

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 14, 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 Us Break Bread Together Spiritual"

Arr. Cindy Berry
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Micah 6:6-8 (unison)

With what shall we come before the Lord? Shall we bring burnt offerings or calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams? Or ten thousand rivers of oil? Mortals, God has shown us what is good. What does the Lord require? To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #558

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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)

Oh God,

You surprise us in so many ways. You have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth and that heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice.

But we cling to the values of this world. Things that enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable.

God of blessing, reorient our hearts, and renew our minds, so that we might act with justice, show kindness, and-in all things-walk humbly with you, our God.

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon:

(unison)

If a person is in Christ, that person becomes a new person altogether, the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. 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: #470

"Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Old Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13

John 15:12-13

New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"Love, God's Love"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #20

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross"

Arr. Tom Fettke
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), Betty Miracle (Kip's Sister), Family of Paul Fitzgerald, Ronan-4 mo. old son of Monica & Kendal (JoAnne Snowden's Friends), Michael & Sandy Petrucci (Lynne Bolton's Friend), Peggy Davis, 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: Beverly Schade 2/4, Kip Burton 2/26

First Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; ⁵ and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Second Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; ⁵ it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

¹³ So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Third Scripture Reading:

John 15:12-13

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Hymns:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Jesus Loves Me

1 Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother--all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.