

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.



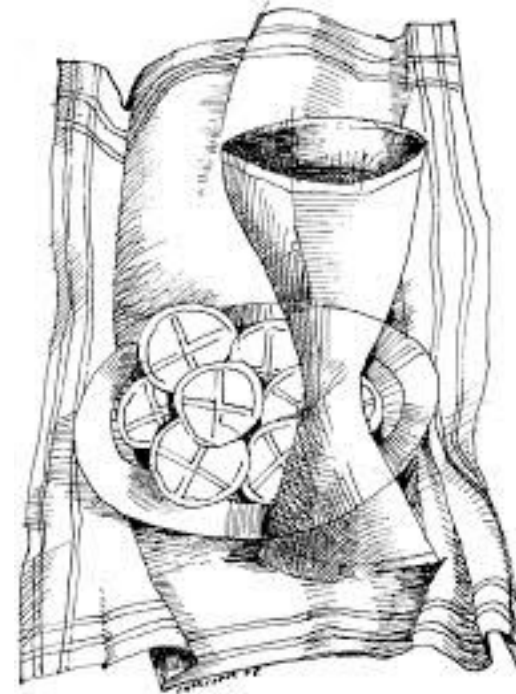
- ◆ The **Bell Choir** will be practicing on Sundays after Worship and **all are welcome** to join in! We look forward to hearing the Bells at future worship services.
- ◆ **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery for the recovery effort after the **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 is only 1 more on the schedule!
- ◆ The **Bible Study, "The Case for Easter"** will meet for their last meeting on 03/27, in the fellowship hall, led by Lyn Burton.
- ◆ **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** special offering is coming up on Sunday, April 9, which is also Easter Sunday. OGHS is an offering the responds directly to the needs God has called us to fulfill in Isaiah 58:12 "...you shall be called the repairer of the breach ..." This special offering currently supports Programs in over 100 countries. One of the ways that our offering assists is by supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). This organization works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. 32% of the funds raised with OGHS goes to PDA.
- ◆ Take a moment to reflect on the lyrics, **"There's Something About That Name,"** during this morning's Prelude and again during the Meditation Medley as we worship together.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name



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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

5th Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"There's Something About That Name"

Gaithers/arr. Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Isaiah 55:6,7)

One: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
Call ye upon him while he is near:

Many: **let the wicked forsake their way,
And the unrighteous their thoughts:**

One: and let them return unto the Lord,
And the Lord will have mercy upon them;

Many: **and to our God, for God will abundantly pardon.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #514

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"



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.**

All: **Let us ask God to forgive us.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God our Father:

We have done wrong, and do not deserve to be called your children. We have turned from your way, and been taken in by our own desires. We have not loved neighbors as you commanded. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, and forgive us; for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession: Amen

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

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Assurance of Pardon:

One: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to God, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;

Many: **remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.**

All 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

"Sweet By and By"

Joseph P. Webster

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 538)

Psalm 130

Hymn: #502

"Amazing Grace"

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

John 11:1-45

Sermon:

"In Life, In Death, Jesus Is Lord!"

Moment for Meditation

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Medley"

Richard Torrans

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostle's Creed

Hymn: #97

"He is Lord"

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 want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on."

Postlude:

"Take the Name of Jesus With You"

William H. Doan

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**

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Sunday School—9:30 am
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Bo Trumbo & Fred Coots
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Monday, March 27 Bible Study, “The Case for Easter”, 10:00 am Fellowship Hall, Led by Lyn Burton

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
Sunday School—9:30 am
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Bo Trumbo & Sandy Gates
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Covered Dish Luncheon after service

Monday, April 3 **Happy Birthday John Griffith!**

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

Friday, April 7 Good Friday

Sunday, April 9 **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday**
Sunrise Service with FUMC at Godwin Cemetery, 7am.
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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

Leading the Worship

Lunch Menu

March 1	Rev. Willis Logan St. Mark's Episcopal Church Fincastle	Potato Soup, Vegetable-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Jello, Salads, Rolls, Desserts
March 8	Rev. Dr. David Dickerson Fincastle Presbyterian Church	Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad, Corn, Muffins, Desserts
March 15	Rev. Rob Lough Former Pastor at St. Mark's UMC Daleville	Ham Biscuits, Potato Salad, Fruit, Desserts
March 22	Pastors Tom & Naomi Powers Daleville Church of the Brethren	Chicken Salad Croissants, Vegetable Salad, Chips, Desserts
March 29	Rev. Fr. David Stanfill Church of the Transfiguration Fincastle	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!

