

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

Church Directory

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The Session

Clerk of Session: John Kilby
2021

Lynne Bolton, Alan Brenner, John Griffith, Becky Downs

2021

Sandy Gates, Lyn Burton

2022

Cathy Goad, Paul Phillippe, Bo Trumbo

Trustees

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.

Treasurer: Becky Downs

Organist and Choir Director: Evelyn Renshaw

Bookkeeper: Beth Clark

Please contact Beth at (540) 473-2042 or fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Tuesday at 9am with items you want included in the bulletin.

The Church Calendar

Morning Worship

.....10:30am

Session..... 4th Thursday of each month

Service for the Lord's Day

Trinity Sunday

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

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "Amazing Grace / Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Arr Carol McMillen

Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us worship God. Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and giver of the Holy Spirit:

People: Keep our minds and hearts searching your mystery, and our minds and hearts searching your mystery, and our faith strong to declare that you are one eternal God and Father, revealed by the Spirit, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: # 609

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Call to Confession:

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

People: Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession:

(unison)

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to all, in the name of Jesus Christ, to all who believe and repent of our sins, we are forgiven.

People: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: 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: # 623

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4a & Psalm 121
John 3:1-17

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Sermon: "The Amazing Grace of God"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "Amazing Grace / Gift of Love"

played on a Concertina

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: # 669

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Lord, Be Glorified"

Arr Laura Bergquist
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

**Standing*

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Laura Holt McCann, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Dianne Poyner, Marilyn Koch (Lisa's Mother), Alexsis 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), Peggy Davis, 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), The Poyner Family, The Ware Family, Meg Omer

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

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:

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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.

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

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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known; In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear, to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless; and since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

Scripture:

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? ²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' ⁸The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.