

**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

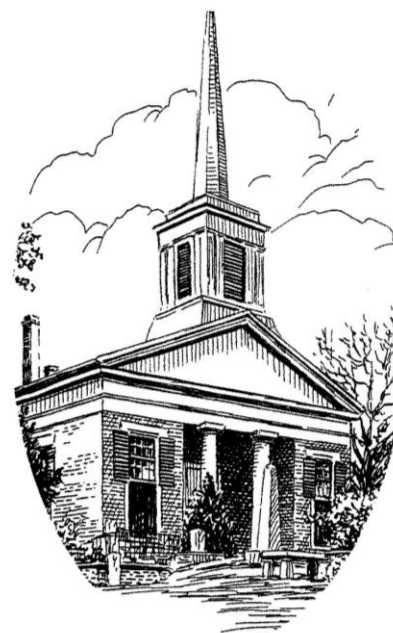
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by Tuesday at 9am with items you want included in the bulletin.

**The Church Calendar**

Morning Worship..... 10:30am

Session..... 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month

# 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

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.

## Service for the Lord's Day

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "The Church's One Fountain"

S. John Stone  
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

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

Leader: Let us worship God. The Kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

**People: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord! The Lord's name be praised!**

Prayer of Invocation:

*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Hymn: #103

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master"

Call to Confession:

Leader: If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

**People: If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.**

**All: Let us admit our sin before God.**

Prayer of Confession:

(unison)

**Almighty God,**

**In Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. We are lazy servants, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us, O God, and, though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, and free us from sin, 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,...

**People: and Christ dies for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: If a person is in Christ, he/she becomes a new person altogether-

**People: the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.**

Leader: Friends: 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: #493

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Prayer of Illumination:

*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 7: 1-17

Old Testament Reading

Mark 6: 130-34, 53-56

New Testament Reading

Sermon: "The Promise"

*The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min*

Moment for Meditation: "In The Garden"

Arr. Carol McMillen

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #472

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

Beethoven

Lori Turner, 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), 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), 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 Lori Turner:** 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:

### "Ye Servants of God, Your Master" p. 103

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh - his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne! let all cry aloud and honor the Son: the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

### "I Know Whom I Have Believed" p. 493

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known, nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.
2. I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart, nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.
3. I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin, revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him. But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.
4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair, nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air". But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.

### "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" p. 472

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.
2. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. Grace Grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.
3. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe; you that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

## Scripture:

### 2 Samuel 7: 1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king dwelt in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies round about, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart; for the Lord is with you." <sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' <sup>6</sup>I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'" <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. <sup>14</sup>I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men; <sup>15</sup>but I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.'" <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

### Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup>And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole neighborhood and began to bring sick people on their pallets to any place where they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or country, they laid the sick in the market places, and besought him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched it were made well.



The Presbytery of the Peaks met via  
 **zoom on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.**

## HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:



### **We Examined a Minister Member for an Installed Position:**

Rev. Pete Smith transitioned from Stated Supply to Installed Pastor, and officially became a member of the Presbytery of the Peaks. Congratulations to Pete and to Farmville Presbyterian Church!



### **We Examined and approved a Candidate for Ordination:**

Dr. Jennifer Powell led us in worship with a wonderful sermon, and was examined and approved for ordination to the position of Stated Supply Associate Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church!



### **We Heard an Update from the Presbyterian Foundation:**

Olanda Carr Jr. gave us an update from the Presbyterian Foundation. Their online giving service allows churches to receive donations online or from mobile devices. It is easy to use and has a low fee structure. For more information go to [presbyterianfoundation.org](https://presbyterianfoundation.org).

### **We Formed an Administrative Commission (AC):**

The Committee on Ministry recommended the formation of an AC for Glen Wilton Presbyterian Church, due to the fact that they have no active session.

### **New 2021 Budget:**

The Committee on Administration submitted a final 2021 budget for the year, which was approved.

### **New Separation Ethics Guidelines:**

The Committee on Ministry presented a second reading of ethical guidelines based in the Book of Order for pastors leaving churches. This policy was approved.

### **Two Congregations Declared Extinct:**

The Administrative Commissions for Trinity Ridgeway and Holmes Memorial Presbyterian Churches requested that those congregations be declared extinct.

These motions were granted.

### **Watch the Replay:**

Did you miss the meeting? You can watch the replay on the Presbytery's Facebook page:  
[facebook.com/peakspresbytery](https://facebook.com/peakspresbytery)