

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



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

Service for the Lord's Day

7th Sunday of Easter

May 16th, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "Abide With Me"

Arr. Lura Keiter

Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us worship God. Thanks God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his great mercy we have been born again into a life full of hope, through Christ's rising from the dead.

People: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself- not counting their sins against them- and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #639

"Surely Goodness and Mercy"

Call to Confession:

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

People: Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God.

All: 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:

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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: #21

"How Great Thou Art"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 1

Old Testament Reading

John 17:6-19

New Testament Reading

Sermon: "Moving Safely Forward" (step by step)

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "Surely The Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

Lanny Wolfe

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #739

"Pass It On"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude:#845 "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

**Standing*

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Laura Holt McCann, Family of Jean Branscom, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Dianne 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), Michael & Sandy Petrucci (Lynne Bolton's Friend), Peggy Davis, Sharon Lane (Sandy's Friend) Dana & Billie Wilson (Sue Porter's brother & sister-in-law), Abigail Nikle (Porter's Granddaughter), Geneva Ratliff (Porter's Friend), Evelyn Renshaw, Marlene Davidow (Lynne's Friend), Anna Burton (fiancée of Daniel Rader), Weldon Martin (Susan Martin's Husband)

Reception: in memory of Gwen Griffith at Botetourt Golf and Swim Club on June 13th. A plaque will be dedicated in her memory.

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

Members: Please like Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Facebook

Parking: Please leave the spaces beside the church building available for handicap parking.

Birthdays: Lyn Burton 5/2, Rena Heslep 5/5, Cindy Bailey 5/23, Eric McGraw 5/24, Joel Branscom 5/26, John Hancock 5/31

Hymns:

"Surely Goodness and Mercy"

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life; surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and I shall feast at the table spread for me; surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life.

"How Great Thou Art"

Oh Lord, my God when I, in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee how great Thou art, how great Thou art then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

"Pass It On"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing

That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it you spread His love to everyone you want to pass it on

Scripture:

Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 17:6-19

⁶"I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. ⁷Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; ⁸for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. ⁹I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; ¹⁰all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. ¹⁸As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.