

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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: "Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

Arr. David Dougherty
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (unison)

Let us worship God. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #611

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Call to Confession: (unison)

The proof of God's amazing love 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)

Here 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: 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: #445

"Just As I Am"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 17:1-8, 15-17

Old Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

New Testament Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon:

"Hope In The Midst of Fear"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #609

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Hallelujah, Amen"

Arr. Tedd Smith
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), 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 17:1-8, 15-17

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. ⁸And I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sar'ai your wife, you shall not call her name Sar'ai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her; I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

Second Scripture Reading:

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³But the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Third Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-38

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." ³⁴And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Hymns:

There is a Balm in Gilead

[Refrain:] There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

3 Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

Just As I Am

1 Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

[Coda:]

O Lamb of God, I come.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)