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Church Directory

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The Session

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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.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 2021 – 7pm

Prelude: *A Nativity Suite* Wilbur Held
Oh, Come, Emmanuel, Silent Night, Shepherds, The Three Kings, Joy to the World

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

Lighting of the Advent Candles: David and Patsy Dickerson

Congregational Hymn: #155 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Luke 2:1–5:

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

Special Music: *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* arr. Laura Page
The Back Street Ringers

Scripture Luke 2: 6-14:

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Special Music: *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam
Lynne Bolton, soloist

Prayer: (Unison Reading)

God of Christmas grace, your love is breaking through the dark night of my soul with a divine light that not only illuminates hope in my life, but also chases away my fears and gives me courage once again. I could not have asked for a better gift ever in my life than the gift of Jesus, your Son. May my Christ light that has been rekindled shine brightly now and forever. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Congregational Hymn: #164

Scripture Luke 2:15-20

Special Music: *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

Christmas Meditation: #141

Apostle’s Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Congregational Hymn: #146

Benediction

Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo*

Silent Night, Holy Night

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Anglo-Irish Carol
The Gallery Singers

Away in a Manger

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Joy to the World

J. S. Bach

Hymns:

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven! No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

AWAY IN A MANGER

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

SILENT NIGHT

1 Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and Child, holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

3 Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.