

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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

October 18, 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: "Abide with us, O Lord Jesus Christ" – Dupré  
"Have mercy upon me, O Lord, My God" – Dupré  
"Lord God, now open wide Thy heaven" – Dupré  
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Leader: We are here to praise the God of love.

**All: We are to worship our God whose love surpasses all knowledge!**

Leader: We are invited by God to be rooted and grounded in love.

**All: We praise our God whose love dwells in our hearts!**

Leader: We come to worship God who gives us the fullness of life.

**All: Let us worship our God whose love knows no bounds!**

Prayer of Invocation: *Dr. Jennifer Jones Powell*

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

Call to Confession:

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this:

**All: While we were sinners, Christ died for us.**

Leader: Because we have faith in him,

**All: We dare to approach God with confidence.**

Leader: In faith and penitence,

**All: Let us confess our sin before God and one another.**

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have failed to fully love you. You call, but we have not listened. We turn away from neighbors, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, and we tolerate divisive ways of being. We forget how expansive your love is, for us and for the world. We forget how deeply your love dwells within our hearts. We fail to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of your love. God of grace, we repent. Forgive our sin, and fill us with the fullness of your love. In the silence, confess. We open our hearts to you.**

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie:

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord

**All: is from everlasting to everlasting.**

Leader: Hear the Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ,

**All: We are forgiven!**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

\*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #78

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Prayer of Illumination:

*Dr. Jennifer Jones Powell*

Scripture Reading:

Proverbs 24:17

Matthew 5:43-48

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"Bless Their Hearts"

*Dr. Jennifer Jones Powell*

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #641

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude:

"Praise the Lord God Almighty" – Dupré  
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, Family of Holly 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 Our Guest Minister:** Jennifer Powell is a member at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Virginia, and she is currently serving as Director of Faith Formation at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. Jennifer is a Professor of Literacy Education at Radford University and a student at the Union Presbyterian Seminary Charlotte campus. Jennifer and her husband Bob always enjoy visiting and worshiping at Fincastle Presbyterian and look forward to worshipping with the congregation today.

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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:

### Proverbs 24:17

<sup>17</sup> Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles;

## Second Scripture Reading:

### Matthew 5:43-48

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## Hymns:

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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.

### O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

### All the Way My Savior Leads Me

1 All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell, for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well; for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

3 All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness of His love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above; when my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way"; this my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way."