

Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

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

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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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Announcements

We are in a busy time of our year with lots of holidays and special events happening, so make sure you have everything you need on your calendar!

- ◆ **Welcome back to our guest minister, Laura Jane Ramsburg**, who has been our pulpit supply several times already this year! Laura Jane currently serves as an elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA, and has completed classes through the Pathways program at Union Presbyterian Seminary on her journey to be commissioned as a lay pastor. Laura Jane's background is in arts and culture, having earned her BA at James Madison University and her MALS at Hollins University. She moved to the Roanoke area with her husband Scott in 2002, and her day job is Assistant Director at the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, Hollins University
- ◆ **Planned office hours for the week of 11-19-2023:** Monday, 11/20/23 8:00a to 5:00p; Tuesday 11/21/23 Noon to 5:00 p. Wednesday 3:00p to 5:00p **Office closed 11/23 thru 11/26.**
- ◆ **Poinsettias!** Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of, or in honor of someone? Cost for each plant purchased is \$15. Last day to sign up is Sunday, Dec. 10. Signup sheet are available on the table in the hallway, by the side door, **today!** Checks can be placed in the offering plate. Checks are made payable to FPC with **poinsettia in the memo** or they can be dropped off in the mail slot in the door or given to Danette in the office.
- ◆ **Angel Tree:** We are still 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. All donations need to be in by Sunday, 12/3.
- ◆ Our **Thanksgiving Special offering** will be directed to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Inc. and will be received from the congregation today **and on November 26.** The Offering will be sent directly to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands (PCHH) in Wytheville, VA. Please write PCHH in the memo, and/or use the special envelope provided for this offer, when you place it in the plate.
- ◆ Please note that we have no Sunday School next Sunday, 11/26, while David is on vacation.
- ◆ Please plan to attend our **Wholeness and Healing Service** on Wednesday 11/28 at 5:00 pm. This service is wonderful for spiritual, physical and mental needs.
- ◆ **Decorate the church!** We will be Decorating the Church on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 AM.
- ◆ Sunday December 3rd is the first **Sunday of Advent** and will also be **Communion Sunday!**
- ◆ No Men's breakfast planned for December.
- ◆ On Sunday, December 17 we will have our Lessons and Carols service.
- ◆ **Thursday, December 7, Session will meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm**
- ◆ On Sunday, December 10 we will have a Pot-Luck Fellowship after church!
- ◆ Mark your calendar for the next **Women's bible study** on Tuesday, December, 12 at 2:00PM. We will be studying Anna., Chapter 7 in the Twelve Extraordinary women, by John MacArthur.
- ◆ No Men's breakfast planned for December.
- ◆ On Sunday, December 17 we will have our Lessons and Carols service.
- ◆ The Christmas Joy Gift Offering will be held at our Christmas Eve service.
- ◆ Please check out the **Fellowship and Duty Elder** Sign up Sheets! Let's fill them up so that we have no open spots left! There are a lot of open spots in December. We also have an opening on Sunday, November 26! **Please email the office, or sign-up on the calendar in the kitchen, if you fill called to grab this Sunday!**
- ◆ 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.

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Service for the Lord's Day

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour"

Prelude

"Kingsfold"

Trad. English Melody/Arr R. Hartsell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 90)

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Many: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

All: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #639 (sing twice)

"Surely Goodness and Mercy"



Call to Confession:

One: One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Many: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O Lord our God,

You call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our 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: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Many: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Many: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Offering

Offertory Anthem

"As the Deer"
Martin Nystrom

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

#808

Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading : (NIV—see insert)

Judges 4:1-7

Hymn: #

New Testament Reading: (NIV—see insert)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon

"Firey and Bold"

Moment for Meditation

"In the Presence/Like a River Glorious"
B.Davis/Arr. T. Fettke

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: (see insert)

"In Times Like These"

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Postlude:

"The Heavens Are Telling from "The Creation"
William H. Doane

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, November 19 25th Sunday after Pentecost
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Worship Service: 10:30
Thanksgiving offering for PCHH
Hand Bell Practice: 12:00 noon
Guest speaker: Laura Jane Ramsburg
Duty Elders: Bo Trumbo & Lynne Bolton
Fellowship: Jim and Sue Porter

Thursday, November 23
Sunday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day
Christ the King Sunday
Sunday School, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Worship Service: 10:30
Thanksgiving offering for PCHH
Guest speaker: Skip Hastings
Hand Bell Practice: 12:00 noon
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton and _____
Fellowship: _____

Wednesday, 11 28
Saturday, December 2 Happy Birthday, Jim Porter 🎂
Wholeness and Healing Service , 5:00PM Sanctuary
Decorate the Church for Christmas! 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 3 Happy Birthday, Henry Brenner 🎂
Christ the King Sunday
Communion Sunday
Sunday School, 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:30
Thanksgiving offering for PCHH
Hand Bell Practice: 12:00 noon
Duty Elders: _____ and _____
Fellowship: _____

