

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List: Mary Black, Darren Engle (Keith McMurry's son-in-law), Martha Etzler Cam, Nathalie Givens, Mike Goad, Peggy Hughes, Elaine Kravnick, the family of Paul Langford, Laura Holt McCann, Meg and Bob Omer, Doug Paysour, Mary Lee Reese, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys), the family of Emmett Yonce.



- ◆ The **Bell Choir** will be practicing on Sundays after Worship and **all are welcome** to join in! We look forward to hearing the Bells at future worship services.
- ◆ **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery for the recovery effort after the **02/06 earthquake in Syria and Turkey**. Please send all donations to Presbytery of the Peaks, PO Box 2519, Forest, VA 24551 with the designation DR999999-ST Earthquake.
- ◆ **Lenten Services and Lunch's**—Don't forget to use your Insert in the bulletin to mark those Wednesday services on your Calendar. There are 2 more on the schedule!
- ◆ The **Bible Study, "The Case for Easter"** will continue every Monday through 03/27, in the fellowship hall, led by Lyn Burton.
- ◆ **Won't You be My Neighbor Day (Fred Rogers Day)** is celebrated every year on March 20. The day honors, celebrates, and appreciates the late Fred Rogers, the immensely popular host of the preschool TV series "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" which ran from 1968 to 2001. Although it has not aired for the past 21 years, many people still consider "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" as the standard by which they measure all other kid's shows. The show is so iconic that those who grew up in the '70s and '80s would surely have watched Mister Rogers head to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe and sing songs with his puppet friends.



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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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Be Still, My Soul"
Jean Sibelius

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Ps. 95:6,7)

One: O come, let us worship and bow down:

Many: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

One: For the Lord is our God; and we are the people of the Lord's pasture,

Many: and the sheep of God's hand.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #328

"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"



Call to Confession:

One: If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

Many: If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

All: Let us admit our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God of mercy,

You sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, for the sake of Jesus your Son, our Savior.

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. 823

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 103: 8,10-12)

One: We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, and for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners..

Many: We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.

All: Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise. We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.



Offering

Offertory Anthem

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Psalm 23, Southern Harmony 1835

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: (Pew bible pages 248)

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Hymn: #502

"Amazing Grace"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pages 932-933)

John 9:1-41

Sermon:

"The Lord Looks Upon the Heart"

Moment for Meditation

"The Lord's Prayer"

Albert H Malotte

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostle's Creed

Hymn: #359

"O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ"

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response #557

Pass it On (Refrain)

"That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;

You spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on."

Postlude:

"What a Day That Will Be"

Jim Hill

Calendar of Events:

**Planned Office hours for week 12/19/23: Monday 9:00 –2:00,
Wednesday 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00, Friday 9:00 to 3:00**

Sunday, March 19 4th Sunday in Lent
Sunday School—9:30 am
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Hal Bailey & Lynne Bolton
Fellowship: Lynne Bolton

Monday, March 20 Bible Study, “The Case for Easter”, 10:00 am Fellowship Hall, Led by Lyn Burton
Mr. Rogers Day

Wednesday March 22 Community Lenten Service, Methodist Church, FLC, 12:05 pm
Lunch immediately following
Session Meeting, 7:00

Thursday, March 23

Saturday March 25 **Happy Birthday, Alan Brenner**

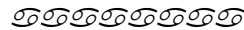
Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday in Lent
Sunday School—9:30 am
Worship Service—10:30 am
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Fellowship: Jim and Sue Porter

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Wednesday, March 29 **Happy Birthday, Patty Vari**
Community Lenten Service, Methodist Church, FLC, 12:05 pm, Lunch immediately following
Worship Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday
Communion Sunday
Covered Dish Luncheon after services

Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary, 7:00 PM, Communion



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Wednesday Lenten Services and Lunch
Fincastle United Methodist Church
Family Life Center—
137 S. Church Street



Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a short, 20 minute service beginning at 12:05 pm with music and messages of faith and hope from area pastors. A home-cooked lunch immediately follows each service at 12:30 p.m. The service and meal are designed to give you time to return home or to work within one hour. Take-out meals will be available.

Parking is available on the street, at the Masonic Lodge, and at the Health Department on the side facing Church Street.. If schools are closed for inclement weather, the service is cancelled

The Story Behind Amazing Grace

Calling himself a “wretch” who was lost and blind, John Newton recalled leaving school at the age of 11 to begin life as a rough, debauched seaman. Eventually he engaged in the despicable practice of capturing natives from West Africa to be sold as slaves to markets around the world. But one day the grace of God put fear into the heart of this wicked slave trader through a fierce storm. Greatly alarmed and fearful of a shipwreck, Newton began to read, *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis. God used this book to lead him to a genuine conversion and a dramatic change in his way of life.

