

- ◆ Today, we welcome Mary Sowder, guest organist, to lead us in the music portions of the service.
- ◆ If you have an announcement for an upcoming church bulletin, please contact Patsy by Wednesday with the items you want included.
- ◆ Elders and Members of the Congregation—please sign up for **Duty Elder** and/or **Fellowship Time** for Sundays in September.

◆ **Calendar of Events:**

Sunday, Sept. 18—Duty Elder: Cathy Goad and Lynne Bolton
SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30
Fellowship Time:
Verna Shuey’s Birthday

Wednesday, Sept. 21 - International Day of Peace

Thursday, Sept. 22– Session Meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 24—Historic Fincastle Fall Festival 9 am—4 pm
Buffet Dinner to Celebrate 250 years of Fincastle,
tickets required (see Patsy) - 6 pm Kyle House

Sunday, Sept. 25—Duty Elder: Lyn Burton and _____
SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30
Fellowship Time: Verna and Ed Shuey

Sunday, October 2—Breakfast Before Church provided by the men of
the church (sign up in the Fellowship Hall for a tentative head count)
Duty Elders: Paul Phillippe and Sandy Gates

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Service for the Lord’s Day 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18th, 2022—10:30 am (In person & Live Streaming)



Mission Statement

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in God through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences, and serving the community in love.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *Hymn to Joy Beethoven*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship God. Thank God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his great mercy we have been born again into a life full of hope, through Christ’s rising from the dead

Many: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself—not counting their sins against them—and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation.

One: Praise the Lord.

Many: The Lord’s name be praised.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: # 611

There is a Balm in Gilead

Call to Confession:

One: Let us confess our sin before God,
Many: **trusting in God’s promised mercies revealed in our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty God, our Father,
You created us for life in community. We confess that we have turned from your will. We have not loved one another as you commanded. We have been quick to claim our own rights and careless of the rights of others. We have taken much and given little. Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love, so that we may serve you as a faithful people, and live together in your joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession: **AMEN**

Kyrie: **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.** #823

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
Many: **Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!**
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Gloria Patri: **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.** #805

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Anthem:

Peace Prayer of St Francis
Solo by Lynne Bolton

Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen** #808

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 8: 18—9:1
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Hymn: # 648

O Jesus, I Have Promised

New Testament Reading: Luke 16:1—13
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Sermon: “The Dishonest Steward Can Teach Us A Thing or Two!”

Moment for Meditation: *Be Thou But Near*
J.S. Bach

Apostle’s Creed #14

Hymn: #659

A Charge Have I to Keep

Charge and Blessing

Postlude: *Sinfonies De Fanfares—1. Rondeau (from Premier Suite)*
J.J. Mouret Arr. Elaine C. Gardner

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

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Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

18 My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

19 Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

20 "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

21 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

1 O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Luke 16: 1-13

1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

2 So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer."

3 Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?"

6 He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

7 Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty.'

8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**There is a Balm in Gilead
(#611)**

[Refrain:]

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say "He died for
all." (Refrain)

3 Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.
(Refrain)

O Jesus, I Have Promised (#648)

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear:
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory,
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

A Charge to Keep I Have (#659)

1 A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save,
and fit it for the sky.

2 To serve the present age,
my calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage
to do my Master's will!

3 Arm me with watchful care
as in thy sight to live,
and oh, thy servant, Lord,
prepare a strict account to give!

4 Help me to watch and pray,
and still on thee rely,
O let me not my trust betray,
but press to realms on high.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

From the Desk of David

We very often celebrate spring time as the season of new life: the season of budding trees and blossoming flowers, of spritely fawn and baby birds making their entrance into their new lives in this world

It has been pointed out to me just recently (by Patsy) that, in many respects, Fall is also a time for new beginnings, even a form of re-birth: kids and grandids return to school or go off to college. Sports starved fans celebrate a new season of football, and all of us, who are weary of blazing-hot daily temperatures and high humidities to boot, are looking forward to the crispness that autumn can bring. In our church we too can look forward this Fall to new opportunities for our thinking and doing as followers of Jesus.



Though our worship hour will miss the strong and gracious leadership of our organist, Rose Ann, her retirement in our music programs. Do you have some new ideas as to how we can grow in our ministry of music? Do you know of a talented, faithful musician who can help us? Contact Lynne Bolton, Worship Committee, if you have some new ideas.

