

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), Barbara Harris (Hi Nicely's friend), Lynne Kessler, Laura Holt McCann, Erin Nicely (Hi Nicely's daughter-in-law), Hi Nicely, Sawyer Lucas (Valerie's grandson) Cary Philbrick (friend of the Shueys), Mary Lee Reese, Pat Roberts (Lori Turner's mother), Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt), and Tim and Danette Heinlein.



- ◆ Today, we want to extend a warm welcome to our special guests. We would like to welcome **Neil and Kate Dunnivant**, who served this congregation from 1992—2003. A special welcome to all others who are with us today as we celebrate Homecoming Day at Fincastle Presbyterian Church! Thank you, also to **Father Bob Copenhaver** who is sharing his bagpipe with us this morning. Thank you Fr. Bob for enriching our worship.
- ◆ **Back Street Bell Ringers:** Are you ready to gather in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Season? Bell practice will begin November 5th after worship. All are welcome! No prior experience is necessary. Come enjoy the fellowship of this fun group as we make a joyful noise! See Lori for questions and details.
- ◆ The Nominating Committee is ready to present a slate of Officers for the Session class of 2026. The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday November 12** immediately after church.
- ◆ **Angel Tree Contributions**—Contributions will be received during the offering between now and December 3rd. Please note on your check "Angel Tree".

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

**Friends &
& Family
Welcome
Homecoming 2023**

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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Homecoming Day and All Saint's Day 2023

October 29, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Gathering Music Lori Turner

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Green Hill of Tyrol
Fr. Bob Copenhaver, Bagpipe

Call to Worship: (Psalm 95:6,7)

One: And God said to Jacob: "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I promised you."

Many: And Jacob responded: "Surely the LORD is in this place How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #362 *"Morning Has Broken"*



Call to Confession:

One: If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

Many: If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong

ALL: Let us admit our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, our Father in Heaven,

Each of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, each in our own way. Each of us have, at times, been like the prodigal son: we have forgotten the lessons learned at home; we have wandered far into strange lands; we have squandered your gifts. Each of us have, at times, been like the elder son who refused to celebrate with the father when the prodigal repented and came home again.

O God, forgive the prodigal nature in us; forgive the unforgiving

nature in us. Grant to us penitent and forgiving hearts and minds that we might all come home again to you kingdom, into your presence in Christ our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon:

One: If a person is in Christ, that person becomes a new person altogether.

Many: 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!

All: 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

Service for All Saint's Day

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Offering

Offertory Anthem *"Highland Cathedral"*
Fr. Bob Copenhaver, Bagpipe

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

Hymn: #502 *"Amazing Grace"*

Bible Lesson: (Pew bible pg. 881)

Mark 12: 28 –34



Sermon

"It's Really Not That Complicated"

Neil Dunnivant, Honorably Retired

Moment for Meditation

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*Prayer of St. Francis
Soloist: Lynne Bolton*

Profession of Faith: #14
Hymn: #306

Apostles' Creed
"Standing on the Promises"

Closing Prayer
Charge and Blessing
Sung Response

"In the Garden" (Refrain)
#242 Refrain

And He walks with me, And He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever know`

Postlude:

"Scotland the Brave"
Fr. Bob Copenhaver, Bagpipe

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

Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, October 31
Friday, November 3
Sunday, November 5

All Saints Eve
Happy Birthday, Garland Jones 🎂
Daylight Saving Time ENDS ("Fall Backwards")
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School, 9:30
Worship Service 10:30
2 cents a Meal Collection
Duty Elder Cathy Goad & _____
Fellowship Patsy Dickerson & Lynne Bolton
Election Day
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School, 9:30
Worship Service 10:30
Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers
Duty Elder: Paul Phillippe & John Kilby
Fellowship: _____ & _____

Tuesday, November 7
Sunday November 12

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◆ **Planned office hours for the week of 10-29-2023:** Danette will be back in the office this week. She plans to be in the office on Monday 9 am. to 2:30 pm; Thursday 9 am to 2:30 pm and Friday 9 am to 2:00 pm

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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: #362: Morning Has Broken; #502 Amazing Grace; #306: Standing on the Promises; #242: In the Garden (refrain only) **Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal** (© 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press) #753: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St Francis); **Service Music:** "Highland Cathedral, Green Hills of Tyrol, Scotland the Brave,."

## Old Testament Reading

## New Testament Reading

### Mark 12: 28-34

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one;' <sup>30</sup> and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; <sup>33</sup> and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any question

## #362—"Morning Has Broken"

1 Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day!

## #502—"Amazing Grace"

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright and shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's  
praise than when we'd first begun.

## #306—"Standing on the Promises"

1 Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:  
Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail.  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

3 Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

### Sung Response

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