Feeling a definite call to study for the ministry, he was encouraged and greatly influenced by John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield. At the age of 39, John became an ordained minister of the Anglican church at the little village of Olney, near Cambridge, England. To add further impact to his powerful preaching, Newton introduced simple heart-felt hymns rather than the usual psalms in his services. When he couldn’t find enough hymns, he began to write his own, often assisted by his close friend William Cowper. In 1779 their combined efforts produced the famous *Olney Hymns* hymnal. “*Amazing Grace*” was from that collection.

Until the time of his death at the age of 82, John Newton never ceased to marvel at the grace of God that transformed him so completely. Shortly before his death he is quoted as proclaiming with a loud voice during a message, “my memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior!” What amazing grace!

From: Amazing Grace, 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions, Kenneth W. Osbeck, © 1990 by Kregel Publications



Leading the Worship

- March 1** **Rev. Willis Logan**
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Fincastle
- March 8** **Rev. Dr. David Dickerson**
Fincastle Presbyterian Church
- March 15** **Rev. Rob Lough**
Former Pastor at St. Mark’s UMC
Daleville
- March 22** **Pastors Tom & Naomi Powers**
Daleville Church of the Brethren
- March 29** **Rev. Fr. David Stanfill**
Church of the Transfiguration
Fincastle

Lunch Menu

- Potato Soup, Vegetable-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Jello, Salads, Rolls, Desserts
- Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad, Corn, Muffins, Desserts
- Ham Biscuits, Potato Salad, Fruit, Desserts
- Chicken Salad Croissants, Vegetable Salad, Chips, Desserts
- Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips, Pickles, Desserts

Menus subject to change. Donations gratefully accepted-any money received above the cost of the food will go to help fund the Blessing Box at Fincastle United Methodist Church. Thank you!

John 9:1-41

9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Silo'am" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." ¹⁰ They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Silo'am and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but how he now sees

John 9:1-41 continued:

we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

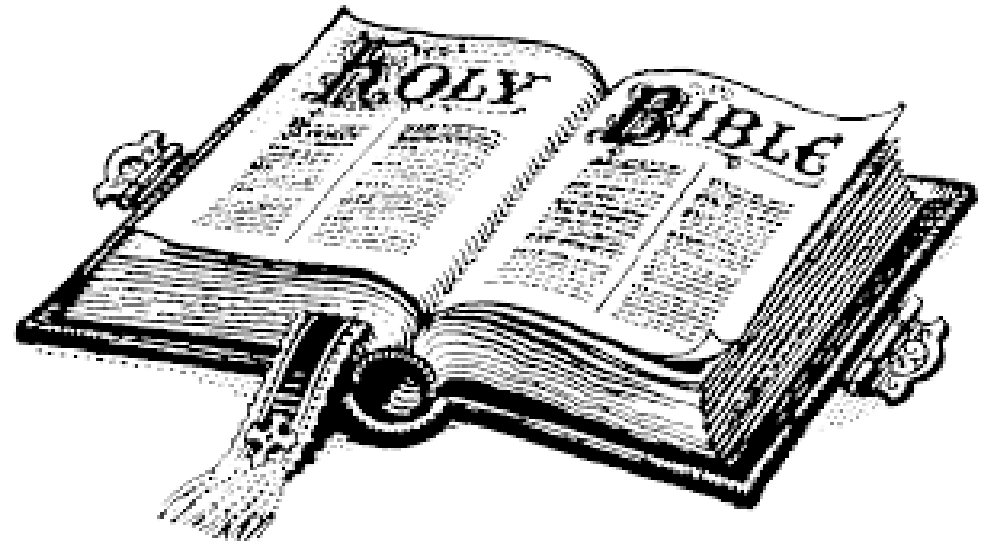
²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me him whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eli'ab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹²And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.



#328 God's Holy Ways Are Just and True

1 God's holy ways are just and true,
his promises are ever new,
O praise him, alleluia!
Let every heart with praises sing
and make this house with voices ring:
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Bring back to mind his grace and love,
our needs provided from above;
O praise him, alleluia!
He kept his word and Jesus came
to make a people for his name;
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Tell once again his deeds of old,
the story of our mighty God,
O praise him, alleluia!
For all his glorious works and ways
we shall rejoice through endless days;
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#502 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

#359 O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

1 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
In you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
And blest are you, his holy son.

2 Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise
Father, Son, and spirit, God who dwells in the
eternal light.

3. Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, lifegiving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.

#739 Pass it On

"That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
You spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on."