

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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: "In Thee, alone, O Christ, my Lord" – Pachelbel
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

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: #227 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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: #21 "How Great Thou Art!"

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

Scripture Reading:
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Old Testament Reading
Matthew 22:34-46 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "God Is Love"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #635 "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Chromatic Fugue" – Pachelbel
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Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Jean Branscom, Laura Holt McCann, Jackie Ferrel, 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

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First Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹ And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naph'tali, the land of E'phraim and Manas'seh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zo'ar. ⁴ And the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵ So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-pe'or; but no man knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. ⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him; so the people of Israel obeyed him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great and terrible deeds which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sad'ducees, they came together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet'? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

Hymns:

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

How Great Thou Art!

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the *worlds thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:.

[Refrain:]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble admiration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art." (Refrain)

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

1 He leadeth me, O blessed thought, O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me! His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]