

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

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

Friends and family of FPC: Mary Black, Mick Caudill (Danette's daughter's father-in-law), Neil Dunnivant (Pastor at FPC from 1992-2003), Lynne Kessler, Laura Holt McCann, Cary Philbrick (friend of the Shueys), Mary Lee Reese, and Pat Roberts (Lori Turner's mother).

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- ◆ **Congregational Meeting—for the stated purpose of electing a Nominating Committee** will be held immediately after Worship today.
- ◆ **Address for Neil Dunnivant:** 3504 Watauga Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410
- ◆ **New Map Sign Dedication**— Mark your calendars for September 24. There will be a ceremony immediately following worship to dedicate the new Map Sign in memory of Carol Brenner. A reception will follow.
- ◆ **Homecoming—DATE CHANGE October 29** Any and all who have been a part of our church at anytime is invited. Please send address information for anyone whom you want to make sure knows about this event to fincastlepresbyterian-church@gmail.com, our mailing address at PO Box 144, Fincastle, VA 24090, or call the church at 540.473.2042.
- ◆ **Worship at the Burton's farm**— mark your calendar for this wonderful fall event! Sunday, October 8.
- ◆ Don't forget to join Tuesday, September 19, in the Fellowship Hall for the **Women's Bible Study**. We will meet at 2:00 pm and are reviewing Ruth.

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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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*"Gavotte for Piano"
S. Wesley 1766-1837*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship God. Thank God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in his great mercy we have been born again into a life full of hope, through Christ's rising from the dead.

Many: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself—not counting their sins against them—and has commissioned us with the message of reconciliation.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #622

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



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)

Almighty God,

You love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through 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:

One: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Many: If a person is in Christ, that person becomes a new person altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Many: 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



Offering

Offertory Anthem

*"The Old Rugged Cross"
Bennard/Arr. Wyrzten*

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #808
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

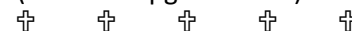


Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg 45) Genesis 50:15-21

Hymn: #561 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pgs 852-853) Matthew 18:21-35



Sermon

*"We Reveal God's Presence
When We Forgive From the Heart"*

Moment for Meditation

"More Love to Thee"

Arr. C. Tornquist
Apostles' Creed

Profession of Faith: #14

Hymn: #60 "Great is thy Faithfulness"

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response #291 (refrain) *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*
"Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love, and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know, that we have been revived when we shall leave this place."

Postlude:

"On Eagles Wings"
M. Joncas

Calendar of Events:

**Planned Office hours for week 09/17/2023: Tue. 9:00a—2:00p,
Wed. 8:30a—2:00p, Friday 9:00 –2:30p**

Sunday, September 17 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School—9:30 am, Logan Room
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Jim Porter and Lynne Bolton
Fellowship: Patsy D. and Lori T.
Congregational Meeting (see announcements)

Monday, September 18 **Happy Birthday, Verna Shuey 🎂**

Tuesday, September 19 **Women's Bible Study, 2:00, Fellowship Hall, Ruth**

Saturday, September 23 **Historic Fincastle Fall Festival**

Sunday, September 24 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School—9:30 am, Logan Room
Worship Service—10:30 am
Duty Elders: Jim Porter and Bo Trumbo
Fellowship: Dedication Reception for Sign
Immediately following service, Dedication of Cemetery Sign

Thursday, September 28 **Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Sunday, October 1 18th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Duty Elders: Jim Porter and Lynne Bolton
Fellowship: _____

Tuesday, October 3 **Happy Birthday, Sandy Gates 🎂**

Friday, October 6 **Happy Birthday, Lori Turner 🎂**



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

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Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

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Shuey, Julia Richardson*

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil which we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, we pray you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him, and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Fear not, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he reassured them and comforted them.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.^[a]

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; ^[b] ²⁵ and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii;^[c] and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; ³³ and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers,^[d] till he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

#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.

#561 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

1 I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

[Refrain:]
Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
(Refrain)

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.
(Refrain)

#60 Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail
not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and
harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
[Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomor-
row,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
[Refrain]

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