

## Announcement and Concerns of the Church

### Prayer List:

**Members:** Nathalie Givens, the family of 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), Dane Hamren (community friend), Lynne Kessler, Laura Holt McCann, Erin Nicely (Hi Nicely's daughter-in-law), Hi Nicely, 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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- ◆ **Homecoming—October 29** Any and all who have been a part of our church at anytime is invited. Plan on a Pot Luck following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Neil Dunnivant, former pastor, will be our Guest Speaker!
- ◆ Change of date: Tuesday, October 24, in the Fellowship Hall for the **Women's Bible Study**. We will meet at 2:00 pm and will be studying Elizabeth, John the Baptist's mother.
- ◆ Mark your Calendars, on October 25, for a **Wholeness and Healing Service** at 5:00PM
- ◆ **Planned office hours for the week of 10-15-2023:** Monday 10/16 9:00 am-noon & 1:00-3:30 pm; Wednesday, 10/18 9:00 - 12:30 pm; Friday, 10/19 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
- ◆ Please check out the **Fellowship and Duty Elder** Sign up Sheets! We need spots filled in for next Sunday, 10/22!!!

## 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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The Worshiping Church Hymnal: 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL — Service Music: # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology. Hymns: #108 "Come Christians, Join to Sing"; #470 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"; **Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal** (© 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press) #157 "I Danced in the Morning Service Music: "What Can I Play on Sunday"(© MMVII by Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.): "How Firm a Foundation"/Joseph Funk; "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"/ Atkinson/Bloomquist; "God, Give Us Christian Homes"/B.B.McKinney; "Ten Spiritual Songs For Solo Voice" (© MCMXCVIII by Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.): "Amazing Grace" / Newton/Arr. Hayes

# Service for the Lord's Day

## 20th Sunday after Pentecost

### World Communion Sunday

October 15, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour  
Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”  
*Joseph Funk*

Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship: (Psalm 95:1,2)

One: O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**Many: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord with Psalms.**

Prayer of Invocation  
Hymn: #108

*“Come Christians, Join to Sing”*



Call to Confession:

One: Let us confess our sins,

**Many: trusting in God's promised mercies revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father,**

**We acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love.**

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

**And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your 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: (unison)

**Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to You, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming race: remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.,**

**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 *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*  
*Atkinson/Blomquist*

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 pgs. 74-75) Exodus 32:1-14

Hymn: #470 *“Jesus Loves Me”*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 856) Matthew 22:1-10



Sermon *“God is Throwing A Kingdom Party!  
(But, Will We Accept the Invitation?)”*

Moment for Meditation *“God Give Us Christian Homes*  
B.B. McKinney

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed

Hymn: (see insert for words) *“I Danced in the Morning”*

Closing Prayer

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

*“Jesus Loves the Little Children.”*

*“Jesus loves the little children,*

*All the children of the world;*

*Red and yellow, black and white,*

*They are precious in His sight,*

*Jesus loves the little children of the world.”*

Postlude:

*“Amazing Grace”*  
Newton/Arr. Hayes

# I Danced in the Morning

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.  
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;  
They came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people, they said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die,  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. [Refrain]

# The story behind I Danced in the Morning, also known as Lord of the Dance:

"**Lord of the Dance**" is a hymn written by the English songwriter Sydney Carter in 1963. The melody is from the American Shaker song "Simple Gifts". The hymn is widely performed in English-speaking congregations and assemblies.

The song follows the idea of the traditional English carol "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day", which tells the gospel story in the first-person voice of Jesus of Nazareth with the device of portraying Jesus' life and mission as a dance.

Carter wrote: "I see Christ as the incarnation of the piper who is calling us. He dances that shape and pattern which is at the heart of our reality. .... I sing of the dancing pattern in the life and words of Jesus.

Whether Jesus ever leaped in Galilee to the rhythm of a pipe or drum I do not know. We are told that David danced (and as an act of worship too), so it is not impossible. The Shakers flourished in the United States in the nineteenth century, but the first Shakers came from Manchester in England, where they were sometimes called the "Shaking Quakers". They established in America in 1774, under the leadership of Mother Anne. They established celibate communities - men at one end, women at the other; though they met for work and worship. Dancing, for them, was a spiritual activity. They also made furniture of a functional, lyrical simplicity. Even the cloaks and bonnets that the women wore were distinctly stylish, in a sober and forbidding way.

Their hymns were odd, but sometimes of great beauty: from one of these ("Simple Gifts") I adapted this melody. I could have written another for the words of 'Lord of the Dance' (some people have), but this was so appropriate that it seemed a waste of time to do so. Also, I wanted to salute the Shakers. Sometimes, for a change I sing the whole song in the present tense. 'I dance in the morning when the world is begun...'. It's worth a try." Sydney Carter, from "Green Print for Dance".



