

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

## Church Directory

PO Box 144, Fincastle VA 24090  
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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..... 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

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "Abide With Me"

arr. Dianne Bish  
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

The Introit: "Rejoice in God's Saints"

The Choir

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6,7

One: O come, let us worship and bow down:

**Many: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

One: For he is our God;

**Many: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #751 (v. 1,2,5,6)

"For All The Saints"

Call to Confession:

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,**

**You love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, 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:

One: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to you, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;

**Many: remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**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: "In Christ Alone"

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\*Doxology # 809

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Old Testament Reading:

Ruth 1:1-18

Hymn: #108

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

New Testament Reading:

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: "God, Love, and The Theory of Everything"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "Adagio"

John Stanley

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: Insert (tune: Hymn to Joy)

Sing With All The Saints in Glory"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

John Barr  
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), Molly Rose (Valerie Lucas's Cousin), Gretchen Greiner, Lisa Curlee (Sarah Bulmer's Sister), 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

**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

**Angel Tree:** We are participating with Social Services to provide Christmas gifts for Botetourt families. This year we will collect donations and the Angel Tree committee will purchase the gift certificates and take them to Social Services on December 10. Members can send their Angel Tree donations to Fincastle Presbyterian Church with ANGEL TREE in the memo line of the check. Please send donations in by December 5.

**Please send donations to:** Fincastle Presbyterian Church  
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## Hymns:

### For All The Saints (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd. Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might, thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light. Alleluia, alleluia!

5 But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array, as God to glory calls them all away. Alleluia, alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, \*all praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

### Come Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ we bring; Alleluia! Amen! let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! Christ is our guide and friend on whom we can depend: his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

### Sing With All The Saints in Glory (hymn insert)

1 Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.

2 O what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, Never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits. Ev'ry humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from distant ages, Saints all longing for their heav'n, Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, All await the glory giv'n.

4 Life eternal! O what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown, When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne! Oh, to enter that bright portal, See that glowing firmament, Know, with you, O God immortal, Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

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## Scripture:

### Ruth 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elim'elech and the name of his wife Na'omi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chil'ion; they were Eph'rathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elim'elech, the husband of Na'omi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years; <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chil'ion died, so that the woman was bereft of her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>Then she started with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was, with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Na'omi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The Lord grant that you may find a home, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Na'omi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone forth against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Entreat me not to leave you or to return from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God; <sup>17</sup>where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if even death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup>And when Na'omi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

### Mark 12:28-34

<sup>28</sup>And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; <sup>33</sup>and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any question.