

Charge

Sung Response : #561

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

1. what a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Benediction

Postlude:

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Crosby/Allen

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), Kenny Bintz, 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).

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

*..... you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety
Psalm 4:8*

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

Hymns: #365 "Abide With Me"; #611 "There is a Balm in Gilead"; #551 "Give Me Jesus"; #561 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Service Music: "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord/There's Something About That Name" - Mendelssohn/Gaither "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" (Ibid); "Goodness of God" - J. Johnson- CCLI Song #7117726
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Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music Lori Turner

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord"*
"There's Something About That Name"
Mendelssohn/Gaither

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive, from Psalm 34, NIV)

One: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

Many: I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

One: Glorify the Lord with me:

All: Let us exalt his name together!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: 365 (vs 1,3,5)

"Abide With Me"



Call to Confession: (responsive)

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)

Almighty God,

In raising Jesus from the grave, you sheltered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Silent Confession:

Amen

* Please stand if you are able

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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! 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.

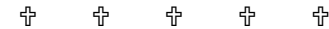
Many: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

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



Regular Offering

Offertory Anthem
Solo: Lori Turner

"Goodness of God"
J. Johnson

* 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)

Psalm 4

Hymn: #611 (please remain seated)

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

New Testament Reading: (NIV, See Insert)

Acts 3:1-19



Sermon

"Flourishing"
Laura Jane Ramsburg

Moment for Meditation

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"
K. Kaiser

* Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

* Hymn: #551 (vs 1-3)

"Give Me Jesus"

* Please stand if you are able

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 14	<p>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</p>
Thursday, April 18	Ferrum vs Roanoke College, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm at Botetourt Sports Complex.
Saturday, April 20	Men's breakfast, 9:00 am, Greenwood Restaurant, Troutville
Sunday, April 21	<p>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 Covered Dish Luncheon 🎂Happy birthday, Craig Leisure 🎂</p>
Wednesday, April 24	<p>Healing Service, 5:00 pm Soup Supper, immediately following 🎂Happy birthday, Debbie Coots 🎂</p>
Thursday, April 25	5th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28	<p>Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Patsy D. & Cathy G. Fellowship _____ 🎂Happy birthday, Teri Walker and Lyn Burton 🎂</p>
Thursday, May 2	Presbytery Meeting, Lynchburg
Saturday, May 4	

Announcements

- ◆ Please check the Fellowship calendar in the Fellowship hall and sign up for available Sundays . There are Sundays open in April and May.
- ◆ Mark your calendars and plan on joining us 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.

Announcements (cont.)

- ◆ Look for the bulletin insert, which explains the **called Congregation meeting on Sunday, April 21.** Mark that day on your calendar!
- ◆ **Women's Bible study**, Tuesday, May 14 2:00, in the Fellowship Hall. We will do the last two chapters of our book.
- ◆ Welcome back to our guest minister, **Laura Jane Ramsburg.** Laura Jane currently serves as an elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA, and has recently been commissioned as a lay pastor for the presbytery. 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.
- ◆ **Ferrum College (Kaycee Kincaid) vs. Roanoke College Softball.** The games that were rained out have been rescheduled! Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 18 at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the Botetourt Sports Complex. Please bring your own chairs.



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

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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.

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 4 (NIV)

- ¹ Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ² How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
- ³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ Tremble and do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.
- ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"
Let the light of your face shine on us.
- ⁷ Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.
- ⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.



New Testament Reading:

Acts 3:1-19

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

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 its 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



A Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing

Mark your calendar and come join us at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 24 for a special service of prayer, music, silence and scripture. This is an opportunity to gather in Christian Community and draw closer to God as we offer prayers for individuals, our local community, our country and our world.

Following the service we will gather in the Fellowship for a light supper. All are invited.

#365 Abide with Me (vs. 1,3,5)

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me
abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts
flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing
hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt-
er's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay
can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord,
abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing
eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me
to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's
vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

#611 There is a Balm in Gilead

[Refrain:]
There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say "He died for all." (Refrain)

3 Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

#551 Give Me Jesus

1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus

Refrain:
Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus,
you can have all this world,
give me Jesus

2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

4 O, when I come to die,
O, when I come to die,
O, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]