

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, Brad Hall (friend of Verna & Ed Shuey), Peggy Hughes, Elaine Kravnick, Laura Holt McCann, family of Patricia Mae Nicely (first cousin of Hi Nicely), Meg and Bob Omer, Doug Paysour, Mary Lee Reese, Tommy Turner (Lori Turner's father-in-law), Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)



- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Shared Recipes**—If you are willing to share some of your favorite recipes, please email them to Patsy at psdicke@yahoo.com or leave a hard copy in a box labeled Recipes in the kitchen at the church. Patsy will start attaching one per month to the newsletter!
- ◆ **Mark your calendar for 2¢ A Meal Sunday, coming up on May 7!** What do you know about the origins of this Special Offering? The Two Cents-a-meal concept originated with Presbyterian women to provide an opportunity for individuals and families to participate in a corporate response to world hunger. In November 1975, Florida resident Rosellyn Calvert, whose own family was struggling financially, asked God what she could do to help those suffering from hunger and poverty around the world.

She was led to give just two cents a meal. The Calvert family committed to each give two cents, and in April of 1976 Rosellyn shared the concept with her presbytery. Today, most presbyteries encourage the contribution of two cents (or more) per person at each meal, reminding individuals, families and groups each time they eat of the needs of others and our call to respond as Christians to their hunger. Daily participation is a reminder of the reality of hunger for millions of our sisters and brothers in the world. **\$.02 * 31 days = \$.62 per day per person in each family for one month.**



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: #353 "For the Beauty of the Earth"; #384 "This Is My Father's World"; #21 "How Great Thou Art"; #739 "Pass it On"; Service Music: "Let's Just Praise the Lord/The Family of God" Gaither / Beck; "Sometimes When It Rains" Lovland; "One Day at a Time" Wilkin / Kristofferson; "People Need the Lord" Nelson / McHugh

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Mission Statement:

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Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

""Let's Just Praise the Lord/The Family of God""

Gaithers Beck

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Psalm 95:1,2)

One: O come, let us sing unto the Lord:

Many: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

One Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving,

Many: and make a joyful noise unto the Lord with psalms.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #353

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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Call to Confession:

One: Let us confess our sins,

Many: trusting in God's mercies revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,

We acknowledge and confess before Thee: our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned: in wandering from Thy ways; in wasting Thy gifts; in forgetting Thy love.

But Thou, O lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins, for the sake of Thy dear Son.

And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech Thee, to live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways, according to the commandments of 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: (Psalm 103:8,10-12)

One The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Many He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

One: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Many: As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

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

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Offering

Offertory Anthem

"One Day at a Time"

Wilkin / Kristofferson

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: (Pew bible pages 1-2, & 467-468) Genesis 1:26-31 & Psalm 8

Hymn: #384

"This is My Father's World"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pages 924 & 1026) John 3:16 & Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon:

"Is It A Bad Thing To Be 'Human'?"

Moment for Meditation

"Sometimes When It Rains"

Loveland

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostle's Creed

Hymn: #21

"How Great Thou Art"

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response #739

Pass it On (Refrain)

"I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know

The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!

Postlude:

"People Need the Lord"

Nelson/McHugh

Calendar of Events:

Planned Office hours for week 04/16/23: Monday 9:00 –2:00,

Wednesday 9:00-2:00 , Friday 9:00 to 3:00

Sunday, April 23

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday School—9:30 am

Worship Service—10:30 am

Duty Elders: Lyn Burton and Cathy Goad

Fellowship: Patsy Dickerson

Tuesday, April 25

Happy Birthday, Debbie Coots

Thursday, April 27

Session Meeting 7:00pm

Sunday, April 30

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday School—9:30 am

Worship Service—10:30 am

Duty Elders: Lyn Burton and Fred Coots

Fellowship: _____

Tuesday, May 2

Happy Birthday, Lyn Burton

Thursday, May 4

National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 5

Happy Birthday, Danette Heinlein

Sunday, May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

2c A Meal Sunday

Sunday School—9:30 am

Worship Service—10:30 am

Duty Elders: Fred Coots and Jim Porter

Fellowship: _____



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2023: Sandy Gates, Lyn Burton,

