

**We Three Kings**, Christmas for Four Ringers, Choristers Guild, 12404 Park Central Dr., Suite 100, Dallas, Texas, 75251. **What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright**, #152, Glory to God Hymnal., 2013 John Knox Press, Louisville, KY. **How Brightly Shines the Morning Star**, The Organist's Companion, November 2012, Volume 35. #1. Wayne Leupold Editions, Inc., Colfax, NC 27235. **Noel en Duo**, Charpentier, Oxford Service Music for Organ, Oxford University Press, Great Clarendon St., Oxford OX2 6DP, England. **The Worshipping Hymnal**, 1990. Hope Publishing Co., Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL. 60188, #181 As With Gladness Men of Old, #162 The First Noel, #151 Go Tell It on the Mountain. Service Music: 823, Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.

**Church Directory**

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**The Session**

**Clerk of Session:** John Kilby

**2022:** Sandy Gates, Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey

**2023:** Cathy Goad, Paul Phillippe, Bo Trumbo

**2024:** Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

**Trustees**

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

**The Church Staff**

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

*Treasurer:* Hal Bailey

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by Tuesday at 9am with items you want included in the bulletin.

**The Church Calendar**

Morning Worship..... 10:30am

Session..... 4<sup>th</sup> 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



**Mission Statement**

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Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ  
Growing in God  
Through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences  
And serving our community in love

## Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 – 10:30am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Robert Speed  
Rose Ann Burgess, organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship:

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Many: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**Many: For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever; and his faithfulness to all generations.**

One: Praise the Lord!

**Many: The Lord's name be praised!**

Prayer of Invocation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Hymn: #181

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

Call to Confession:

One: Trusting in God's promised mercies in Christ,

**Many: Let us confess our sins before God and neighbor.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Almighty God,**

**In love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: #823

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

Assurance of Pardon:

One: This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted:

**Many: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.**

**Unison: Friends, 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 & Lord's Prayer

Offertory Anthem: "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

15<sup>th</sup> cent./Praetorius

\*Doxology #809

The Gallery Singers

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Hymn: #162

"The First Noel"

New Testament Reading:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: "Christ: The Refining Fire; The Word of Love"

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Moment for Meditation: "We Three Kings"

arr. Laura Page

The Back Street Ringers

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #151

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Noel en Duo"

Charpentier

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:****Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>every one who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

**Hymns:****#181 As With Gladness Men of Old**

1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming right, so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed, there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore, so, may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hid

**#162 The First Noel**

1 The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far, to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5 Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]

6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood our life hath bought. (Refrain)

**#151 Go Tell it on the Mountain**

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

