

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

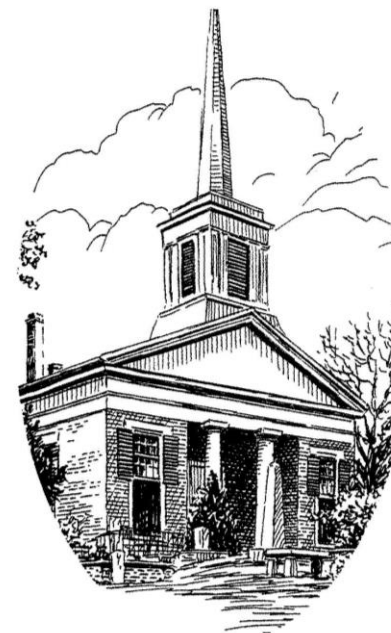
Bookkeeper: Beth Clark

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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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17th, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "How Firm a Foundation"

Arr Cindy Berry
Lori Turner, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship God. God so 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.

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

One: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation:

Carl Utley

Hymn: #532

"Be Thou My Vision"

Call to Confession: (unison)

One: If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

Many: 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: (unison)

One: Hear the good news! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

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

All: Friends; let us believe the good news of the gospel: 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:

Offertory Anthem: "Here in This Place"

Marty Haugen

*Doxology # 809

The Choir

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

Carl Utley

Old Testament Reading:

Acts 3:1-19

Hymn: #568

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

New Testament Reading:

Luke 24:36-49

Sermon: "Where is the Power?"

Carl Utley

Moment for Meditation: "Simple Gifts"

Arr Cindy Berry

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #517

"The Solid Rock"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "He Is Exalted"

Arr Mark Hayes
Lori Turner, organist

**Standing*

Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Laura Holt McCann, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Dianne Poynor, Marilyn Koch (Lisa's Mother), 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, Marlene Davidow (Lynne's Friend), Meg Omer, Rick Vari, Mary Beth Huwe, Family of Glenna Hinson, Hiawatha "Hi" Niceley, Dean Welty (Sandy's Friend)

The session has called a congregational meeting for Tuesday, October 19th at 7pm by zoom: 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: Sandy Gates 10/3, Claudia Harris 10/8, Jane Beasley 10/10, TC Beasley 10/12, Lisa Wright, 10/18, Ann Gardner Branscom 10/19, Peggy Davis 10/19, Bryce Branscom 10/24, Lynne Bolton 10/24, Pierce Brenner 10/26

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Hymns:

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, and I thy true son Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

High King of heaven, my victory won may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun heart of my own heart, whatever befall still be my vision, O ruler of all heart of my own heart, whatever befall still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Take my Life and Let it Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee; take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold, not a mite would I with-hold.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Scripture:

Acts 3:1-19

¹Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at that gate of the temple which is called Beautiful to ask alms of those who entered the temple. ³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. ⁴And Peter directed his gaze at him, with John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up he stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and recognized him as the one who sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. ¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people, "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name, by faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you see and know; and the faith which is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷"And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. ³⁷But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."