Hal Bailey

Class of 2024: Cathy Goad, Paul Phillippe,
Bo Trumbo

Class of 2025: Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton,
Jim Porter

The Trustees

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Guest Minister: Ms. Nancy O. Gray

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

Session Committees

Property: *Fred Coots, chairman*

Jim Porter, Mike Goad, Paul Phillippe, Lyn and Kip Burton, Ed and Verna Shuey, Julia Richardson

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Anyone who has something to contribute

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The Story behind:

Pass It On

If you are a baby boomer, raised in the church, and born in the late 1940s or 1950s, you probably grew up singing Kurt Kaiser's "Pass It On" around a campfire or at youth group meetings.

Kurt Frederic Kaiser (1934–2018) was born in Chicago. He received his musical education from the American Conservatory of Music and Northwestern University (B.M., 1958; M.M., 1959). Mr. Kaiser "joined Word, Inc., in 1959 as director of artists and repertoire, and later became vice president and director of music for Word, working with them until 1989.

He resided with his wife, Pat, in Waco, Texas. They had four grown children and ten grandchildren. Kurt Kaiser was an active churchman, serving as a founding member of DaySpring Baptist Church in Waco, offering an alternative vision for Baptist communities.

While known primarily for his youth musicals, Mr. Kaiser is an accomplished pianist and has written music for a variety of performing media in varied styles. He has composed more than sixty hymn texts and tunes, the most famous of which are "O how he loves you and me" (1975), and "Pass It On."

Mr. Kaiser provided the background to "Pass It On," one of his most famous songs: "In 1969, Ralph Carmichael and I collaborated on a musical, *Tell It Like It Is*. It was written to get young people involved in the Church. After reviewing what we had written, we decided there needed to be a closer, a modern 'Just As I Am' [a hymn by Charlotte Elliott written in 1835, and a favorite of Evangelicals for altar calls].

"On a Sunday night I was sitting in our den by the fireplace where there were remnants of a fire, and it occurred to me that it only takes a spark to get a fire going . . . and the rest came very quickly. My wife suggested that I should say something about shouting it from mountain tops, and that ended up in the third verse. It only took about 20 minutes to write the lyrics. Afterwards my wife and I went for a walk, letting the song ruminate in our minds."

Since 1976, the song has appeared in at least nine other hymnals in the United States, England, and Canada.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-pass-it-on>

The Story behind:

This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock revealed his great admiration for nature in this lovely hymn text. He was recognized as one of the outstanding Presbyterian ministers of his generation. He was also a skilled athlete who enjoyed all outdoor activity, especially his early morning walks. He would always comment, "I'm going out to see my Father's world."

Since he was an accomplished performer on the organ, the piano and the violin, we can see why nature seemed to him to be "the music of the spheres." In addition to being a tribute to nature, however, this hymn is a triumphant assertion of the unfailing power of God and the assurance of Christ's eventual reign—"and earth and heav'n be one."

As we follow Dr. Babcock's example and give praise to God for all the beauty of His world, we cannot help being concerned that much of the loveliness is being destroyed by human carelessness and greed. The real answer to our ecological problems must be a renewed appreciation of earth as "our Father's world" and a greater responsibility for taking proper care of it. Christians should be models of this concern.

Psalm 33:5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.



From: *Amazing Grace, 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions*, Kenneth W. Osbeck,
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Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

Psalms 8

1 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is thy name in all the earth!
Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted
2 by the mouth of babes and infants,
thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars which thou hast established;
4 what is man that thou art mindful of him,
and the son of man that thou dost care for him?
5 Yet thou hast made him little less than God,
and dost crown him with glory and honor.
6 Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands;
thou hast put all things under his feet,
7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
9 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

#353 For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree, and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
[Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
[Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
[Refrain]

5 For the Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

6 For thyself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,
[Refrain]

#384 This is My Father's World

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:

I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is our Father's world:
O let us not forget
that though the wrong is great and strong,
God is the ruler yet.

He trusts us with his world,
to keep it clean and fair--
all earth and trees, all skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

3 This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass,
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

#21 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

[Refrain:]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
(Refrain)

3 And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.
(Refrain)

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow in humble admiration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou
art." (Refrain)

#739 Pass it On

"That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!"