## Calendar of Events:

**Sunday, October 15** 20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday School, 9:30  
Worship Service: 10:30  
Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Bo Trumbo  
Fellowship: Peggy Davis and Verna Shuey

Monday, October 16  
**Happy Birthday, Alan Lowe** 🎂  
**Happy Birthday, Kaycee Kincaid** 🎂  
**Happy Bosses Day!**

Wednesday, October 18  
**Happy Birthday, Lisa Wright** 🎂

Thursday, October 19  
**Happy Birthday, Peggy Davis** 🎂  
**Happy Birthday, Ann Branscom** 🎂

**Sunday, October 22** 21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday School, 9:30  
Worship Service: 10:30  
Duty Elders: John Kilby & \_\_\_\_\_  
Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday, October 23  
**Happy Birthday, Alan Lowe** 🎂  
HFI, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Tuesday, October 24  
**Happy Birthday, Lynne Bolton** 🎂  
**Happy Birthday, Bryce Branscom** 🎂  
Women's Bible Study, 2:00 Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, October 25** Wholeness and Healing Service, 5:00pm  
Thursday, October 26 Session, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm

Sunday, October 29  
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday School, 9:30  
Worship Service: 10:30  
**HOMECOMING SERVICE**  
Duty Elders: John Kilby & \_\_\_\_\_  
Fellowship: Pot Luck immediately following service

Tuesday, October 31  
Friday, November 3  
All Saints Eve  
**Happy Birthday, Garland Jones** 🎂  
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**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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*Treasurer:* Hal Bailey

*Music Director:* Lori Turner

*Secretary/Bookkeeper:* Danette Heinlein

## Session Committees

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

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**Newsletter: Patsy Dickerson, editor**

*Anyone who has something to contribute*

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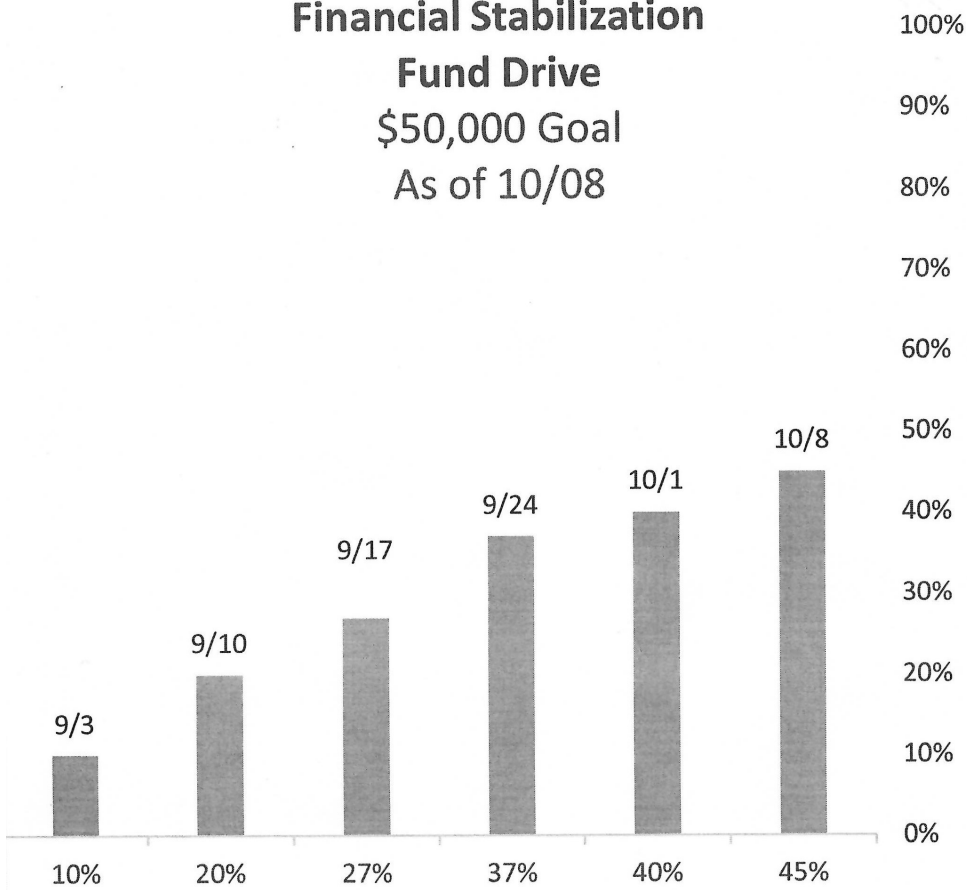
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**Financial Stabilization  
Fund Drive  
\$50,000 Goal  
As of 10/08**



**From Letter to Congregation, dated: August 29,2023:** “The session has recommended and approved for our church to conduct a Financial Stabilization Fund Drive. This is over and beyond what we have pledged, tithed, or given as a free-will offering. This would provide additional operating funds.”

The above graph, shows the status of the fund drive. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this church effort, allowing us to maintain our mission statement from the front of this worship bulletin..



## Old Testament Reading

### Exodus 32:1-14

<sup>1</sup> When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, "Up, make us gods, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." <sup>2</sup> And Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the rings of gold which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> And he received the gold at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made a molten calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" <sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." <sup>6</sup> And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down; for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves; <sup>8</sup> they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people; <sup>10</sup> now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does thy wrath burn hot against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou didst swear by thine own self, and didst say to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" <sup>14</sup> And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people.

## New Testament Reading

### Matthew 22:1-10

<sup>1</sup> And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup> And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

## #108 Come Christians, Join to Sing.

1 Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice:  
Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end.  
Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"



## #470

1 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me he who died  
heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. [Refrain]

3 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

### Sung Response

"Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world;  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world."

### "Jesus Loves the Little Children