Church Directory

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The Session

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

2021: Lynne Bolton, Alan Brenner, John Griffith, Becky Downs

2022: Sandy Gates, Lyn Burton

2023: 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

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The Church Calendar

| Morning Worship | 10:30am |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Session | 4th Thursday of each month |

The Presbyterian Church at Fincastle, Virginia, whose congregation dates to 1763, is a continuation of the Sinking Spring and Spreading Spring congregations formed prior to 1760 and the Mt. Union congregation organized in 1832. The original building was erected in 1771 for the established Church of England in Botetourt County. Presbyterians have worshipped here continuously since the Revolutionary War.

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 Pentecost July 11th, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel Wesley

RoseAnn Burgess, Guest Pianist/Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 29: 10 & 11)

Leader: Let us worship God. The LORD sits enthroned over the flood: the LORD sits

enthroned as King forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people

with peace!

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: The LORD's name be praised!

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

Hvmn: #568 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Call to Confession:

All: Let us confess our sins before both God and humankind together.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God our Father,

You led men and women to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty and unity. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Silent Confession: Amen

Kvrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

People: 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.

All: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, 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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Hvmn: #576

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

Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 6: 1-5; 12-23 Old Testament Reading Mark 6: 14-29 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "A Fundamental Decision: to be self-centered; The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

or God-centered"

Moment for Meditation:

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #563 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress" J.C. Bach

RoseAnn Burgess, Guest Pianist/Organist

*Standing

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Laura Holt McCann, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Dianne Poynor, 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), Family of Evelyn Renshaw, Marlene Davidow (Lynne's Friend), Anna Burton (fiancée of Daniel Rader), Family of Mary Ellen Bolton, Meg Omer, Family of Bob Gengo

Thank you RoseAnn Burgess: for being our organist/pianist for this service.

Birthdays: Kaki Peaslee 7/4, Connie Miles 7/7, Julia Bailey 7/11, Nancy Pauley 7/15, Cathy Goad 7/23,

Bruce Bulmer 7/24. Vickie Littleton 7/28

Hymns:

"Take My Life and Let It Be" p. 568

- 1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.
- 2. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.
- 3. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee; take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold, not a mite would I withhold.
- **4.** Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" p. 576

- 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.
- 2. The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me no turning back, no turning back.
- 3. Though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow 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.

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" p. 563

- 1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, In my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
- 3. Lord, I want to be more holy, in my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be more holy, in my heart. In my heart,in my heart, Lord I want to be more holy in my heart.

Scripture:

2 Samuel 6: 1-5: 12-23

¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Ba'ale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. ³And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abin'adab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahi'o the sons of Abin'adab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God; and Ahi'o went before the ark. ⁵And David and all the house of Israel were making merry before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

¹² And it was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of O'bed-e'dom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'bed-e'dom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the horn. ¹⁶ As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷ And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. ¹⁸ And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people departed, each to his house. ²⁰ And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants' maids, as one of

the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" ²¹ And David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me above your father, and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord—and I will make merry before the Lord. ²² I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes; but by the maids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor." ²³ And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

Mark 6: 14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it; for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead: that is why these powers are at work in him." 15 But others said. "It is Eli'iah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16 But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17 For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Hero'di-as, his brother Philip's wife; because he had married her. 18 For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Hero'di-as had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Hero'di-as' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his quests he did not want to break his word to her. 27 And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.