

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

## Church Directory

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## The Session

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**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 & Choir Director:* Rose Ann Burgess

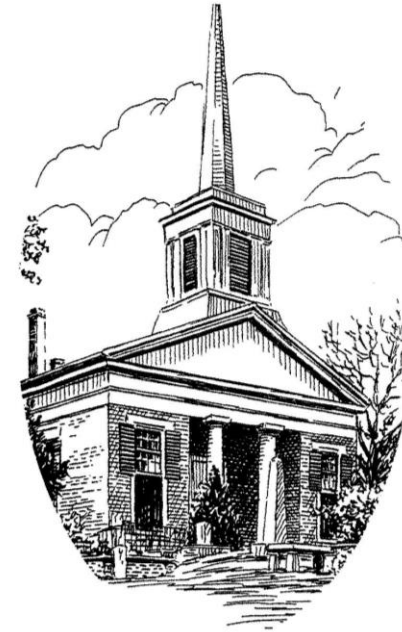
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by Tuesday at 9am with items you want included in the bulletin.

## The Church Calendar

Morning Worship.....10:30am

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



## 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**  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "Allegro cantabile"

Samuel Wesley  
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us worship God. Thank God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his great mercy we have been born again into a life full of hope, through Christ's rising from the dead.

**People: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself- not counting their sins against them- and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised!**

Prayer of Invocation:

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

Hymn: #558

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Call to Confession:

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

**People: Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. If All: The faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Holy and merciful God,**

**In your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting, your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

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

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

**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:

Offertory Anthem: "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

*Mason/Adams*  
The Choir

\*Doxology # 809

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

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

Old Testament Reading:

Proverbs 1:20-33

Hymn: Insert

"Let Kings and Prophets Yield Their Name"

New Testament Reading:

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "True Wisdom through True Faith"

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

Moment for Meditation: "Adagio"

*Samuel Wesley*

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #547

"O For a Closer Walk with God"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Andante maestoso"

*Samuel Wesley*  
Rose Ann Burgess, 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, Mary Beth Huwe, Family of Glenna Hinson

**The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 12:** for the purpose of electing 3 members of the congregation at large to the Nominating Committee who will prepare a slate of candidates' names for the office of elder to be presented and acted upon at the October 17 Congregational Meeting.

**The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 17:** for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee for the purpose of electing 1 elder to the Class of 2022, and 3 elders to the Class of 2024.

**Birthdays:** John Kilby 9/10, Verna Shuey 9/18, Sarah Bulmer 9/30

## Hymns:

### LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast. Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive. Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

### LET KINGS AND PROPHETS YIELD THEIR NAME

1 Let kings and prophets yield their name to Jesus, true Anointed One, for whom a nation looked in hope yet failed to see that God had done a strange and unexpected thing: God sent a servant, not a king.

2 But God reveals to searching faith the truths that pious dogmas hide: when Jesus asked the twelve his name, blunt Peter stepped forth and replied in words that seemed both right an odd: "You are Messiah, Son of God."

3 Give us, O God, the grace to know the limits of our certainty: help us, like Peter, to declare the still-unfolding mystery of One who reigns though sacrificed, our Lamb and Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

### O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

1. O for a closer walk with God, The calm of sins forgiven, a light to shine upon the road that leads at last to heaven.

2. O gentle Messenger, return - return, O holy Dove; I hate the sins that made you mourn and grieved your heart of love.

3. Restore the happiness I knew when first I saw the Lord; refresh me with the radiant view of Jesus and his word!

4. From every idol I have known now set my spirit free; O make me worship you alone, and reign supreme in me.

5. So shall my walk be close with God, my wanderings be forgiven; so shall his light mark out the road that leads at last to heaven.

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## Scripture:

### Proverbs 1:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Wisdom cries aloud in the street; in the markets she raises her voice; <sup>21</sup>on the top of the walls she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: <sup>22</sup>"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? <sup>23</sup>Give heed to my reproof; behold, I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. <sup>24</sup>Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, <sup>25</sup>and you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, <sup>26</sup>I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, <sup>27</sup>when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. <sup>28</sup>Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. <sup>29</sup>Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, <sup>30</sup>would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, <sup>31</sup>therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. <sup>32</sup>For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; <sup>33</sup>but he who listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of evil."

### Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." <sup>34</sup>And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."