

## Announcement and Concerns of the Church

### Prayer List:

**Members:** Nathalie Givens, Rena Heslep, Jennifer Kincaid, Meg and Bob Omer

**Friends and family of FPC:** Mary Black, the family of J.J. Campos (neighbors of the Porters), Mick Caudill (Danette's daughter's father-in-law), Arthur Cook (infant friend of Shueys), Neil Dunnivant (Pastor at FPC from 1992-2003), Janice Ford (Danette's sister), the family of John Hall (friend of the Porters), Dane Hamren (community friend), Tim & Danette Heinlein, Lynne Kessler, Sawyer Lucas and Jackson Hetzel (Valerie's grandsons), Laura Holt McCann, Hi Nicely, Mary Lee Reese, Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt), Ray White (Danette's brother-in-law).

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- ◆ The Nominating Committee is ready to present a slate of Elders for the Session Class of 2026. The Session has called a **Congregation Meeting** for today, immediately following the worship service.
- ◆ Mark your calendar for the next **Women's bible study** on Tuesday, November 14 at 2:00PM. We will be studying Mary.
- ◆ Please check out the **Fellowship and Duty Elder** Sign up Sheets! Let's fill them up so that we have no open spots left!
- ◆ **Planned office hours for the week of 11-12-2023:** Tuesday, 11/14 9:00 - 2:00pm; Wednesday, 11/15 12:00 noon to 5:00pm, Thursday, 11/16 9 am to 3:00 pm
- ◆ **Angel Tree:** We are collecting money to purchase gift cards for Botetourt County Social Services again, this year. If you would like to participate in this Christmas outreach program, make your check payable to FPC, and mark Angel Tree in the comments. If you have any questions, please reach out to Verna Shuey or Ginnie Phillippe.
- ◆ Our **Thanksgiving Special offering** will be directed to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Inc. and will be received from the congregation on November 19 and 26.
- ◆ If you're joining the **Back Street Bell Ringers**, make sure that you have practice on your calendar, every Sunday, between now and Christmas at 12:00.

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church



**Whom Shall I Serve?**

### 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

## 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"How Great Thou Art  
*Stuart K. Hine*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Let us worship God. Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**Many: God loved the world so much that he gave his only son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.**

One: Praise the Lord!

**Many: The Lord's name be praised!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #532

*"Be Thou My Vision"*



Call to Confession:

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners Christ died for us.

**Many: Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to  
approach God.**

**All: Let us ask God to forgive us.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Almighty God,**

**You love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we  
have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil,  
with prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God, our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as  
you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and  
receive forgiveness, through 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:**

One: Friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel:

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

*"It is Well With My Soul."  
H.G. Spafford/P. Bliss*

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



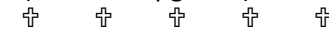
Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading : (Pew bible pgs. 206,207) Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Hymn: #579

*"I Surrender All."*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 860) Matthew 25:1-13



Sermon

*"Now Is The Time to Decide:  
"Who Will We Serve?"*

Moment for Meditation

*"His Eye is On the Sparrow"  
C.D.Martin/C. Gabriel*

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: See insert

*"The Servant Song"*

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response #69, Refrain

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

Here I am, Lord

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night

I will go, Lord

If You Lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

Congregational Meeting: Election of a slate of Elders for the Session Class of 2026

Postlude:

*"Take the Name of Jesus With You"  
William H. Doane*

## Calendar of Events:

**Sunday, November 12** **24th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday School, 9:30**  
**Worship Service: 10:30**  
**Hand Bell Practice: 12:00 noon**  
Duty Elders: Paul Phillippe & John Kilby  
Fellowship: Verna Shuey & Lyn Burton  
**Happy Birthday, Nick Deschamps 🎂**

Tuesday, November 14 Women's Bible Study, 2:00 Fellowship Hall  
Thursday, November 16 Presbytery of the Peaks Meeting, 9:00am - 3:00pm, First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA.

Saturday, November 18 Men's Breakfast, Troutville, Greenwood Restaurant, 9:00am  
Sunday, November 19 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday School, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**Worship Service: 10:30**  
**Hand Bell Practice: 12:00 noon**  
**Guest speaker: Laura Jane Ramsburg**  
Duty Elders: Bo Trumbo & Cathy Goad  
Fellowship: Jim and Sue Porter

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day  
Sunday, November 26 **Christ the King Sunday**  
**Sunday School, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**Worship Service: 10:30**  
**Guest speaker: Skip Hastings**  
**Hand Bell Practice: 12:00 noon**  
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton and \_\_\_\_\_  
Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Happy Birthday, Jim Porter 🎂**

Saturday, December 2 Decorate the Church for Christmas! 9:00 AM

## Session Committees

**Property: Fred Coots, chairman**  
*Jim Porter, Mike Goad, Paul Phillippe, Lyn and Kip Burton, Ed and Verna Shuey, Julia Richardson*

