

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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: "Come God Creator, Holy Ghost" J.S. Bach
Evelyn Renshaw, 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: #539 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Call to Confession: Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16 (unison)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. We declare to all who repent. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #568

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Judges 4:1-7

Matthew 25:14-30

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"God Expects Us To Use Our God-given Gifts!"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #517

"The Solid Rock"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude:

"Fugue in G Major"

J.S. Bach

Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

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 Mother), Family of Janet Woolwine (Carolyn's Sister), Neal Brush, Alexis Porter (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 (Mark Schade's Mom), Family of Mary Myers, Family of Holly Myers, Family of Roberta Meredith (Sue Porter's Sister)

Angel Tree 2020 will be done differently: We are taking donations which will be forwarded to the Social Services Christmas/Outreach fund. This fund will be used to buy gifts and provide food to families not adopted. They foresee a much bigger need this year. Donations can be made out to Fincastle Presbyterian Church with ANGEL TREE in the memo line and mailed to the church. We feel this is a safe and effective way to support this Christmas outreach. Thanks, Becky DesChamps, Ginnie Philippe and Verna Shuey.

Let's celebrate Thanksgiving this year as a church community: Please send a note for which you are thankful and explain. David will take these "thanks" and create a **Fincastle Presbyterian Church Litany of Thanksgiving** to be used during the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 22 and Sunday Nov. 29. Send these expressions of thanks by Nov. 18th to fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com Thanks for participating.

Tithes can be received by the following: Mail check to PO Box 144 Fincastle, VA 24090. If you have any questions please contact Beth at fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

New Church Email Address: fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

Members: Please like Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Facebook.

Please email: Any contact and address changes to fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

Birthdays: Garland Jones 11/3, Nick DesChamps 11/12, Jim Porter 11/26

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, ¹⁶ to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'

First Scripture Reading:

Judges 4: 1-7

¹ And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ² And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sis'era, who dwelt in Haro'sheth-ha-goiim. ³ Then the people of Israel cried to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years.

⁴ Now Deb'orah, a prophetess, the wife of Lap'pidoth, was judging Israel at that time. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deb'orah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of E'phraim; and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abin'o-am from Kedesh in Naph'tali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naph'tali and the tribe of Zeb'ulun. ⁷ And I will draw out Sis'era, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Hymns:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race. We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.

4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

The Solid Rock

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness: I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]