

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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

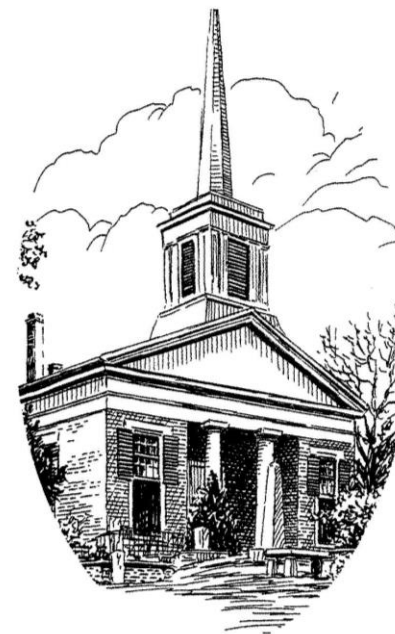
Bookkeeper: Beth Clark

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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



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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Clay Christiansen
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us worship God. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: 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.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #362

"Morning has Broken"

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: (unison)

Almighty God,

In Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. We are lazy servants, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us, O God, and, though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, and free us from sin; through 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: Hear the good news! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

People: He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Leader: Friends: Believe the good news of the Gospel,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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:

Anthem: "He Is Holy"

Ruth Schram
The Choir

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 125

Hymn: Insert

"We Give God Thanks for Those Who Knew"

New Testament Reading:

Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: "Shalom!"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "Interlude 35"

Andrew Moore

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #557

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Trumpeting in B Flat Major"

James Melby
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:

MORNING HAS BROKEN

1 Morning has broken Like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from Heaven, Like the first dewfall On the first grass. Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness Where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God's re-creation Of the new day!

WE GIVE GOD THANKS FOR THOSE WHO KNEW

1. We give God thanks for those who knew the touch of Jesus' healing love; they trusted him to make them whole, to give them peace, their guilt remove.

2. We offer prayer for all who go relying on his grace and power, to help the anxious and the ill, to heal their wounds, their lives restore.

3. We dedicate our skills and time to those who suffer where we live, to bring such comfort as we can to meet their need, their pain relieve.

4. So, Jesus' touch of healing grace lives on within our willing care; by thought and prayer and gifts we prove his mercy still, his love we share.

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

1 Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture:

Psalm 125

¹Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever. ²As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people, from this time forth and for evermore. ³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands to do wrong. ⁴Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! ⁵But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers! Peace be in Israel!

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house, and would not have any one know it; yet he could not be hid. ²⁵But immediately a woman, whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children first be fed, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this saying you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home, and found the child lying in bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. ³³And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; ³⁴and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Eph'phatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

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