

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

All Saints' Day

Halloween (less commonly known as "All Saints' Eve") will be observed in many countries, including our own, the evening of October 31st, a Tuesday evening this year (2023). All Saints' Day, itself will fall this year on Wednesday, November 1st.

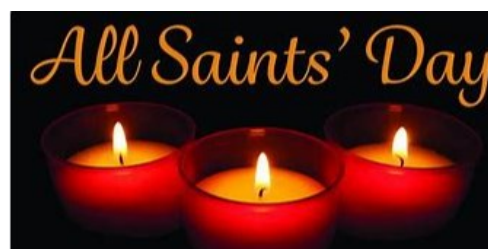
If your childhood was like mine, Halloween was a time for children (and a few adults!) to dress-up in Halloween costumes and go "trick or treating". (My "fallback" costume was to dress-up like a "bum", sort of a "Freddie the Freeloader" costume, inspired by comedian, Red Skelton.) It was all in good fun, a time to exercise a "child-like" imagination and creativity.

Throughout the church's long history, however, it has focused in a more serious way on celebrating All Saints' Day. According to Wikipedia All Saints' Day is "dedicated to remembering the dead, including "saints (hallows)", martyrs, and all the faithful departed."

Each year on the Sunday prior to All Saints' Day, we have chosen as a church to provide a brief service within our Sunday morning worship hour to remember by name the members of our church who have died since the previous All Saint's Day. The service is a simple one. We will list their names in our order of worship (the bulletin) and provide a spoken prayer and time for silent prayer. By this simple service we hope to convey, not only the dignity and solemnity that should accompany a service that remembers the church's dead, but also conveys our grateful remembering of their lives and our joyous witness to the Good News of the Resurrection.

This year may we enjoy the festive, "child-like" celebration of Halloween. May we also observe our All Saints' Day remembrance of the "saints" who have gone before, and give thanks to God for every way in which they have served as the means of God's grace to all who knew and loved them.

Peace in Christ, David



**What Is Happening at FPC this
month?**

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Outdoor Worship at The Burton's

Sweet Meadow Farm—2459 Breckinridge Mill Road

Sunday, October 8, 2023 Worship begins at 11:00 am

Special Music by Lori Turner

“True” Pot Luck to follow. Drinks will be provided.

Remember to bring your chair(s) and dress for the
weather.

(No Sunday School or Church in the Sanctuary this day)



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"Thank you for the outpouring of love and support during my mother, Pat Roberts, recent hospitalization and continued rehabilitation. The prayers, cards, flowers, thoughtful gifts, visits, and continuous loving concern has been the best medicine! It is truly a blessing to be part of the FPC family." - Lori Turner

Tuesday, October 10

2:00 pm

In The Fellowship Hall

*Studying: Elizabeth, Mother of John
the Baptist*



Saturday, October 14, 2023

9 am

*North Star Restaurant
15898 Lee Highway
Buchanan, VA*

Healing and Wellness

Prayer and Meditation Service

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023

5:00 pm

SO DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM
WITH YOU; DO NOT BE
DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR
GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU
AND HELP YOU; I WILL UPHOLD
YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS
RIGHT HAND.

ISAIAH 41:10



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Fincastle Presbyterian Church Homecoming 2023

DATE: Sunday, October 29, 2023

TIME: **Worship Service** 10:30 am; **Luncheon** after worship

Worship Leader: David Dickerson **Sermon:** Neil Dunnivant

Special Music: Lori Turner

LOCATION: Fincastle Presbyterian Church and Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD and
FELLOWSHIP WITH DEAR FRIENDS

The Luncheon will follow the worship service.

All are invited to attend.

What Happened at FPC during September?



**Welcome New
Members:
David, Jennifer,
Kasey and Mason
Kincaid**

**Congratulations to the Winners
of the Susan Moore Hale
Scholarship given by FPC**

**2023 Winner—Kasey Kincaid,
parents Jennifer and David
Kincaid**

**2024 Winner—Hannah Allen,
parents Clemmie and Bobbie
Allen, granddaughter of Peggy
Davis**



Dedication of the Cemetery Sign

showing the location of the graves

When Carol Brenner was alive, one of her visions/dreams was to “clean up” the cemetery stones and create a new sign for the location of the graves. Under the direction of Alan Brenner, Lyn Burton, and

Verna Shuey, this dream has been realized. Of course Alan, Lyn, and Verna were not the only ones who participated in this project and will be glad to share the names of the others. We dedicated this Directory after worship on September 24th with many of Carol’s extended family in attendance.

