)*, Family of Mary Myers,

**We are accepting applications for the Suzanne Moore Hale Scholarship:** Please mail a letter describing your education plans, church and community involvement to the Church office.

**Welcome Rose Ann Burgess as guest organist:** She has served in liturgical and non-liturgical churches for over 60 years. Her duties have included Director of Music Ministries (choirs of all ages, handbells, instrumentalists) & organist. She retired after teaching music for 31 years in the Roanoke City Schools.

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**Members:** Please like Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Facebook.

**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 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Reph'idim; but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the Lord to the proof?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Mer'ibah because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the Lord to the proof by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

## Second Scripture Reading:

### Matthew 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup> And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'From men,' we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup> And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he repented and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

## Hymns:

### I Must Tell Jesus

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1 I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone; in my distress He kindly will help me; he ever loves and cares for his own.

[Refrain:]

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone; I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

3 O how the world to evil allures me! O how my heart is tempted to sin! I must tell Jesus, and he will help me over the world the victory to win. (Refrain)

### Have Thine Own Way, Lord

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1 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

4 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

### How Firm a Foundation

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1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

5 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"