

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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: "Have mercy upon me, O Lord, my God" Dupré
"Lord Jesus Christ, turn unto us" Dupré
"Lord God, now open wide Thy heaven" Dupré
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (unison)
Let us worship God. Thank God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his great mercy we have been born again into a life full of hope, through Christ's rising from the dead. Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

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

Hymn: #96 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Call to Confession: (unison)
The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Let us ask God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)
Most holy and merciful Father,
We acknowledge and confess before Thee our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our short comings and offenses. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned: in wandering from Thy ways; in wasting Thy gifts; in forgetting Thy love.
But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins for the sake of Thy dear Son.
And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech Thee, to live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways, according to the commandments of 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)
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; and a new life has begun. By God's grace may we know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" / "His Name Is Wonderful" Henry Smith/Audrey Meier
sung by Lynne Bolton - soloist

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

Scripture Reading:
Joshua 24:1-3a, 13-25 Old Testament Reading
Matthew 25:1-13 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "Every day – Choosing to Trust in the Lord"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #689 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Kyrie, God, the Holy Ghost" Dupré
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 Kerker), 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:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 13-25

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Your fathers lived of old beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

¹³ I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you had not built, and you dwell therein; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant."

¹⁴ "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." ¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land; therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." ¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, "Nay; but we will serve the Lord." ²² Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." ²³ He said, "Then put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel." ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 25:1-13

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Hymns:

Praise Him! Praise Him

1 Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O Earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

Refrain: Praise him! praise him! tell of his excellent greatness; praise him! praise him ever in joyful song!

3 Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;
crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
power and glory unto the Lord belong: (Refrain)

The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation, by water and the word: from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

5 Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.