

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and Communion Sunday  
December 6, 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: "O Christ who art the Light of the World"  
"Come now, Saviour of the Heathen"  
Dupré  
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Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Isaiah 35:3&4 (unison)  
**Let us worship God, strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.  
He will come... He will come and save you." Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be  
praised.**

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

Hymn: #136 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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)  
**God of the future,  
You are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we  
have not expected your Kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and ignored your  
promised judgement. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you.  
Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we  
want and eagerly wait for.**

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: #823

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103: 8, 10-12 (unison)

**The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He hath  
not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. As the  
heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As  
far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

\*Gloria Patri: #805

Prayers of the People:

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

Scripture Reading:  
Isaiah 40:1-11 Old Testament Reading  
Mark 1:1-8 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "Preparing the Way"  
*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #776 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (v. 1&2)

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: #776 "Let Us Break Bread Together" (v. 3)

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Rejoice now, beloved Christians"  
Dupré  
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), Gwen Griffith, Gretchen Greiner, The Family of 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.

**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](mailto:fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com)

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**Members:** Please like Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Facebook.

**Please email:** Any contact and address changes to [fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com)

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

## First Scripture Reading:

### Isaiah 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup> O Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>8</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>10</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

## Second Scripture Reading:

### Mark 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup> "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight—" <sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## Hymns:

### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh: awake and listen for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

5 To you, O Christ, all praises be, whose advent sets your people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

### Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

[Refrain:]

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)