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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

Please contact Beth at (540) 473-2042 or fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com 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

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

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28th, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

J. Wayne Kerr
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Introit: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Taize Community, 1964

Call to Worship: Isaiah 36: Selected verses

One: Let us worship God. "strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees."

Many: "Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!" "him, bless his name.

All: "Here is your God... He will come and save you."

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Hope

Hymn: #133

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Confession:

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

Many: Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God.

All: Let us ask God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of the future,

You are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgement. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you.

Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we want and eagerly wait for.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

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: "People Look East"

Farjeon/French Carol

*Doxology # 809

The Choir

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn: #677

"Soon and Very Soon"

New Testament Reading:

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "Enduring in Hope for the New Day that Will Come!"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Charles Callahan

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #563

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "A Rose Breaks Into Bloom"

arr. A. Schreiner
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), Lisa Curlee (Sarah Bulmer's Sister), Peggy Davis, Marlene Davidow (Lynne's Friend), Meg Omer, Rick Vari, Mary Beth Huwe, Hiawatha "Hi" Niceley, Billie Wilson (Sue Porter's s.-in-law), The family of Bill Gump (Sue's uncle), The family of Alec Girman (Verna's cousin), Carl Utley, Family of John Barr (Carolyn Kniceley's relative), Mack Neighbors

Birthdays: Garland Jones 11/3, Nick DesChamps 11/12, Jim Porter 11/26

Lessons & Carols Service: Sunday, December 10

Poinsettia Dedication Sign-Up is now available. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of your loved one(s), please do so by signing up on the poinsettia sheet in the Fellowship Hall. The orders must be placed no later than December 10th. The price per poinsettia is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to FPC and put "poinsettia" in the memo line. The poinsettias will be displayed in the Sanctuary during our Advent season. You may also email Beth at fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com to place your order.

Angel Tree: We are participating with Social Services to provide Christmas gifts for Botetourt families.. 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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Scripture:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; ³⁵for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man.”

Hymns:

133 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (V. 1,3,5)

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

5 O come Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

677 Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, (sing three times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, (repeat 3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, (repeat 3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

#563 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.