

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Message from David

When I was a child, I valued Christmas more than Easter. The thought of receiving Christmas presents from under the tree; the sight, smells, and tastes of Christmas meals and Christmas goodies; and the sheer joy of having a week or two (if it snowed enough!) off from school thrilled me “to the bone”, when I was a child. By contrast, Easter just couldn’t quite measure up to Christmas, when I was a child. The Easter bunny, new spring clothes and baskets of pastel colored candies were fun, and all that; but for me, there was no comparison between Easter joys and the joys of Christmas.

Now, however, as an adult I have come to realize that Easter is the real high, holy day of the church. For Easter is the celebration of the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection from the dead into the life ever lasting. Easter is the Good News that, through our faith in Him, we can now live in the great hope of our own resurrection from the dead into the life everlasting.

That Good News gives us hope and the power that we need to live life faithfully and optimistically. The bad news of the broken world in which we live would seek

to undermine our sense of hope and optimism with despair and pessimism. The Good News of Easter (as does the Good News of Christmas) calls us to place our faith in God and God’s power in Christ to speak the final word in our lives and in the life of our world. That final word will not be the brokenness of our world but it will be God’s final word of Resurrection and the life eternal.

May our final hope be in God’s final and living Word spoken in Jesus Christ and His Resurrection which we will celebrate on Easter Sunday.

May God bless you and keep you!

Your friend and Pastor in Christ,

David



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Worship Committee

Lynne Bolton, Chairman; Committee members— RoseAnn Burgess, Peggy Davis, Patsy Dickerson, Betty Painter

Hymns for April

April 3 Fifth Sunday in Lent*

- 634 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
- 555 More Love to Thee, O Christ
- 777 The Lord Is Here! Communion
- 517 The Solid Rock

April 10 Palm Sunday*

- 204 All Glory, Laud and Honor
- 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
- 221 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

April 17 Easter Sunday*

- 234 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
- 239 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- 233 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

April 24 Second Sunday of Easter

- 95 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- 240 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks
- 243 Christ Is Alive!

*"The Back Street Ringers" will be playing on these Sundays

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Text: Hymns and Sacred Poems. 1740

*Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

I Cor.15:20.

Charles Wesley (December 18, 1707-March 29, 1788) was born in Epworth, Lincolnshire, England, the eighteenth child of Susanna and Samuel Wesley. He was a prolific hymn writer who wrote over 6,500 hymns in his lifetime. His hymns include "And Can It Be", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and "Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending."

Charles was a younger brother of the founder of the Methodist Movement, John who was also an Anglican cleric. The brothers were noted for their evangelistic preaching and their enthusiastic singing in their outdoor services. The brothers fell out of favor with many of the Anglican Church leaders because of their "fiery" preaching. They were banned from preaching in the church pulpits and they began their preaching in the open air of London. They drew crowds of as many as 1000 at a time.

Charles Wesley still preaches today with his magnificent hymns that are sung around the world. The standard opening hymn for Easter Sunday is his masterpiece that he simply called *Hymn for Easter Day*." This hymn originally had eleven stanzas. The *Alleluias* were added later.

AS you sing this hymn on Easter Sunday, be reminded that the notes for the Alleluias remind us that sometimes singing moves beyond mere words, adding a larger depth to our praise!

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Worship Committee, continued

Communion—Sunday April 3, 2022—10:30 pm

(Order Tulips for Easter by signing up on the bulletin board at the side entrance by April 4, 2022 —\$14.00 each)



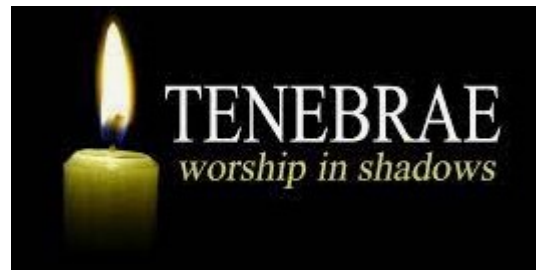
Palm Sunday—Sunday April 10: 10:30 am



Tenebrae Service—

Thursday April 14—7:00 pm

(Live Streaming)



Easter Sunday Services—Sunday April 17

Sunrise Service—7 am Godwin Cemetery
followed by breakfast at FUMC Family Life Center
(Live Streaming)

Regular Church Service—10:30 (no Sunday School at 9:30)



Sunday—April 24, 10:30 Guest Minister, Rev. Carl Utley

(NOTE: David will be on Educational Leave April 25—29 in Richmond, VA)

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Prayer List:

Congregational Care Committee

Cathy Goad, Chair-



PFC Members—

Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Dianne Poynor, Meg Omer, Rick Vari, Mary Beth Huwe, Peggy Davis (surgery, April 19)

Friends and Families—

Laura Holt McCann, Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Marilyn Koch, Molly Rose, Lisa Curlee, Marlene Davidow, “Hi” Nicely, Billie Wilson, Amy Ward,

