

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 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: "Gesu Bambino" Yon Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:2&6 (unison)

Let us worship God. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Praise the Lord! The Lord's name be praised!

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

Hymn: #152 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Call to Confession: (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 with confidence to approach God. Let us ask God to forgive us.

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 should 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, let us believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: #164 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

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

Scripture Reading:
Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Old Testament Reading
Luke 2:22-40 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "Our Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #173 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Adeste Fidelis" Barrett
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Laura Holt McCann, Jean Branscom, 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), Alexis Porter (Porter's Granddaughter), Molly Rose (Valerie Lucas's Cousin), Family of Gwen Griffith, Gretchen Greiner, Lisa Curlee (Sarah Bulmer's Sister), Phyllis Tenser, Marc Evans (Nephew of Peggy's Friend), Rebecca Cook (Evelyn's Cousin), Michael Miracle (Kip & Lyn's Nephew), Family of Paul Fitzgerald

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Birthdays: Henry Brenner, 12/2; Hannah Brenner, 12/5; Ty Harris, 12/12; Jim Helms, 12/24

First Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

62 ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Second Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:22-40

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; ³⁰ for mine eyes have seen thy salvation ³¹ which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; ³⁴ and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phan'u-el, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, ³⁷ and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Hymns:

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4 See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth! Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Silent Night! Holy Night!

1 Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and Child, holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

3 Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)