

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

One: Christ came to us proclaiming peace:
Peace to all those who are near, peace to all those who
are far away. In Christ's body we are made one. The Lord
be with us all.

One: O Lord, lift up our hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Sentences of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer

Hymn #52

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Charge

Sung Response : #561

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Benediction

Postlude:

"Soon and Very Soon"

Trad. Welsh Melody (#53 in hymnal)

Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer

Friends and family of FPC: Kathy Atkins and family (Danette's neighbors), Mary Black, Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt), Mick Caudill (Danette's daughter's father-in-law), Neil Dunnavant (Pastor at FPC from 1992-2003), family of Cathy Gause (friend of Sandy Gates), Tim Heinlein, Jackson Hetzel (Valerie Lucas' grandson), Lynne Kessler, Laura Holt McCann, Roderick Plenge (22 yr. old friend of Hi Nicely), Mary Lee Reese, Colby Tramel, (friend of Sandy Gates), the family of Dana Wilson (Sue Porter's brother).

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Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday in Lent

Communion Sunday

April 7, 2024 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music Lori Turner

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"He is Exalted"*
Twila Paris

Welcome and Announcements

* Opening Hymn: #46 *"My Tribute"*

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Praise the Lord

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: 45 *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*



Call to Confession: (responsive)

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 to approach God with confidence.

All: In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

* Please stand if you are able

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Silent Confession: **Amen**

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

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

One: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Many: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

All: We declare to all who repent in the name of Jesus, all is forgiven!

* 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.



Regular Offering

Offertory Anthem *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*
Folk melody/ Isaac Watts 1719

* 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. 644,645) Isaiah 65:17-25

Hymn: #552 (please remain seated) *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 945) John 20:19-31



Sermon

"The Leap of Faith"

Moment for Meditation

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)."
Billy J. Foote/Arr. Carol Tornquist

* Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

* Hymn: #542

"Near to the Heart of God"

* Please stand if you are able

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Announcements

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 7	2nd Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Lyn Burton Fellowship Ginnie Phillippe
Tuesday, April 9	Women's Bible Study, the Samaritan woman & Mary and Martha
Sunday, April 14	3rd Sunday of Easter No Sunday School Worship Service: 10:30 am Guest Speaker: Laura Jane Ramsburg Duty Elders: Lyn Burton & Lynne Bolton Fellowship Julia Richardson
Saturday, April 20	Men's breakfast, 9:00 am, Greenwood Restaurant, Troutville
Sunday, April 21	4th Sunday of Easter Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship service Duty Elders: Paul Phillippe & Patsy D. Fellowship Terri Walker 🎂 Happy birthday, Craig Leisure 🎂 Fellowship Covered Dish Luncheon
Tuesday, April 23	Communication Committee meeting, time TBD
Wednesday, April 24	Healing Service, 5:00 pm Soup Supper, immediately following
Thursday, April 25	🎂 Happy birthday, Debbie Coots 🎂

- ◆ **Women's Bible study**, Tuesday, April 9 2:00, in the Fellowship Hall. We will do the next two chapters from our *Women of the Bible* book, the Samaritan Woman and Mary & Martha.
- ◆ Please check the Fellowship calendar in the Fellowship hall and sign up for available Sundays .
- ◆ You are invited to attend Historic Fincastle's "Celebrating the First Baptist Church" on Blue Ridge Turnpike, Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 3:00 pm. Check the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.
- ◆ Mark your calendars and plan on joining for our covered dish luncheon immediately follow service on Sunday, April 21.
- ◆ Don't forget the Men's breakfast on April 20 at 9:00 am at Greenwood Restaurant, Troutville.
- ◆ Thank you all for participating in our One Great Hour of Sharing Special offering on Easter Sunday. As of today, we have collected \$390.00 for that offering.
- ◆ Look for the bulletin insert, which explains the **called Congregation meeting on Sunday, April 21**. Mark that day on your calendar!



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2024: Cathy Goad, Paul Phillippe, Bo Trumbo

Class of 2025: Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

Class of 2026: Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

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

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 Music: # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.

Hymns: #46 "My Tribute"; #45 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"; #552 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"; #52 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"; #561 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Service Music: "He is Exalted" - Twila Paris, "Sing the Faith" © 1985 Straightway Music/Mountain Spring Music; "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" - folk melody/Isaac Watts 1719- "Glory to God" © Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky; "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" - Billy J. Foote/Arr. Carol Tornquist "Worship Praise Easter 2008" © 1999 worshiptogether.com songs (admin by EMI CMG Publishing); "Soon And Very Soon" - Andrae Crouch/adapt. William F. Smith, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" (ibid.)

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth;
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing,
and her people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the child shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;^[a]
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their children with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,
says the LORD."

New Testament Reading:

John 20:19-31



¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 21, 2023

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on April 21 immediately after our morning service for the stated purpose of electing a Pulpit Nominating Committee. If you would like to nominate someone to be on the Committee please be sure to confirm before the meeting that they are willing to serve and understand what is involved. If anyone has questions about what working on the Committee entails, please contact Reverend Dickerson or John Kilby.

A note of explanation:

In the session's and my best judgment, now is the time for FPC to move forward in it's ministry. To that end FPC needs to find and to call, with the Lord's help, an ordained minister who will provide pastoral leadership and care in the years to come.

I have been privileged to serve as your part-time interim minister since the fall of 2017. I hope to serve you for another year (or so), but at age 72, I think (and feel) that it is in FPC's best interest to move forward toward a new minister and a new era in FPC's ministry in the service of God and God's Kingdom that is revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Your servant and friend in Christ,
David A. Dickerson

2023 Benevolences from General Endowment Fund as Approved by the Session

\$ 1,500	Bill Branscom FPC Fund (through Botetourt Co. Dept. of Social Services. People are screened and qualified to receive this fund as needed.)
\$ 3,200	2023 Church Budget Benevolences \$1,200 - Botetourt Food Pantry \$2,000 - Troutville & Fincastle Fire Depts.
\$ 500	Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, Inc. (PCHH)
\$ 200	Local Office on Aging - Botetourt (LOA)
\$ 500	Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM House)
\$ 500	Botetourt Food Pantry (St. Mark's Episcopal)
\$ 500	Adult & Teen Challenge Eastern Appalachian Region
\$ 500	Troutville Baptist Food Pantry
\$ 400	Child Health Investment Partnership (CHIP)
\$ 400	Salvation Army - Roanoke
\$ 500	Botetourt YMCA (Scholarship Fund - Fiscal year ending August 2024) (2024 Annual Campaign)
<u>\$ 8,700</u>	<u>Total Benevolences*</u>

*Property Endowment paid \$3,200 toward 2023 Church Budget maintenance and \$400 toward mowing.

*General Endowment purchased Caldwell Cottage (Church manse) in 2005 and has rented and maintained it since that time.

#46 My Tribute

To God be the glory,
to God be the glory,
to God be the glory
for the things he has done.

With his blood he has saved me;
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory
for the things he has done.

#45 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--
name of God's redeeming love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

#552 My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream,
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,

#542 Near to the Heart of God

1 There is a place of quiet rest
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

[Refrain:]
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

2 There is a place of comfort sweet
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

3 There is a place of full release
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

#52 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, you, God are present there.