

Announcement and Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

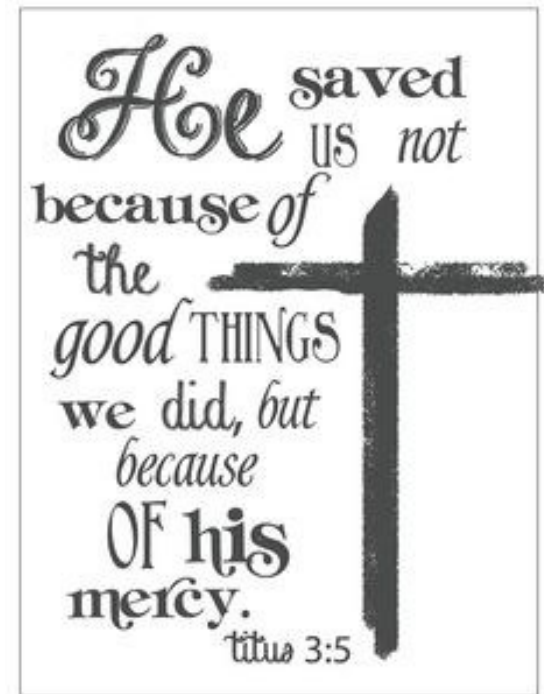
Members: Nathalie Givens, John Griffith, Jennifer Kincaid, Meg and Bob Omer

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, Pat Roberts (Lori Turner's mother) and Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt)

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- ◆ **Address for Neil Dunnivant:** 3504 Watauga Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410
- ◆ **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.** We will be meeting outside, and will have a Pot Luck immediately following service.
- ◆ Set the date on your calendar for the next Women's Bible Study, October 10 at 2:00pm in the fellowship Hall. We will be studying Elizabeth, John the Baptist's mother.
- ◆ Set your calendar for the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 14 at the Northstar Inn.
- ◆ There will be a Service of Wholeness and Healing here at FPC in the Sanctuary at 5:00pm, Wednesday, September 27. This service will be held the fourth Wednesday of each Month.

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.

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Service for the Lord's Day

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Blessed Assurance"
P. Knapp

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship God. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Many: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #542 "Near to the Heart of God"



Call to Confession:

One: This is the word of the Lord: All those whom I love I correct and discipline. Therefore, shake off your complacency and repent.

Many: See, I stand knocking at the door. If anyone listens to my voice and opens the door, I will go into his house and dine with him, and he with me.

All: Let us open our hearts to the Lord.

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. #823

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: Let us forgive one another.

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

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 "In the Garden"
C. Austin Miles

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

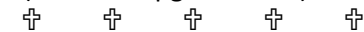


Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg 59-60) Exodus 16:2-15

Hymn: #532 "Be Thou My Vision"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pgs 852-853) Matthew 20:1-16



Sermon "God's Mercy Is Just Not Fair!"
(That's Because It's Mercy!)

Moment for Meditation "Goodness of God"

Solo by Lori Turner

Profession of Faith: #14 J. Johnson

Hymn: #563 (vs 1-3) Apostles' Creed

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"



Please proceed outside for the conclusion of our worship service. We will use the yellow insert to continue.



Calendar of Events:

Planned Office hours for week 09/24/2023: Mon. 9:00a—3:30p, Wed. 8:30a—2:00p, Friday 9:00—2:30p

Sunday, September 24 17th 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
Service extended with Dedication of Cemetery Sign
and Reception in Fellowship Hall

Wed., September 27 Wholeness and Healing Service, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary
Thursday, September 28 Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 1 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School—9:30 am, Logan Room
Worship Service—10:30 am
World Communion Sunday
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton and Sandy Gates
Fellowship: _____

Tuesday, October 3 **Happy Birthday, Sandy Gates** 🎂
Friday, October 6 **Happy Birthday, Lori Turner** 🎂

Sunday, October 8 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School—No Sunday School
Worship Service—10:30 am
Services at Burton Farm
Duty Elders: Bo Trumbo and Paul Phillippe
Fellowship: Pot Luck
Office Closed—Federal Holiday

Monday, October 9 **Happy Birthday, Jane Beasley** 🎂
Tuesday, October 10 **Happy Birthday, TC Beasley** 🎂
Thursday, October 12 Men's Breakfast at the Northstar Inn
Saturday, October 14

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

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

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Property: Fred Coots, chairman

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

Fellowship: Jim Porter, chairman

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Worship: Lynne Bolton, chairman

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Christian Education: Lyn Burton, chairman

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Personnel: Bo Trumbo, chairman

Lynne Bolton

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Lyn Burton, Debbie Coots

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Newsletter: Patsy Dickerson, editor

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Grant: Patsy Dickerson, chairman

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(worship service to be concluded outside)

A Time to Award the 2023 Suzanne More Hale Memorial Scholarship to
Hannah Allen John Kilby

A Brief Service of Dedication of the new Cemetery Sign
Clerk of the Session John Kilby

Minister

Comments by Alan Brenner

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Let us pray:

Eternal God, whom the generations have worshipped in beauty and holiness, accept our praise and thanksgiving for your faithfulness and love.

We thank you for the extravagance of your grace and the wise tenderness of your creativity evident around us.

Instead of a world that contains only the useful and the expedient, you create a world of extravagant beauty and joy.

Instead of creating people who are motivated only by work, you create your people with a capacity for rejoicing and worship.

Instead of enduring our anxious hoarding and grasping, you call us to generosity and hope.

Instead of a community that is an expression of only what is practical and utilitarian, your church is a community whose purpose is worship, whose nature is love, whose energy is joy, and whose life is filled with glad thanksgiving.

For encouraging us to create beauty that nurtures the spirit, we thank you.

For the eternal circle of giving and receiving that is our life in you, we offer your praise.

In the name of Jesus, our Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Dedication

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Words on reverse side of this insert.

“I’ll Fly Away”

I’ll Fly Away

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus

I'll fly away, Oh Glory I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus

Please join all in the Fellowship Hall for a Reception.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your murmurings against the LORD. For what are we, that you murmur against us?" ⁸ And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening flesh to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your murmurings which you murmur against him—what are we? Your murmurings are not against us but against the LORD."

⁹ And Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your murmurings.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning dew lay round about the camp. ¹⁴ And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as hoarfrost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. ⁵ Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last. " if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

#542 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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)

#532 Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true
Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

3 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

#563 Lord, I Want to be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.