

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

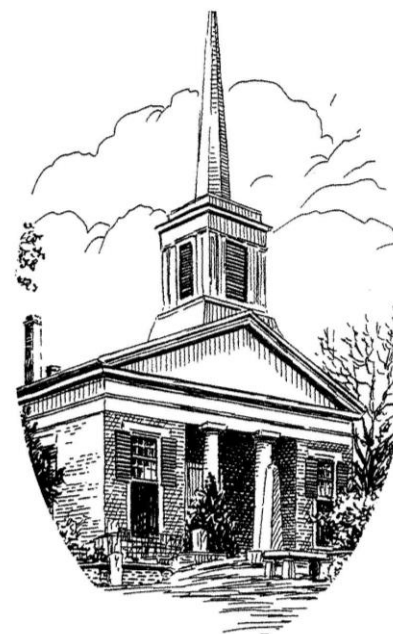
Please contact Beth at (540) 473-2042 or fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com
by Tuesday at 9am with items you want included in the bulletin.

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 & Communion

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"

J.P. Kirnberger
Rose Ann Burgess, Guest Pianist/Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:6,7

Leader: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,

People: call ye upon him while he is near:

Leader: let the wicked forsake their way,

People: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Leader: Let them return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him;

People: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #29

"O Worship the King"

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: Ps. 51, adapted

(unison)

O God,

Have mercy upon us according to Thy loving-kindness. According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions: and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon:

(unison)

Almighty God,

Who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace, remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. 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: "Adagio"

John Stanley

*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:

2 Samuel 18:5-15; 31-33

Old Testament Reading

John 6: 35; 41-51

New Testament Reading

Sermon: "Sins Can Be Forgiven;

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

But Their Consequences Live On"

Moment for Meditation:

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #634

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Rondeau"

Henry Purcell

Rose Ann 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), 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 Rose Ann Burgess: 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:

“O Worship the King”

1 O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, ever be my strength and shield, ever be my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

Scripture:

2 Samuel 18: 5-15; 31-33

⁵ And the king ordered Jo'ab and Abi'shail and Ittai, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Ab'salom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders about Ab'salom.

⁶ So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷ And the men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸ The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword. ⁹ And Ab'salom chanced to meet the servants of David. Ab'salom was riding upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak, and his head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. ¹⁰ And a certain man saw it, and told Jo'ab, "Behold, I saw Ab'salom hanging in an oak." ¹¹ Jo'ab said to the man who told him, "What, you saw him! Why then did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have been glad to give you ten pieces of silver and a girdle." ¹² But the man said to Jo'ab, "Even if I felt in my hand the weight of a thousand pieces of silver, I would not put forth my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king commanded you and Abi'shail and Ittai, 'For my sake protect the young man Ab'salom.' ¹³ On the other hand, if I had dealt treacherously against his life (and there is nothing hidden from the king), then you yourself would have stood aloof." ¹⁴ Jo'ab said, "I will not waste time like this with you." And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Ab'salom, while he was still alive in the oak. ¹⁵ And ten young men, Jo'ab's armor-bearers, surrounded Ab'salom and struck him, and killed him.

³¹ And behold, the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has delivered you this day from the power of all who rose up against you." ³² The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Ab'salom?" And the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you for evil, be like that young man." ³³ And the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Ab'salom, my son, my son Ab'salom! Would I had died instead of you, O Ab'salom, my son, my son!"

John 6: 35; 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

⁴¹ The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Every one who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that any one has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."