

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday in Lent

February 21, 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: "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Arr. Mark Hayes
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (unison)

Let us worship God. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself – not counting their sins against them – and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation. Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

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

Hymn: #502 "Amazing Grace"

Call to Confession: (unison)

Let us confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Almighty God, our Father in Heaven,
You created us for life together. We confess that we have turned from your will. We have not loved one another as you commanded. We have been quick to claim our own rights and careless of the rights of others. We have taken much and given little. Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love, so that we may serve you as a faithful people, and live together in your joy; 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)

Here and believe the good news of the gospel. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! In Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

*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: #356

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17

Old Testament Reading

Mark 1:9-15

New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"God's Final Answer: Grace!"

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*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #472

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "He Is Exalted"

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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), Gretchen Greiner, Lisa Curlee (Sarah Bulmer's Sister), Phyllis Tenser, Marc Evans (Nephew of Peggy's Friend), Betty Miracle (Kip's Sister), 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), Kevin Barlow (Sandy's Friend), Hope Burton (Kip & Lyn's Granddaughter)

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:

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."

Second Scripture Reading:

Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; ¹¹ and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased." ¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

Hymns:

Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

5 Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Grace Greater than Our Sin

1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

3 Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe: you that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? [Refrain]