

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 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: "My inmost heart now raises"
"Now thank we all our God" J.C. Bach
Kaufmann
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6,7 (unison)
O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Litany of Thanksgiving: *The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Hymn: #381 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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 useless when we could be useful. We are lazy servants, timid 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: #823
**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)

Hear the Good News! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. Friends: 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: #522

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 100

Old Testament Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

New Testament Reading

Sermon: "Our Best Thanksgiving To God: To Love All People As Christ Loves All People"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #376

"We Gather Together"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Prelude in F Major"

J.S. Bach
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Laura Holt McCann, Jackie Ferrel, Family of 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), Alexsis 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 Kerkerling), 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.

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

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! ² Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³ Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;' ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink?' ³⁸ And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? ³⁹ And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' ⁴⁶ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Hymns:

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home, gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in your presence to abide. Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

4 Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

We Gather Together

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, sing praises to his name: he forgets not his own.

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be; let thy congregation escape tribulation: thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Fincastle Presbyterian Church Litany of Thanksgiving

O God, Creator and Lord and Giver of all life

For the beauty of the earth, for the birds that fly so effortlessly, for the wildlife that surrounds our homes, for the family and friends who enjoy it with us

We give you thanks.

For family, church family, and the entire family of believers in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit who lives in each and every one of us

We give you thanks.

For parents taking us to Sunday School as a child, and for life in the United States

We give you thanks.

For our wonderful family friends, our church community, a safe place to live; food, shelter, good health, access to medical care, and books

We give you thanks.

For opportunities to volunteer; a geographically beautiful area in which to live; prayers, the leadership of our church, and those many hands that are keeping our church going during this difficult time

We give you thanks.

For the health and the safety of our family; for the blessing of living where we do; and for having special and loving friends at Fincastle Presbyterian Church

We give you thanks.

For our loving, supportive family; for this church, as an integral part of our families' lives, where we have celebrated baptisms, honored unions of marriage, and eulogized our dearly deceased; and for this Church's congregation that has provided immeasurable spiritual comfort during times of illness and periods of crisis

We give you thanks.

(Unison) Thank God for this Church and all the blessings it bestows. Amen

(Thank you to those who made contributions for this Prayer of Thanksgiving: Kip and Lyn Burton, Joe Camper, Patsy Dickerson, Leigh Anne Martin, Ginnie and Paul Phillippe, and Sue Porter)