

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry and **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**, The Parish Organist, Part Five, 97-1382, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, MO. **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**, #85, Glory to God Hymnal, 2013 Westminster John Know Press, Louisville, Kentucky. **The Worshiping Church Hymnal**, #167 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, #136 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry, #135 Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus, #823 Kyrie, #805, Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology. **He Shall Come**, Partners in Celebration, Ruth Elaine Schram, Daybreak Music, 1996, Hal Leonard Corp. **Veni, veni, Emmanuel**, Oxford Service Music for Organ, Book 1, compiled and edited by Anne Marsden Thomas, Oxford University Press., Great Clarendon Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, England.

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

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

2nd Sunday of Advent & Communion Sunday

December 5th, 2021 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Nicolas Lebègue
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Introit: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Taizè Community 1964

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9: Selected verses

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Many: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined.

One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to 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!

All: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Peace

Light two candles to watch for Messiah, let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

Hymn: #167

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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)

Eternal God,

In whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in blindness of our hearts; cleanse us from our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with, reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon:

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Many: We declare to all who repent, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all of our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. 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:

Offertory Anthem: "He Shall Come"

Ruth Elaine Schram

*Doxology # 809

The Choir

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Old Testament Reading:

Malachi 3:1-4

New Testament Reading:

Luke 3:1-6

Sermon: "In the Wilderness Prepare the Way of the Lord"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "Veni, veni, Emmanuel"

15th cent, French

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #136

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Invitation

Unison: **Christ came to us proclaiming peace: peace to all those who are near, peace to all those who are far away. In Christ's body we are made one. The Lord be with us all.**

Unison: **O Lord, lift up our hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sentences of Institution

Partaking of the Bread & Cup

Closing Prayer

Hymn: #135

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

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

Lessons & Carols Service: Sunday, December 19th

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.

<p>Please send donations to: Fincastle Presbyterian Church PO Box 144 Fincastle, VA 24090</p>
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Scripture:

Malachi 3:1-4

¹"Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 3:1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tibe'ri-us Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturae'a and Trachoni'tis, and Lysa'ni-as tetrarch of Abile'ne, ² in the high-priesthood of Annas and Ca'iaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechari'ah in the wilderness; ³ and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Hymns:

167 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand. Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descending comes, our homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of heaven now incarnate in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven streams before him on the way, as the Light of light descending from the realms of endless day comes, that pow'rs of hell may vanish, as the shadows pass away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

136 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh: awake and listen for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Let every heart be cleansed from sin, make straight the way for God within, and so prepare to be the home where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick, stretch out your hand, and make the fallen sinner stand; shine out, and let your light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 To you, O Christ, all praises be, whose advent sets your people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

#135 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.