The Story behind "Near to the Heart of God"

This song was written by Cleland B. McAfee. He was the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Chicago. He had two very beloved nieces. Dr. McAfee was stunned to hear the shocking news that these two special nieces had just died from diphtheria. Turning to God and the scriptures, he came to the understanding that the Christian – because of the refuge they have in God-can strive to maintain composure and stability in their lives and that they can be faced with a spiritual strength that our Lord provides.

The message that he wanted to pass along to his brother's family, as well as his congregation, was that as we are held securely "near to the heart of God," we can find the rest, the comfort, the joy and peace that only Jesus can give. Because of this, we can live every day with an inner calm and courage.

On the day of the double funeral, he stood outside the quarantined home of his brother Howard, singing the words of this song. The following Sunday the hymn was repeated by the choir at his church.

It soon became widely known and has since ministered comfort and spiritual healing to many of God's people in times of need.



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Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to thee, O LORD!

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let thy ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

³ If thou, O LORD, shouldst mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with thee,
that thou mayest be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the LORD
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plenteous redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

John 1:1-45

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Laz'arus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Laz'arus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Laz'arus. ⁶ So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹ Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Laz'arus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Laz'arus is dead; ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

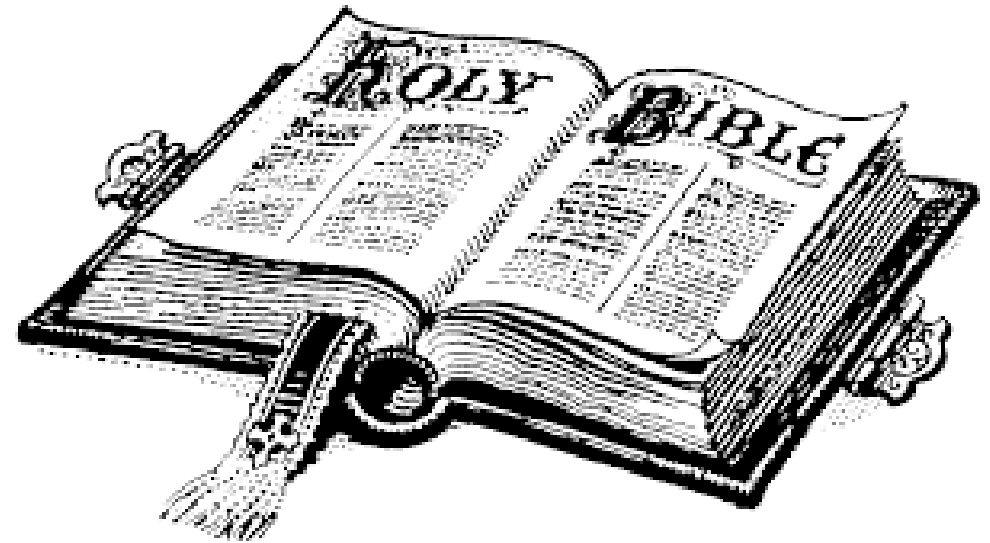
¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Laz'arus[Ⓜ] had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles[Ⓜ] off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life;[Ⓜ] he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

John 11:1-45 continued

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; ³⁴ and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. ⁴² I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Laz'arus, come out." ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him;



#514 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

[Refrain:]

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

#542 Near to the Heart of God

1 There is a place of quiet rest
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

[Refrain:]

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

2 There is a place of comfort sweet
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

3 There is a place of full release
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

#97 He is Lord

1 He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord!

2 He is King, he is King!
He will draw all nations to him, he is King;
and the time shall be when the world shall sing
that Jesus Christ is King!

3 He is Love, he is Love!
He has shown us by his life that he is Love;
all his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is Love!

4 He is Life, he is Life!
He has died to set us free and he is Life;
and he calls us all to live evermore,
for Jesus Christ is Life.

#739 Pass it On

"That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on."