

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

Members: Nathalie Givens, John Griffith, Meg and Bob Omer

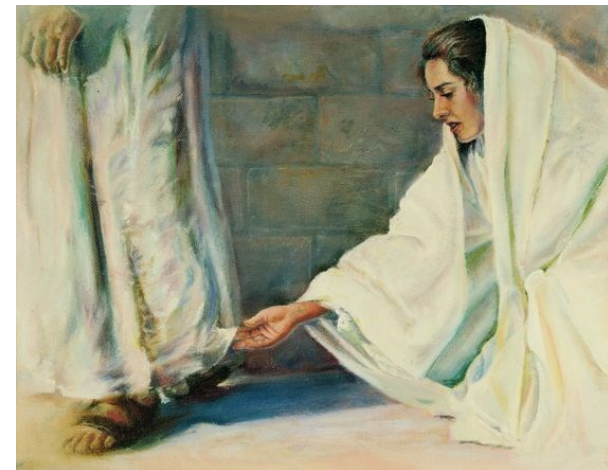
Friends and family of members: Mary Black, Darren Engle (Keith McMurry's son-in-law), Martha Etzler Cam, Peggy Hughes, Elaine Kravnick, Laura Holt McCann, Wayland Overstreet (friend of Hi Nicely) Doug Paysour, Mary Lee Reese, Whitney Wolford (friend of the Baileys)



- ◆ **Congratulations, Kaycee Kincaid** on her graduation from James River High School, Class of 2023!
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **Fellowship Calendar**—We are covered for the Month of June and into July. Thank you for being so responsive to the office emails.
- ◆ Mark your calendars and plan on joining in the Bible study following the Book **"Twelve Extraordinary Women"**, led by Lyn Burton. First meeting will be Tuesday, June 13 at 2:00pm in the fellowship hall.
- ◆ Please remember that we are taking Summer Vacation from Sunday morning Sunday School. We will join back up in the Autumn.
- ◆ **David Austin** is a lifetime Botetourt County resident. The James River High School graduate has been playing music in this area since he was a teen. He has performed at many Church Revivals, Homecomings, special services, and also served as Choir Director for 16 years at Trinity UMC in Buchanan. David currently leads music for his home church, Lithia UMC. He has played for many civic and community events as well, such as Memorial Day Services, Relay for Life, and the Fincastle Festival. David enjoys hiking, songwriting, an occasional round of golf, and classic TV shows... especially, "The Andy Griffith Show!" Special Thanks to David Austin for sharing in worship with us today!

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Service Music, # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology. Hymns: #539 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"; #441 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"; #445 "Just as I Am"; #609 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Gathering Music: "In the Sweet By and By" Bennett/Webster, "The Old Country Church" H. Williams; Service Music: "Woke Up This Morning with my Mind Stayed on Jesus" Spiritual; "Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings on Me" J. & S. Easter; "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Arr. C. McMillen, "I Saw The Light" H. Williams

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023—10:20 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Gathering Music

"In the Sweet By and By"
Bennett/Webster

"The Old Country Church"
H. Williams

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"Woke Up This Morning with my Mind Stayed on Jesus"*
Spiritual

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 psalm.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: # 539 *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

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Call to Confession: (unison)

All: Let us confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty God, our Father,

You created us for life together. 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

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

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Many: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Many: Friends! Hear the Good News! 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

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Offering

Offertory Anthem *"Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings on Me"*
J. & S. Easter

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 pg 9) Genesis 12:1-9

Hymn: #441 *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible page 1011) Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sermon: *"Called To Follow Jesus, And To Do Mercy"*

Moment for Meditation *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/He Leadeth Me"*
Arr. C. McMillen

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostle's Creed

Hymn: #445 *"Just As I Am"*

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Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response #609 (vs1) *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms

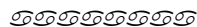
Leaning, Leaning, Safe and secure for all alarms; Leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms .

