

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:

Bookkeeper: Beth Clark

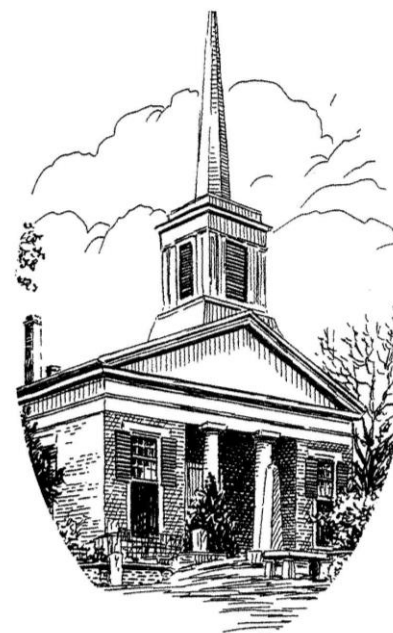
Please contact Beth at (540) 473-2042 or fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com
by Tuesday at 9am with items you want included in the bulletin.

The Church Calendar

Morning Worship..... 10:30am

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

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
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "Nocturne Op 9 No 2... Chopin / People Need the Lord" D. Allen
Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship God. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

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

Hymn: #697 "In Christ There is No East or West"

Call to Confession: (unison)

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. We declare to all who repent, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Offering:

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: #295

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Scripture Reading:

1 Kings 8:22-30; 41-43

Old Testament Reading

John 6: 56-69

New Testament Reading

Sermon: "The Truest Place of Worship: In Jesus Christ"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "Give Me Jesus"

Traditional Spiritual

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #144

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Like a River Glorious"

J. Mountain

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), Marlene Davidow (Lynne's Friend), Anna Burton (fiancée of Daniel Rader), Meg Omer, Rick Vari, Chuck Geiger, Family of Scott VanCleave, Hiawatha Nicely (Lori Turner's friend)

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

Birthdays: Patsy Dickerson 8/6, LeighAnne Martin 8/12, Dot Langford 8/17, Fred Coots 8/19, Gardner Branscom 8/23, Jane Jones 8/31

Hymns:

“In Christ There is No East or West

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
- 2 In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be! Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.?

“Wonderful Words of Life”

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
2. Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner list to the loving call, wonderful words of life. All so freely given, wooing us to heaven: words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life. Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne: Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone: Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood. Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, “I am with you evermore”?
3. Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay; Alleluia hear the sinful cry to you from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Scripture:

1 Kings 8:22-30; 41-43

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³ He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴ the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵ Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ²⁷ “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

⁴¹ “Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³ then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

John 6: 56-69

⁵⁶ He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever.” ⁵⁹ This he said in the synagogue, as he taught at Caper'na-um. ⁶⁰ Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you that do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”