

## Concerns of the Church

### Prayer List:

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*The rains they did replenish springs,  
And it gratitude to each heart brings,  
When we reflect on bounteous season,  
For grateful feelings  
All have reason.*

-James McIntyre, "thanksgiving ode, November 15, 1888"

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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.

## 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 to our guest minister, Skip Hastings!** After 43 years of church ministry as a Certified Director of Christian Education and an ordained PCUSA pastor, Pastor Skip Hastings retired from full-time ministry. For the past 7 years, Pastor Skip has been ministering as an Interim Pastor in three churches within our Presbytery. Pastor Skip and his wife, Faye, reside in Salem, Va, along with their four rescued cats Huxley, Jack-Jack, Tate and Abi.
- ◆ **Planned office hours for the week of 11-26— Monday 11-27 9:00am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday 11-27 9:00am to 4:00pm; remainder of week to be determined.**
- ◆ **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. The sign-up sheet is 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 today, **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 portion of your check, and/or use the special envelope provided for this offering, when you place it in the plate. If you are traveling, and have missed this donation, and would like to participate, please drop your offering by the office, on Monday or Tuesday, the 27th or the 28th
- ◆ Please plan to attend our **Wholeness and Healing Service** on Wednesday 11/29 at 5:00 pm. This service is wonderful time of prayer and music.

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- ◆ **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!** Plan to come and hear special music by **David Austin** (guitar).
- ◆ Thursday, December 7, **The Session** will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Sunday December 10, we will have **special flute/piano music** by guest musician, Heather Mitchell and Lori.
- ◆ 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 "*Twelve Extraordinary Women*", by John MacArthur.
- ◆ **No Men's breakfast** planned for December.
- ◆ On Sunday, December 17 we will have our traditional **Lessons and Carols** service.
- ◆ The **Christmas Joy Gift Offering** will be held at our Christmas Eve service.
- ◆ **Attention all Duty Elders!** We have need of your services on several Sunday's in the month of December! Check the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway!
- ◆ Fellowship: We don't have anyone signed up on 12/17, 12/24 am service, or 12/31! Please check your calendar and see if you can answer this calling!
- ◆ 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 noon. Handbells will play Dec. 17 and Dec. 24 Eve.



# Service for the Lord's Day

## 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 26, 2023—10:30 am (In Person & Live Streaming)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Lord, Be Glorified"  
B. Kilpatrick/Arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
**Many: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.**  
One: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who has made us, and we are His.  
**Many: We are God's people, the sheep of His pasture.**  
**One:** Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.  
**Many: Give thanks to God; bless His holy name.**  
One: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever.  
**All: God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us worship God!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: #89 (vs. 1-4) *"Our Great Savior"*



Call to Confession:

One: Thus says the Lord our God: "I, Myself will search for My sheep, and will seek them out."  
**Many: As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out My people.**  
**All: Trusting that God is indeed seeking us, let us confess our sin together**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Shepherding God,**  
**You have called to us, but we have not always answered. You have sought us out, but we have often continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not always extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn towards Your love and Your justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk in Your way. Amen**

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

**Assurance of Pardon:**

One: Thus says the Lord our God: "I, Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I will make them like down. I will seek the lost. And I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."

**Many: The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds us and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God! 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 *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*  
S. Townend/Arr. C. Tornquist

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 page 518) Psalms 95:1-7a  
Hymn: #87 (sing twice) *"His Name is Wonderful"*  
New Testament Reading: (pew bible page 861) Matthew 25:31-46  
Sermon **"Every Neighbor A Friend"**

Moment for Meditation

*"Lamb of God"*  
T. Paris/Arr. M Hayes

Profession of Faith: #14

Hymn: 107 Apostles' Creed  
"Christ Be My Leader"

Charge and Benediction

Sung Response #106 *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*  
Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living word.

Postlude:

*"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"*  
J. Hayford/Arr. E. Thomas

## Calendar of Events:

**Sunday, November 26** 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: Lori Turner  
**Happy Birthday, Jim Porter 🎂**  
Wholeness and Healing Service , 5:00PM Sanctuary  
Decorate the Church for Christmas! 9:00 AM  
**Happy Birthday, Henry Brenner 🎂**  
1st Sunday of Advent: Hope  
Communion Sunday  
Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 10:30  
Hand Bell Practice: 12:00 noon  
Duty Elders: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Fellowship: Patti Vari  
**Happy Birthday, Hannah Brenner 🎂**  
St. Nicholas Day  
Pearl Harbor Day  
Session Meeting 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday, December 10** 2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace  
Sunday School, 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 10:30  
Hand Bell Practice: 12:00 noon  
Duty Elders: \_\_\_\_\_ and Bo Trumbo  
Fellowship: Covered Dish Pot Luck  
Women's Bible Study: Anna  
**Tuesday, December 12**

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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

