

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021 – 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: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Sy Miller Arr. by Russell Maudlin  
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6,7 (unison)

**O come, let 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.**

Prayer of Invocation:

*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Hymn: #2

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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,**

**You love us, but we have not loved you; you call but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, 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)

**Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. If a person is in Christ, he becomes a new person altogether – the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends: believe the good news of the gospel. I 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: #486

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Prayer of Illumination:

*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Scripture Reading:

Jonah 3:1-10

Old Testament Reading

Mark 1:14-20

New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #3

"Holy God We Praise Your Name"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Chester G. Allen Arr. by Carol McMillen  
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist

## Announcements

**Prayer Concerns:** Laura Holt McCann, Jean Branscom, Jackie Ferrel, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Doug Ross, Dianne & John Poynor, Marilyn Koch (Lisa's Mother), 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), Michael Miracle (Kip & Lyn's Nephew), Family of Paul Fitzgerald, Ronan, 4 mo. old son of Monica & Kendal (JoAnne Snowden's Friends), Michael & Sandy Petrucci (Lynne Bolton's Friend), Sharon Lane (Sandy's Friend) Dana & Billie Wilson (Sue Porter's brother & sister-in-law), Lilly Porter (Porter's Granddaughter), Evelyn Renshaw, Alan Brenner, Marlene Davidow (Lynne's Friend)

**Thank you Lori Turner:** for being our pianist for this service.

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**Birthdays:** Carolyn Kniceley 1/5, Julia Richardson 1/12, Mike Goad 1/13, Mark Schade 1/17, Becky DesChamps 1/23

## First Scripture Reading:

### Jonah 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Arise, go to Nin'evah, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nin'evah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. <sup>6</sup>Then tidings reached the king of Nin'evah, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>And he made proclamation and published through Nin'evah, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, or drink water, <sup>8</sup>but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry mightily to God; yea, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence which is in his hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?" <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

## Second Scripture Reading:

### Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." <sup>16</sup>And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zeb'edee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.

## Hymns:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky,  
and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

4 If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word, and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

### Holy God We Praise Your Name

1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you; all on earth thy scepter claim, all in heaven above adore you; infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you; while in essence only one, undivided God we claim you, then, adoring, bend the knee, and confess the mystery.