

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
World Communion Sunday

October 4, 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: "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"
J.S. Bach
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: 2nd Corinthians 5:17-18 (unison)

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

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

Hymn: #342 "How Blest Are They Who, Fearing 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. Let us admit our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty God,

From the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table. Forgive our separate ways. Forgive everything that keeps us apart; the prides that prevent our proper reunion. O God, have mercy on your church, troubled and divided. Renew in us true unity of purpose; that we may break bread together, and, with one voice, praise 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, the 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

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

Scripture Reading:
Exodus 20:1-20
Matthew 21:33-46

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Sermon: "God Calls Us To Be Good Stewards Of the Kingdom"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: "Peace Prayer"
sung by Lynne Bolton, soloist

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Unison: **Christ came to us proclaiming peace: peace to all those who are near, peace to all those who are far away. In Christ's body we are made one. The Lord be with us all.**

Unison: **O Lord, lift up our hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sentences of Institution

Partaking of the Bread & Cup

Closing Prayer

Hymn: #778 "As He Gathered at His Table"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Prelude in a minor"
J.S. Bach
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, Leon Tomblin 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 20:1-20

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸ "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; ¹¹ for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you. ¹³ "You shall not kill. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's." ¹⁸ Now when all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled; and they stood afar off, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die." ²⁰ And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to prove you, and that the fear of him may be before your eyes, that you may not sin."

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; ³⁵ and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. ³⁷ Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ But when they tried to arrest him, they feared the multitudes, because they held him to be a prophet.

Hymns:

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1 How blest are they who, fearing God, from sin restrain their feet, who will not with the wicked stand, who shun the scorner's seat.

5 The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to him is known; the way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.

As He Gathered at His Table

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1 As he gathered at his table those who longed to know the way, Christ proclaimed a holy mystery; still his words call us today.

7 Though this feast be one of symbols, what we celebrate is real; still Christ welcomes to his table; still Christ serves us at his meal.