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: Hal Bailey

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

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Traditional Spiritual Lori Turner, Guest Pianist/Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

People: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

All: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

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

Hymn: #689 "The Church's One Foundation"

Call to Confession:

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

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,

We acknowledgement and confess before Thee our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned: in wandering from Thy ways; in wasting Thy gifts; in forgetting Thy love.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee.

Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Thy dear Son.

And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech Thee, to live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways, according to the commandments of 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: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

People: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

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:

Offering: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

C. Wesley/ J. Zundel

*Doxology # 809
*Praver of Dedication

Hymn: #708 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 124 Old Testament Reading Mark 9:38-50 New Testament Reading

Sermon: "Christ Calls His Church to be a The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Welcoming Fellowship!"

Moment for Meditation: "How Beautiful"

T. Paris

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #701 "God is Here"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "It is Well" H. Spafford

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

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:

"The Church's One Foundation" p. 689

- 1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation, by water and the word: from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation; one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder we see our sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed; yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up "How long"? and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore, till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" p. 708

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3. We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- 4. When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.

"God is Here" p, 701

- God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share; here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of his Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work you purpose out; here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

Scripture:

Psalm 124

¹ If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say—² if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, ³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; ⁴ then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; ⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters. ⁶ Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! ⁷ We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! ⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For he that is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward. ⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁹ For every one will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."