In our stewardship of our church building and grounds Fred Coats, Property Committee Chair, is leading the charge, especially in the painting and repair departments. Soon, volunteers from our congregation will be prepping and painting the iron fences in the church's cemetery. Already you can see the cleaned monuments and trimmed shrubs, the handiwork of the Cemetery Committee.





This late summer, Jim Porter and the Fellowship Committee organized a grand day of worship and fellowship at Patsy's and Willie's Cabin on Craigs



Creek. Other fellowship opportunities will be forthcoming like breakfasts and pot-lucks after church (see the announcement under the Fellowship Committee in the newsletter.

Personnel Committee, led by Bo Trumbo, will soon find a new, part-time secretary/ accounting person. Till then Hal Bailey, Finance Committee Chair has been managing the day-to-day financial work of the church with the help of Lyn Burton and Mardee Kilby and Patsy Dickerson has been creating and printing the weekly bulletin.



Cathy Goad, Chair of Congregational Care, will continue to lead our pastoral response to our members as the needs arise.

Lyn Burton, Chair of Christian Education, together with you humble pastor (me), will provide a new adult Sunday School class starting this Sunday, September 22 at 9:30 am. It will be a Bible Study of Exodus 16 and following.

Missions, led by Paul Philippe, will continue its valuable outreach to the community through the local Botetourt Food Pantry. This committee also leads us in our response to emergency needs as they arise both near and far.

And, as always, Sandy Gates and the Communications Committee will keep us informed and in conversation with one another about the new opportunities that will come our way plus continuing to Live Stream and sending out church news emails.

Through Isaiah God spoke to ancient Israel: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

This Fall let's join in with the new things which God is doing among us and through us! AMEN.

Peace, David

Committee Reports

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Worship Committee—Lynne Bolton, Chairman

Since Rose Ann retired, the committee has been picking the hymns to sing on Sunday. If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing (or hear), please let Lynne or Patsy know and we will work it into the worship service.

We are also looking for a new musician to lead our worship service/choir and handbells. If you know someone who might be interested, please let Lynne know and she will contact her/him.

Christian Education Committee—Lyn Burton, Chairman

Adult Sunday School has started up for the season. We meet in the Logan Sunday School Room at the top of the stairs on the west side of the building at 9:30 am. David is teaching from the book of Exodus. Everyone is welcome to attend. No SUNDAY SCHOOL on Oct.2. We will join in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast at 9:30.

Is there a special Bible Study that you would like to incorporate into the Sunday School program, let Lyn know so she can find the necessary materials.

Fellowship Committee—Jim Porter, Chairman

We had a great worship event at the Last, Last Resort cabin on Craigs Creek the end of August. We had a superb meal of hamburger and hot dogs from the grill with salads, desserts and side dishes provided by the congregation. There was plenty to eat and no one should have gone away hungry. We also celebrated Rose Ann's retirement with a gift of a "toy" grand piano so she will always have a piano that she can take with her. Thanks to all of the cooks including the chefs at the griddle who fixed us great food. Thank you also David for another inspiring message. Thank you, good Lord, for the beautiful weather that was "icing on the cake".

We still have a fellowship time after church. It is very simple—cookies and "juice". If you can provide the "eats" one Sunday, sign up on the calendar in the fellowship hall.



Sunday Breakfast—October 2—9:30 am

Plan on joining in a special fellowship time, breakfast before church provided by the men of the church, so you know it will be good. There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Oct. 2 There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall so the men will have a tentative head count. Yummy, yummy, yummy!

Property Committee—Fred Coots, Chairman

Members of the congregation have been busy painting the fences around the church and in the cemetery. It is a very tedious job that will pay big dividends! The goal is to have all of the fence painted by the end of October. If you didn't sign up but would like to help, contact Fred or David.

Congregational Care Committee

Cathy Goad, Chairman

Happy Birthday to our September Birthdays!

John Kilby (Sept. 10) and Verna Shuey (Sept. 18)

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Financial Committee—Hal Bailey, Chairman

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COMING SOON—Stewardship Season is just around the corner.



Work Around the Church