## Session Committees

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Shuey, Julia Richardson*

**Fellowship: Jim Porter, chairman**

*John Kilby, Paul Phillippe, Bob Omer, Fred Coots*

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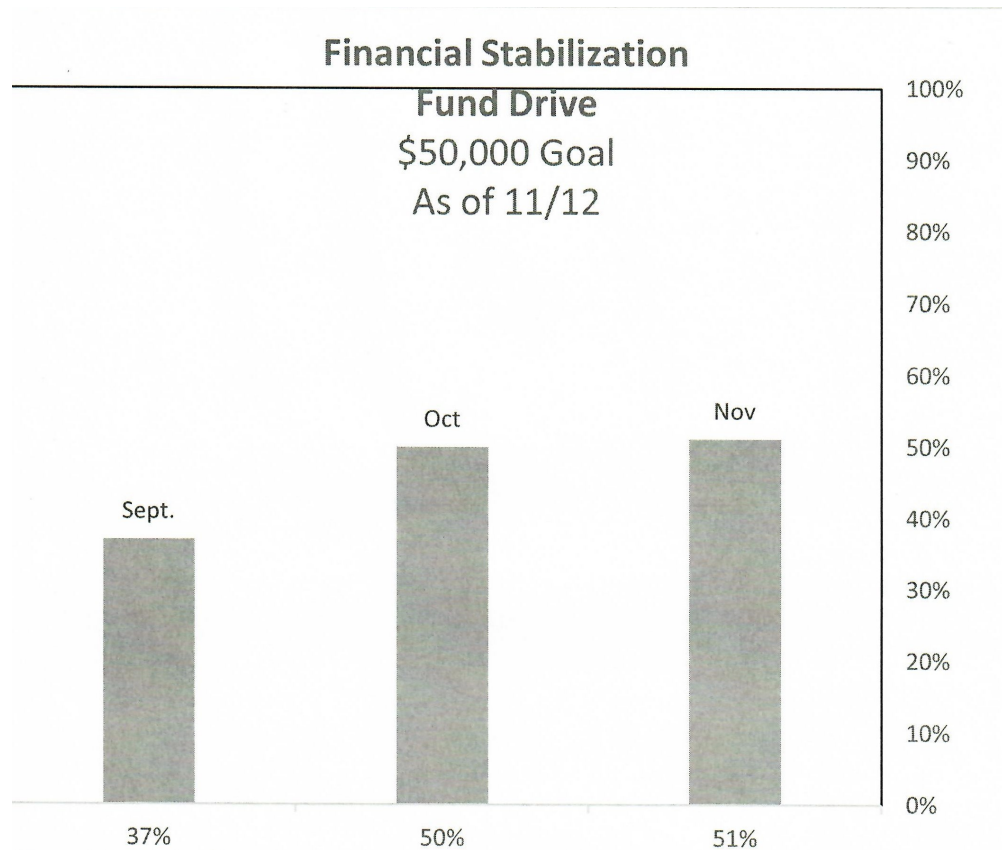
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**The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min.**

**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.



## *The Story behind:*

### *His Name is Wonderful*

Audrey Mieir has been widely known as the composer and author of many fine gospel songs and choruses. “*His Name is Wonderful*,” written in 1959, is one of her finest. She tells in her biography how the inspiration for this song occurred while she watched the annual Christmas program given at her Bethel Union Church in Duarte, California. After the usual procession of angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the singing of “sleep in heavenly peace,” the pastor of the church sudden exclaimed—“His Name is Wonderful.” Audrey tells that she quickly grabbed her Bible, searched the concordance for names given to Jesus in the Scriptures, and soon composed this song, which has been sung around the world.



Source: *Amazing grace: 366 hymn Stories for Personal Devotions*”, by Kenneth W. Osbeck. © 1990 by Kregel Publications, a division of Kregel, Inc., PO Box 2607, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

## Old Testament Reading

### Psalm 1-7a

<sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of  
our salvation!

<sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with  
thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with  
songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his al-  
so.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it;  
for his hands formed the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Mak-  
er!

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

## New Testament Reading

### 1 Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the an-  
gels with him, then he will sit on his glorious  
throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and  
he will separate them one from another as a shepherd sep-  
arates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will place the  
sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then  
the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O  
blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for  
you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry  
and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me  
drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was na-  
ked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I  
was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous  
will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and  
feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did  
we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and  
clothe thee? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see thee sick or in prison  
and visit thee?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I  
say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my  
brethren, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at  
his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal  
fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hun-  
gry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave  
me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome  
me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison  
and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer,  
‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger  
or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to  
thee?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as  
you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to  
me.’ <sup>46</sup>And they will go away into eternal punishment, but  
the righteous into eternal life.”

## #89 Our Great Savior

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
he, my Savior, makes me whole.

[Refrain:]  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
he is with me to the end.

2 Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
he, my Strength, my victory wins.  
(Refrain)

3 Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!  
While the billows over me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking,  
he, my Comfort, helps my soul.  
(Refrain)

4 Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,  
he, my Pilot, hears my cry. (Refrain)

## #87 His Name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful,  
his name is Wonderful,  
his name is Wonderful,  
Jesus my Lord;

He is the mighty King,  
Master of everything,  
his name is Wonderful,  
Jesus my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd,  
the Rock of all ages,  
Almighty God is he;

bow down before him,  
love and adore him,  
his name is wonderful,  
Jesus my Lord

## #107 Christ be My Leader

1 Christ be my leader by night as by day,  
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care,  
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.  
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,  
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;  
death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.  
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain  
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.