Postlude: *"I Saw The Light"*
H. Williams

Calendar of Events:

**Planned Office hours for week 06/11/2023: Tuesday 9:00-2:00,
Wednesday 9:00a—2:00p, Friday 9:00 to 3:00p**

Sunday, June 11 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Special Gathering Music: 10:20
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton and Cathy Goad
Fellowship: Jane Jones
Tuesday, June 13 Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 2:00 pm, Lyn Burton
Wednesday, June 14 Flag Day
Saturday, June 17 Men's Breakfast—NorthStar 9:00 am
 Fincastle Mennonite use of Church 9:00 am—7:00pm
Sunday, June 18 **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship Service—10:30 am
Happy Father's Day
Duty Elders: Lynne Bolton and Sandy Gates
Fellowship: Peggy Davis & P. Dickerson
Fincastle Mennonite Church Choir Concert, 6:30pm
Monday, June 19 Juneteenth, Federal Holiday
Happy Birthday, Mason Kincaid!
Tuesday, June 20 Primary Voting Day in some precincts
 Endowment Committee Meeting , Fellowship Hall, 4:00 pm
Wednesday, June 21 First Day of Summer
Thursday, June 22 Session , 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Friday, June 23 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm —Maness &Emerick
Saturday, June 24 Wedding, 2:00 pm Maness &Emerick
Sunday, June 18 **4th Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders:
Fellowship: Sandy Gates
Tuesday, June 27 **Happy Birthday, Kay Lowe!**
Thursday, June 29 **Happy Birthday, David Dickerson!**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

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Hal Bailey

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Bo Trumbo

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Elisha A. Hoffman

One day successful author, business man, and devout Presbyterian layman Anthony J. Showalter received letters from two different friends, telling him of their recent bereavements. He sat to try and write words of comfort to them, and used Deuteronomy 33:27— “*The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms ...*”

As he finished writing his letters, it occurred to him that this verse would be a fine theme for a hymn, he jotted down the words and music for the refrain.

He felt though, that he needed assistance in writing the verses to go with this chorus, so he asked his friend, Elisha A. Hoffman, a pastor and author of many gospel songs, to furnish the verses. The hymn was then published in 1887 in the *Glad Evangel for Revival, Camp and Evangelistic Meetings Hymnal*.

Just As I Am Charlotte Elliott

Charlotte Elliott grew up in Brighton, England and was known as “carefree Charlotte.” She was a popular portrait artist and a writer of humorous verse. At the age of 30, a serious ailment made her an invalid for life. She became listless and very depressed.

Her Brother, Rev. H. V. Elliott formulated a plan to found and fund a school to provide education of the daughters of clergymen, Others in her family planned bazaars and many things to help his project; she felt she couldn’t do anything.

She was speaking with a visitor, a well-known Swiss evangelist, Dr. Caesar Malan, when he asked her if she knew herself to really be a Christian. She was irritated with him, and said that it was a matter she didn’t want to discuss. He said he would not pursue the subject but would pray that she might give her heart to Christ, and employ in His service the talents with which God had gifted her. After several days of spiritual discernment, she came back and asked how she could possibly come to God with all of her physical and mental issues. He responded, “Why not come *just as you are?*”

She sat down and wrote for her own comfort the words of this song . She shared it with her sister-in-law. The words spread. When she assumed the editorship of “*Yearly Remembrancer*”, she inserted this hymn, with no author’s name. It spread to other publications. Eventually she allowed her name to be added as author.



Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sar'ai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions which they had gathered, and the persons that they had gotten in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸Thence he removed to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁸While he was thus speaking to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰And behold, a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment; ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³And when Jesus came to the ruler's house, and saw the flute players, and the crowd making a tumult, ²⁴he said, "Depart; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the report of this went through all that district.

#539 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the
world; the star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all;
the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my
path,
and show me the way to the Father.
[Refrain]

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the
race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.
[Refrain]

#441 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home,
ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mer-
cies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

3 O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and
pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

#445 Just As I Am

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee I find,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

[Coda:]

O Lamb of God, I come.

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting
arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.