

Fincastle Presbyterian Church
Outdoor Service for the Lord's Day - 19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 8th, 2023 – 11:00 am
(At the Burton Farm – Sweet Meadow Farm)
2459 Breckenridge Mill Rd.
Fincastle, VA 24090

Gathering of the Lord's People Music Leader: Lori Turner
Pre-service music starting at 10:45

Prelude and call to Worship: (Unison Singing) *"This is the Day"*
© 1967, 1980 Scripture in Song (admin. By Maranatha Music)

This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice; we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day; this is the day that the lord has made.

Welcome & Announcements: Rev. David Dickerson, D. Min

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: *"This Is My Father's World"*

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is our Father's world:
O let us not forget
that though the wrong is great and strong,
God is the ruler yet.
He trusts us with his world,
to keep it clean and fair--
all earth and trees, all skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

3 This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass,
he speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!



Call to Confession: (unison)

Let us give thanks for God's gifts to us in nature and confess our failures to be good stewards.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Thank you, God, for water, soil, and air, large gifts supporting everything that lives.

Forgive our spoiling and abuse of them.

Help us renew the face of the earth.

Thank you, God, for minerals and ores – The basis of all building, wealth and speed.

Forgive our reckless plundering and waste.

Help us renew the face of the earth.

Thank you, God, for priceless energy, stored in each atom, gathered from the sun.

Forgive our greed and carelessness of power.

Help us renew the face of the earth.

Thank you, God, for weaving nature's life into a seamless voice, a fragile whole.

Forgive our haste, that tampers unawares.

Help us renew the face of the earth.

Thank you, God, for making planet earth a home for us and ages yet unborn.

Help us to share, consider, save, and store.

Come and renew the face of the earth.

Silent Confession: AMEN

Assurance of Pardon:

One: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

Many: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

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.

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Lessons:

Genesis 1:28 "And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Genesis 2:15 "The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1:15-20 ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell. (continued)

²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

Sermon: "For in Him All Things in Heaven and Earth Were Created"

Meditation

"Down to the River to Pray"

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Discussion and Sharing (Open to All)

The Passing of the "Plate" (offering)

"Peace Like a River"

Spiritual

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

Prayer Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

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 (Hal Nicely's daughter-in-law), Cary Philbrick (friend of the Shueys), Mary Lee Reese, Pat Roberts (Lori Turner's mother) and Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt).

Closing Hymn *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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1. I'm gonna live so God can use me –
anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me –
anywhere Lord, anytime!
2.work
3. pray
4.sing

Benediction and Blessing of the Meal.



Announcements:

- ◆ Don't forget to plan on Tuesday, October 10, 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.
- ◆ Set your calendar for the **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, October 14 at the North Star Restaurant, 15898 Lee Hwy, Buchanan, VA 24066, 9:00 AM
- ◆ **Homecoming!!** Sunday, October 29. Make sure you plan on attending, and invite anyone who has been a part of this church! Please send address information for whom you want to make sure knows about this event to fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com, our mail address at PO Box 144, Fincastle, VA 24090, or call the church office at 540.473.2042.
- ◆ **Planned office hours for the week of 10-8-2023:** Monday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm; Wednesday, 10/11 9:00 am to 2:30 pm; Friday, 10/13 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- ◆ We need someone to sign up for fellowship on Sunday 10/22. Check your calendar and see if this is a day you can use to bless our congregation!
- ◆ If you have a role as Duty Elder, check you calendar for the last 2 Sunday's of October. We need one more sign up for those Sundays.

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, October 8 **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship Service at the Burton Farm: 11:00 AM
No Sunday School
No Service at FPC on Back Street
Duty Elders: Bo Trumbo
 Paul Phillippe
Fellowship: Covered Dish Meal
Monday, October 9 Federal and Bank Holiday
Tuesday, October 10 **Happy Birthday, Jane Beasley 🎂**
Thursday, October 12 **Happy Birthday, TC Beasley 🎂**
Saturday, October 14 Men's Breakfast at North Star, Buchanan, 9:00 AM

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
Happy Birthday, Alan Lowe 🎂
Monday, October 16 **Happy Birthday, Kaycee Kincaid 🎂**
Happy Bosses Day!
Wednesday, October 18 **Happy Birthday, Lisa Wright 🎂**
Thursday, October 19 **Happy Birthday, Peggy Davis and Ann Branscom 🎂**
HFI, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Sunday, October 22 **21th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sunday School, 9:30
Worship Service: 10:30
Duty Elders: John Kilby & _____
Fellowship: _____
Tuesday, October 24 **Happy Birthday, Lynne Bolton and Bryce Branscom 🎂**
Wednesday, October 25 **Service for Wholeness and Healing, Sanctuary, 5:00 PM**
Thursday, October 26 Session, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 PM

