

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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: "Bridegroom of Our Soul"
Blackburn
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:6,7 (unison)
Seek ye the Lord while the Lord may be found, call ye upon the God while God is near: let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts: and let them return unto the Lord, and the Lord will have mercy upon them; and to our God, for God will abundantly pardon.

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

Hymn: #43 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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.

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51 (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: Psalm 103:7,8,10-12 (unison)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. God hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is the Lord's mercy toward them that fear the Lord. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath God removed our transgressions from us. Amen.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #389

"Happy the Home When God Is There"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 32:1-14
Matthew 22:1-14

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"God's "Kingdom" Party" All Are Invited!
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #538

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude:

"Postlude in G Major"
Handel
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: 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*), Family of Janet Woolwine (*Carolyn's sister*), Neal Brush, Alexis Porter (*The Porter's granddaughter*), Molly Rose (*Valerie Lucas's cousin*), Gwen Griffith, Gretchen Greiner, 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.

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Birthdays: Sandy Gates 10/3, Claudia Harris 10/8, Jane Beasley 10/10, TC Beasley 10/12, Lisa Wright 10/18, Ann Gardner Branscom 10/19, Peggy Davis 10/19, Bryce Branscom 10/24, Lynne Bolton 10/24, Pierce Brenner 10/26

First Scripture Reading:

Exodus 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, "Up, make us gods, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²And Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the rings of gold which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received the gold at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made a molten calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord." ⁶And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. ⁷And the Lord said to Moses, "Go down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; ⁸they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people; ¹⁰now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does thy wrath burn hot against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou didst swear by thine own self, and didst say to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" ¹⁴And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 22:1-14

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' ⁵But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Hymns:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

Happy the Home When God Is There

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1 Happy the home when God is there, and love fills everyone, when with united work and prayer the Master's will is done.

4 Lord, let us in our homes agree this blessed peace to gain; unite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign.

I Need Thee Every Hour

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1 I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

[Refrain:]

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee!

4 I need thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son!

(Refrain)