

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

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## ***“God Is Mindful of You and Me!”***

“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
The moon and the stars that have established;  
What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
Mortals that you care for them? ...  
...O Lord, our Sovereign  
How majestic is your name in all the earth! “  
(Psalm 8:3,4 &9)

In this Psalm of David, the poet ponders the vast heavens that span the night sky above him. It is easy to imagine David, the poet-king, who had been, as a boy, a shepherd of sheep, standing under the desert sky at night and marveling at each and every planet, star and what we call the Milky Way. In the poem (Psalm 8) the poet then moves from his overwhelming wonder at the infinite vastness of God and God’s Creation to the humbling awareness that, though we humans are so small by comparison, never-the-less, God is keenly and compassionately interested in us! Indeed, according to Psalm 8, we human beings are the crowning touch of God’s earthly creation!

Perhaps, like David, we are tempted to think of ourselves as small, insignificant, not worth “saving”. But according to the Bible’s story you and I and all of humanity are the object of God’s love and mercy, i.e. God’s grace. This is the point made so lovingly in the whole of the Easter story! This is the point of John 3:16!

So, the next time you and/or I are tempted to think poorly of ourselves; or to wallow in our sins (in particular, our sin of self-pity!), remember: “God made me! And God don’t make no junk!” (That quote is from a civil-rights poster of the early 1970’s.) Or, as the psalmist wrote so beautifully: “ Yet you have made them (human beings) a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.” (Psalm 8:5)

Peace in Christ, your servant and friend in Christ,

*David*

## Announcements from the Session Meeting held—April 4 at 7 pm

... from David and the Session

**The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, April 21st, 2024, immediately following the worship service.** The purpose of the meeting will be: that the congregation of Fincastle Presbyterian Church shall nominate and elect a Pulpit Nominating Committee who will then begin the process of searching for a full-time ordained Presbyterian minister to serve FPC as minister of word and sacrament.

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.

... from Communications Committee (Patsy Dickerson)

After hearing from several people who Live Stream on a regular basis, a new microphone has been added to the recording that hopefully will correct the inconsistency of the sound during the streaming. Please let us know if there are other problems that came up with the recording.

*Committee Meeting*

**There will be a meeting of the communications Committee on Tuesday April 23 at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

... From Christian Education Committee (Lyn Burton)

The **Women's Bible Study** continues to meet on the second Tuesday at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. They will be finishing up the Study of Women in the Bible and then take a break for the summer.



Adult Sunday School continues at 9:30 am Sunday mornings before worship. **NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON SUNDAY APRIL 14.**



**... From Mission Committee (Paul Phillippe)**

A car load of food was delivered to the Food Pantry at St. Mark's Episcopal Church from our donations in February. Thanks to all who contributed.. There is such a need in the community.

**.... From Worship Committee (Lynne Bolton)**

The next **Healing and Wellness Service** will be on Wednesday, April 24 at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a light dinner afterwards. This is a very prayerful service. Hope you can attend.



**...from Fellowship Committee (Jim Porter)**

There will be a **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday April 20. Check the bulletin for details.

Want another **FELLOWSHIP DINNER**? Well, you are in luck. We will have one on Sunday, April 21 immediately after worship. Check the bulletin for details.

**...from David and the Session**

The Fincastle Mennonite Church will present a **Spring Concert** in Fincastle Presbyterian Church Sanctuary on Sunday April 28th at 6:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND ENJOY SOME HEARFELT SINGING.



...from Congregational Care Committee (Cathy Goad)

- ◇ Our condolences and love go out to Sue Porter on the death of her beloved brother, Dana A. Wilson.
- ◇ Remember Tim Heinlein in your prayers. He will be having surgery on Monday, May 6th in Charlottesville. He and Danette did get some good news as a result of his treatment to date, the tumor has almost totally gone, GOOD NEWS.



*Celebrating Fincastle's  
Historic Churches - 2024*

**Celebrating the First Baptist Church**

Blue Ridge Turnpike, Fincastle, VA

**Saturday, April 13, 2024—3 pm**

**Through History and Music**

**Glorylanders from the New River Valley**

**Fellowship Time to follow**



The history of the church will be given by a panel of church members .

The music will be the Glorylanders, from the New River Valley, performing a cappella gospel music.



Upcoming Events: May 30: Fincastle Presbyterian Church Celebration; June: Fincastle United Methodist Church Celebration; September 28: St. Mark's Episcopal Church Celebration. Stay tuned for details.

**Please note that FPC will host the Program on Thursday,  
May 30 at 6:30 pm.**

Dear FPC,

What a wonderful season of **music** in our church! The past month has been filled with bells, organ, piano, guitar and the sounds of singing voices on Sunday mornings. It is an absolute pleasure serving as your Music Director. As we look towards the warmer days of Spring and Summer, please share your ideas of how we can continue embellishing our worship services with **music**.

Do you have a favorite song or Hymn you would like to hear? Do you know a person or group that would come sing or play for a service or special event? Share your **music** ideas with Lori in person or through email. Soofee68@yahoo.

Let's continue making joyful noises together!

With Joy! Lori





## Sights from Easter Services—2024

Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Shadows—notice that the cross is empty and the Christ Candle (white candle in front) is not lit in preparation for Christ's crucifixion.



Easter Sunday—The Lord has risen, the Lord has risen indeed. Celebrate with the cross full of “life”



White rose on the pulpit in honor of the birth of Elias Jacob, grandson of Tim and Danette Heinlein.

