

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List: Mary Black, Nathalie Givens, Mike Goad, Elaine Kravnick, Paul Langford (Dot Langford's brother-in-law and Leigh Anne Martin's uncle), Laura Holt McCann, Meg and Bob Omer, Doug Paysour, Mary Lee Reese, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)

- ◆ Please check the calendar downstairs and signup for **Fellowship for 2023!** **We have February Covered! Thank you all, Let's start putting March on our calendars!**
- ◆ Please don't forget to sign up as a **Duty Elder** if appropriate. We need a second person for the last two Sunday's in February.
- ◆ SOUPER-Bowl Sunday will be here on February 12; Stay and join us after service for some wonderful soup and as a special treat, Lori Turner will share with us about her trip to Nepal!
- ◆ **Welcome to Laura Jane Ramsburg**, our Guest Minister today. Laura Jane currently serves as an elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA, and is pursuing certification as a Commissioned Lay Pastor through the Pathways program at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Laura Jane's background is in arts and culture, having earned her BA at James Madison University and her MALS at Hollins University. She moved to the Roanoke area with her husband, Scott, in 2002 and her day job is Assistant Director at the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, Hollins University.
- ◆ February is **Black History Month**. In recognition, we are highlighting one gospel/spiritual song each week. The origin of "**This Little Light of Mine**" is unclear, however, the song became an important part of the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 1960's. Civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer explained, "We'd start singing a song like "This Little Light of Mine" and it would keep us from being afraid. It played a very important role during the movement."

Copyright: All rights reserved. Reprinted/Recorded with permission under One License #A- 73950 The Worshiping Church Hymnal: 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL Service Music, # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology. Hymns: #622 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ;#562 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"; #609 "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"; #70 What Does the Lord Require of You?, GLORY TO GOD, The Presbyterian Hymnal; Service Music: "Let All Things Now Living", #53 from The Worshiping Church Hymnal; "Morning has Broken" Trad Gaelic Melody/Eleanor Forjeon; "Great is Thy Faithfulness" William M. Runyan/Arr. Carol McMillen; "This Little Light of Mine", Afro-American Spiritual/Harry Dixon Loes 2007 Musicnotes, Inc.

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



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.

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Let All Things Now Living"
Traditional Melody / Katherine K. Davis

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #622

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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Call to Confession:

**One:** The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

**Many:** Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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 the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**Many:** Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**One:** Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**Many:** The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

**One:** Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Many:** Amen.

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.

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Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Morning Has Broken"

Trad Gaelic Melody/Eleanor Farjeon

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

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (NIV, see insert) Isaiah 58:1-9a

Hymn: #562 *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

New Testament Reading: (NIV, see insert) Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon: *"Salt, Sabotage, and Second Chances"*

Moment for Meditation *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

William M. Runyan / Arr. Carol McMillen

Profession of Faith: #14 *Apostle's Creed*

Hymn: (See Insert) *Amen* *This Little Light of Mine*

Gospel/Jester Hairston African American Spiritual/Harry Dixon Loes  
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Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Response: *"What Does the Lord Require of You"*
See Insert

Postlude: *"This Little Light of Mine"*

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Isaiah 58:1-9a (NIV)

² "Shout it aloud, do not hold back.
Raise your voice like a trumpet.
Declare to my people their rebellion
and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.
² For day after day they seek me out;
they seem eager to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that does what is right
and has not forsaken the commands of its God.
They ask me for just decisions
and seem eager for God to come near them.
³ 'Why have we fasted,' they say,
'and you have not seen it?
Why have we humbled ourselves,
and you have not noticed?'

"Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please
and exploit all your workers.
⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife,
and in striking each other with wicked fists.
You cannot fast as you do today
and expect your voice to be heard on high.
⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,
only a day for people to humble themselves?
Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed
and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

⁶ "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?
⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.
⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven

Amen
This Little Light of Mine

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

This little light of mine, I'm gonna
let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it
shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the world, I'm gonna
let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

What Does the Lord Require of
You?

What does the Lord require of you?
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Justice, kindness Walk humbly with your
God.

To seek justice and love kindness
And walk humbly with your God.

#622 What a Friend We Have In Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

#562 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph over shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear!

2 Dark and cheerless is the dawn
till your glories shine on me;
joyless is the day's return
till your mercy's beams I see:
as they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief:
more and more yourself display,
shining to the perfect day!