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Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Church Directory

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The Session

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

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The Church Calendar

Morning Worship..... 10:30am

Session..... 4th 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

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 2nd, 2022 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "*The First Noel*"

Carlos Staszkeski
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: 1 John 4:

One: God's love revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

Many: In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #167

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Call to Confession:

One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Many: Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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 you who repent, in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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 & Lord's Prayer

Offertory Anthem: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Jackson/Miller
Soloist: Lynne Bolton

*Doxology # 809

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Hymn: #152

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

New Testament Reading:

John 1:1-18

Sermon: "In Jesus, The Word- The Mind of God, Became Flesh" The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "See Amid the Winter's Snow"

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #150

"What Child Is This?"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "The Sussex Carol"

arr. J. Wayne Kerr
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

Birthdays: Carolyn Kniceley 5-Jan, Julia Richardson 12-Jan, Mike Goad 13-Jan, Mark Schade 17-Jan, Becky DesChamps 23-Jan

Scripture:**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

⁷ For thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.' ⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and E'phraim is my first-born. ¹⁰ "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands afar off; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' ¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. ¹³ Then shall the maidens rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴ I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says the Lord."

John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God; ³ all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. ¹⁵ (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") ¹⁶ And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

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 descendeth, our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears 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!

#152 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1 Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say, what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]

3 Come to Bethlehem, and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

4 See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth! Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

#150 WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping, whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borned for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.