

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday in Lent

March 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: "The Gift of Love"

Hal H. Hopson
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Psalm 139:23-24

(unison)

Let us worship God. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #529

"I Surrender All"

Call to Confession:

(unison)

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession:

(unison)

O God of Mercy,

You sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, for the sake of Jesus your Son, our Savior.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon:

(unison)

God our Father,

We give thanks to you for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, and for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners. We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love. Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Glory be to the Father, and to 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: #576

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-33

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Sermon:

"The Cost of Enlightenment"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation:

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #584

"Have Thine Own Way"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Laura Holt McCann, Jean Branscom, Jackie Ferrel, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, the family of Clyde Givens, Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, 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), Hope Burton (Kip & Lyn's Granddaughter), Family of Louis Stephens Waldrop Sr. (father of Kathryn Kerkering), Anna Burton (fiancée of Daniel Rader)

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

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Birthdays: Hal Bailey 3/6, Ed Shuey 3/6, Nathalie Givens 3/8, Cal Beasley 3/8, Hal Bailey Jr 3/10, Leigh Littleton 3/13

First Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Second Scripture Reading:

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa'ida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; ³² and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what death he was to die.

Hymns:

I Surrender All

1 All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

[Refrain:] I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

4 All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. (Refrain)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1 I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus—no turning back, no turning back.

4 Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?— no turning back, no turning back.

Have Thine Own Way

1 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

4 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!