Celebrations—

- More news from the family of Ed and Betty Holt: Daughter Sarah Beth and husband David Richardson are expecting their first child in September 2022
- the declining number of Covid cases in the area. Remember another booster has been approved for those 50 and up. Listen for how and when you can get this booster.
- the hopeful respite for the first responders and medical personnel

Congregational Concerns—

- the state of the world especially Ukraine and Russia
- pray that our leaders and the leaders of the free world can contain this war and continue to strive for peace
- UPDATE on Laura Holt McCann: her tumors were malignant. The family is waiting on treatment plan. **Laura loves to receive cards. The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, FPC would like to send “lots” of cards to Laura to send her well wishes and prayers.**

Her address is [Laura McCann; 105 Merwin Road; Raleigh, NC 27606-2632](#)

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Congregational Care Committee, cont.



John Griffith—April 3

Rick Vari—April 9

Marissa Schade—April 16

Craig Leisure—April 21

Marilyn Tomlin— April 22

Debbie Coots—April 25

Christian Education
Chairman
Lyn Burton

Lenten Luncheon at Fincastle United Methodist Church at noon on Wednesday, April 6. After the “service” lunch will be served.



Adult Sunday School Class—every Sunday at 9:30 before service. The class is now discussing and studying the book of Revelation.

He is risen,
He is risen indeed!



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Mission

Chairman

Paul Phillippe

The PCUS always has an opportunity for you to donate to missions of your choice. Follow the link to reach the page on the PCUSA webpage: [PCUSA Mission Donations](#). (press CTRL and left click on the blue words)

To find more local mission ministries, check out Presbytery of the Peaks website to search: [Peaks Presbytery](#) (press CTRL and left click on the blue words)

Up coming events:

1. Hopefully by the first part of May, Fellowship time after church will be returning. Stay tuned.
2. On Saturday April 23, there will be a church picnic at the home of Fred and Debbie Coots. Help celebrate the Spring Season. Please bring a friend or two and join us. More information will be coming through emails and announcements during church.

Fellowship

Chairman

Jim Porter

Financial

Chairman

Hal Bailey

Everyone is reminded that the expenses of church continue. Please bring your donations/contributions/tithes and put them in the offering plate or in the "Mailbox Slot" on the outside door to the back of the church or mail them to **FINCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

P O BOX 144

FINCASTLE, VA 24090



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Property Committee

Fred Coots—Chairman

Lyn and Kip Burton; Alan Brenner; Bo Trumbo; Jim Porter; Mike and Cathy Goad; Paul Phillippe; Debbie Coots

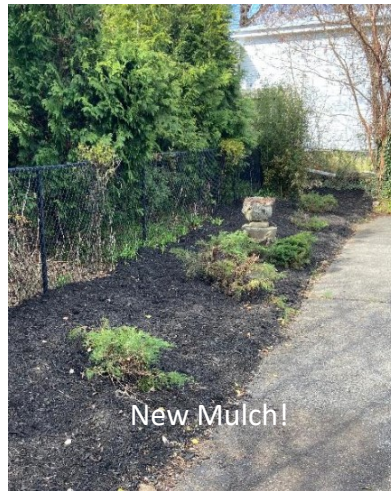
The Property Committee has focused on three areas of the church: The back lot (smoothing out after the “trash trees” were burned and buried), the parking lot in the front (removing an old fence and spreading mulch) and the entrance of the church (painting the stairs to the balcony and repairing and painting the columns). Thanks to all for the facelift.



Kip “playing” in the dirt!



Where did the old fence row go?



New Mulch!



Ed says,
“I can see the jail from here!”



New paint!!



Column will be fixed :) and painted

April Calendar

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2022 APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 <i>April Fool's Day</i>	2
3 Psalm 126 John 12: 1-8	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Ps.118:1-2,19-29 LK 19:28-40	11	12	13	14 <i>Tenebrae Service</i>	15 <i>Good Friday</i>	16
17 *** Ps.118:1-2,14-24 LK 24:1-12	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Picnic at Coats'</i>
24 Carl Utley Guest Preacher	25	26	27	28 Session Meeting 7 pm	29	30 Garden Week in Fincastle Tour

David on Educational Leave in Richmond

www.free-printable-calendar.com

***Easter Sunday

7 am Sun Rise Service at Godwin Cemetery with Breakfast to follow at FUMC

10:30 am Church Service at FPC (no Sunday School this day)

Historic Garden Week in Fincastle

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Sponsored by Garden Club of Virginia—April 23-30

Fincastle Date: Saturday, April 30 9:30—4:00 pm

Tickets: \$25 Available on line (VAGardenWeek.org) or
\$35 the day of the tour

Tour Head Quarters: The Fincastle Presbyterian
Church and The Big Spring

House on Tour:



The Reynolds Home

Owners: Kaye and Alan Lowe



Prospect Hill

Owner: Valerie Lucas



Santillane

Owners: Angela and John Sengson



Solitude

Owners: Charlotte and Robert Hagan



Wind Flower Farm

Owners: Lissy and Dan Merenda