**Fellowship: Jim Porter, chairman**  
*John Kilby, Paul Phillippe, Bob Omer, Fred Coots*

**Worship: Lynne Bolton, chairman**  
*Patsy Dickerson, Betty Painter, Peggy Davis, Danette Heinlein*

**Christian Education: Lyn Burton, chairman**  
*Verna Shuey, Patsy Dickerson*

**Finance: Hal Bailey, chairman**  
*Mardee Kilby, Debbie Coots, Lynne Bolton*

**Personnel: Bo Trumbo, chairman**  
*Lynne Bolton*

**Mission: Paul Phillippe, chairman**  
*Lyn Burton, Debbie Coots*

**Congregational Care: Cathy Goad, chairman**  
*Peggy Davis*

**Communications: Sandy Gates, chairman**  
*Patsy Dickerson, Lynne Bolton, JoAnn Snowden, Peggy Davis*

**Newsletter: Patsy Dickerson, editor**  
*Anyone who has something to contribute*

**Grant: Patsy Dickerson, chairman**  
*Alan Brenner, Paul Phillippe, David Dickerson, Fred Coots, Bo Trumbo*

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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*

### 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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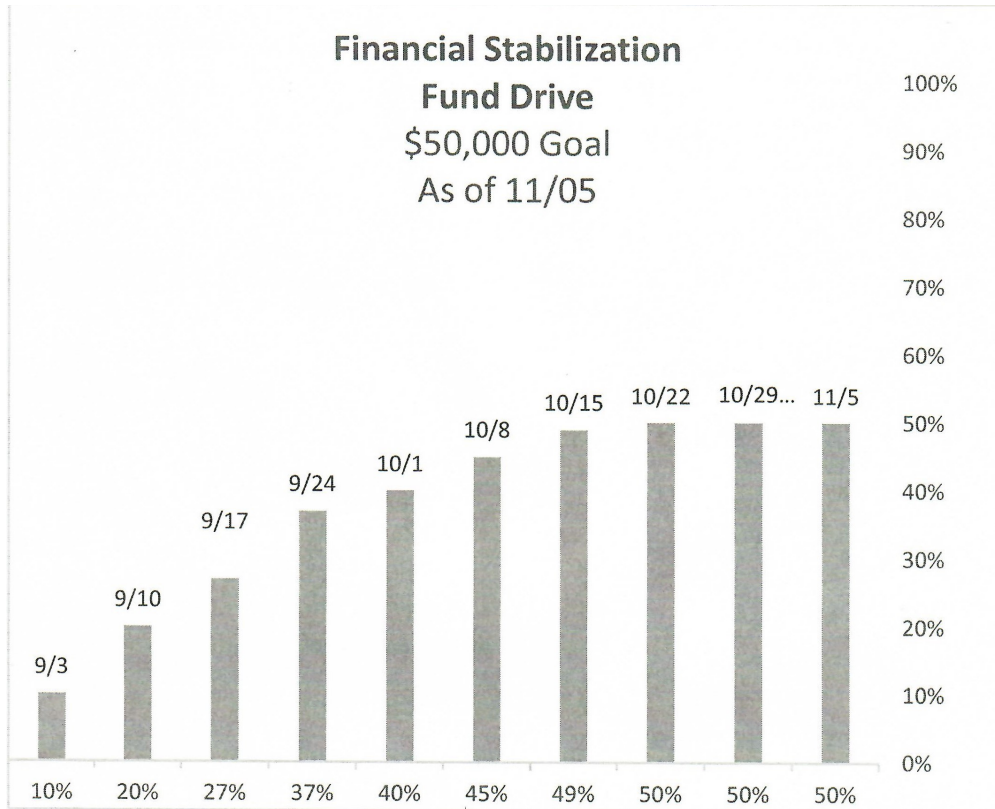
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**The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.**

## #727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant The Servant Song



1 Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we're together on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

**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 "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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## Old Testament Reading

### Joshua 24:1-3a

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Your fathers lived of old beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many.

### Joshua 24:14-25

<sup>14</sup>"Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if you be unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land; therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, "Nay; but we will serve the LORD." <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." <sup>23</sup>He said, "Then put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel." <sup>24</sup>And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

## New Testament Reading

### Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

<sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;

<sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

<sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

<sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

<sup>7</sup>Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps.

<sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

<sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'

<sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

<sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

<sup>1</sup><sup>3</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## #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.

## #579 I Surrender All

1 All to Jesus I surrender,  
all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
in his presence daily live.

[Refrain:]  
I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

2 All to Jesus I surrender,  
humbly at his feet I bow,  
worldly pleasures all forsaken:  
take me, Jesus, take me now. (Refrain)

3 All to Jesus I surrender,  
make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
may thy Holy Spirit fill me,  
may I know thy power divine. (Refrain)

4 All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power,  
let thy blessing fall on me. (Refrain)

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