Tuesday, December 4
Wednesday, December 6
Thursday, December 7

Happy Birthday, Hannah Brenner 🎂
St. Nicholas Day
Pearl Harbor Day
Session Meeting 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

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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

## Session Committees

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**Fellowship: Jim Porter, chairman**

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**Newsletter: Patsy Dickerson, editor**

*Anyone who has something to contribute*

**Grant: Patsy Dickerson, chairman**

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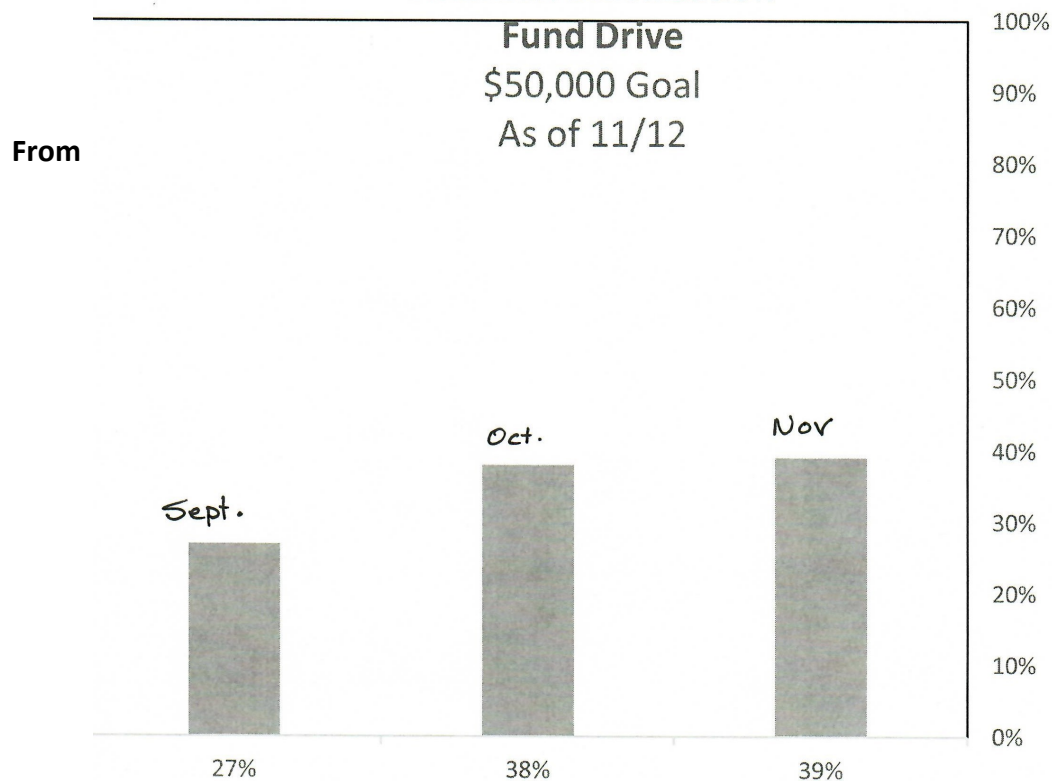
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## Financial Stabilization



**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."

## In Times Like These

1 In times like these you need a Savior,  
In times like these you need an anchor;  
Be very sure, be very sure Your anchor holds and grips the Solid rock!  
This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He's the One;  
This Rock is Jesus, The only One!  
Be very sure, be very sure Your anchor holds and grips the Solid rock!

2 In times like these you need the Bible,  
In times like these O be not idle;  
Be very sure, be very sure Your anchor holds and grips the Solid rock!  
This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He's the One;  
This Rock is Jesus, The only One!  
Be very sure, be very sure Your anchor holds and grips the Solid rock!

3 In times like these I have a Savior,  
In times like these I have an anchor  
I'm very sure, be very sure Your anchor holds and grips the Solid rock!  
This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He's the One;  
This Rock is Jesus, The only One!  
I'm very sure, be very sure My anchor holds and grips the Solid rock!



Ruth Caye Jones was born in 1902, in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. She died August 18, 1972, in Erie, Pennsylvania. She was a self-taught pianist and organist. Ruth married Bert Jones, and together they worked in the evangelism field. In 1948, they founded a radio ministry in Erie, Pennsylvania, broadcasting a weekly family devotional program from their home called "A Visit with the Jones." --© Cyber Hymnal™ ([www.hymntime.com/tch](http://www.hymntime.com/tch))

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## Old Testament Reading

### Judges 4:1-7 (NIV)

1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead. 2 So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. 3 Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help.

4 Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading<sup>[a]</sup> Israel at that time. 5 She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. 6 She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. 7 I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'"

## New Testament Reading

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV)

1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

## **#639 Surely Goodness and Mercy (sung twice)**

Surely Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever  
and I shall feast at the table spread for me:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life, all the days, all the days of my life

## **#593 The gift of Love**

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain;  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.