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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

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Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.

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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

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 Christmas

December 26th, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

arr. Charles Callahan
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Introit: *Gloria, Gloria*

Taizé

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship God. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

Many: and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #174

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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 sent a star to guide mankind to the holy child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8, 10-12

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Many: He has not dealt with us after our sins, now rewarded us according to our iniquities.

One: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Many: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. 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 & Lord's Prayer

Offertory Anthem: *Love Has Come*

Ken Bible/French melody
The Gallery Singers

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Old Testament Reading:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Hymn: #170

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

New Testament Reading:

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon:

"The Mystery of the Christ Child: Both fully Human and Fully Divine"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

J. S. Bach

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing!*

David Cherwein
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

*Standing

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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), Marlene Davidow (Lynne's Friend), Meg Omer, Rick Vari, Mary Beth Huwe, Hiawatha "Hi" Niceley, Billie Wilson (Sue Porter's s.-in-law), Mack Neighbors, Family of Brenda Simmons (Willie's wife and Patsy's sister-in-law), Mary Woodard

The Angel Tree committee: would like to thank the congregation for their generous support this year. With your donations we were able to purchase \$1620 in gift certificates which we delivered to Social Services for families in need this holiday season. Thanks so much- Becky DesChamps, Ginnie Phillippe, and Verna Shuey

Disaster Relief: If you would like to help the victims of the tornado outbreak in the Midwest, please make out a check to "Fincastle Presbyterian Church" and put in the memo line: For: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Beth will then total up the offerings so designated and send that amount to the Presbytery of the Peaks under the proper designation number: DR000015. Then the presbytery's office will total up the offerings from all of the presbytery's member churches and send that amount to the Presbytery Disaster Assistance. The designation number will make sure that your contribution is used only to aid the victims of the tornado outbreak in the Midwest.

Birthdays: Henry Brenner 12/2, Hannah Brenner 12/5, Jim Helms 12/24

Scripture:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁹ And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elka'nah and his wife, and say, "The Lord give you children by this woman for the loan which she lent to the Lord"; so then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men.

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; ⁴³ and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; ⁴⁷ and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Hymns:

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

1 Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: [Refrain]

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of Nations, ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

4 Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear. [Refrain]

5 Though an infant now we view him he will share his Father's throne, gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down. [Refrain]

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King": the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

3 For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when, with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today. Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Poinsettia Dedication

In Memory of Joe Anna & Corky Bolton

by Lynne Bolton

In Memory of Carol Brenner

by Alan Brenner

In Memory of Carol Brenner

by Peggy Davis

In Memory of Dewey, Nellie, Ronnie Goad

by Mike & Cathy Goad

In Honor of Our Family

by Lyn & Kip Burton

In Memory of Jack & Marie Bailey

Fred & Jean Coots

by Fred & Debbie Coots

In Memory of Our Parents

by Ed & Verna Shuey

In Memory of Whitey Richardson

by Julia Richardson

In Memory of Marshall Gates

by Sandy Gates

In Memory of Chris Sprinkel

by Dick & Barbara Woodard

In Memory & In Honor of All Our Loved Ones

by David & Patsy Dickerson