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 & Choir Director: Rose Ann Burgess
Bookkeeper: Beth Clark

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The Church Calendar

Morning Worship		10:30am
Session	4th Thurso	lay 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

18th Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "How Firm a Foundation"

Austin Lovelace Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us worship God. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so

that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

People: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his

Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

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

Hymn: #77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Call to Confession: (unison)

Trusting in God's promised mercies revealed to the world in Jesus Christ let us confess our sins before God and humankind.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy 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 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. 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. 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: "Crown Him King" Ruth Schram

*Doxology # 809 The Choir

*Prayer of Dedication

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

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:10-17

Hymn: #659 "A Charge to Keep I Have"

New Testament Reading: Mark 9:38-50 & James 5:13-20

Sermon: "We're In This Together"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "Interlude #6" Andrew Moore

*Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #618 "Give to the Winds Your Fears"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Charles Callahan 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), 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, Mary Beth Huwe, Family of Glenna Hinson, Hiawatha "Hi" Niceley, Troy Ivey (The Porter's son-in-law), Garland Jones, Dean Welty (Sandy's Friend)

The session has called a congregational meeting for Tuesday, October 5th at 7pm by zoom: for the purpose of electing 3 members from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee

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

Hymns:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning; sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining! Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

A Charge to Keep I Have

- 1. A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
- 2. To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!
- 3. Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!
- 4. Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely, assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

Give to the Winds Your Fears

- 1 Give to the winds your fears, in hope and be undismayed; God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up your head. Through waves and clouds and storms, He gently clears the way; wait for his time, so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
- 2. Far. far above your thought, his counsel shall appear, when fully he the work has brought that caused your needless fear. Leave to his sovereign will to choose and to command: with wonder filled you then shall own how wise, how strong his hand.

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Scripture:

Numbers 11:10-17

¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹ Moses said to the Lord, "Why hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? And why have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou dost lay the burden of all this people upon me? ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I bring them forth, that thou shouldst say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries the sucking child,' to the land which thou didst swear to give their fathers? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone, the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If thou wilt deal thus with me, kill me at once, if I find favor in thy sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." ¹⁶ And the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ¹⁷ And I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit which is upon you and put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone.

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."

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵ and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. ¹⁷ Eli'jah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. ¹⁹ My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.