

Profession of Faith: #14
Hymn: (see insert)

Apostles' Creed
"I Danced in the Morning"

Charge

Sung Response: #520 *" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
O for grace to trust him more!

Blessing

Postlude *"We're Marching to Zion"*
R. Lowry



Prayer Concerns

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

Friends and family of FPC: Jody Young Balaun and Diane Knave (high school friends of Danette), Mary Black, Tom Doshen (brother-in-law of Shueys), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, The family of Betsy McMurry (Keith McMurry's Mom).

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

Hymns: #751 — *"For All the Saints"*; #612 — *"How Firm a Foundation"*; #520 — *" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*.

Hymns continued: **The Presbyterian Hymnal:** 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky 40202-1396 #302 — *"I Danced in the Morning"*.

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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.

Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude:

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"
Prichard/R. Williams

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: **(Responsive)**

(Isaiah 55:6,7-K.J.V.)

One: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near;

Many: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

All: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #751 (Vs 1,3,5)

"For All the Saints"



Call to Confession: **(Responsive)**

(Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16)

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)**

(Psalm 51, adapted)

O God,

Have mercy upon us according to thy loving-kindness. According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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 Christ Jesus 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 Christ, you are 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 and the Lord's Prayer



Offering:

Regular Offering
Offertory Anthem

"Simple Gifts"
Shaker Melody

*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: (Pew bible pg. 11)

Genesis 15:1-6

Hymn: #612 (vs. 1-4)

"How Firm a Foundation"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 907)

Luke 13: 31-35

Sermon:

*"When Life's Evil Circumstances Threaten Us,
God's Promises Will Empower Us to Stay On-Course"*
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.

Moment for Meditation

"God is So Good"
D. Wagner

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Handbells** will continue practicing for Easter music after worship today. We will have regular practices during the Lenten season. Let's make some joyful noise!
- ♦ If you are interested in being a part of special music for Lent and Easter, now is your chance. **Lori is looking for singers** for a beautiful, simple anthem, "*God Is So Good*". We will meet on Wednesdays at 4:00 starting March 19. Talk to Lori if you are interested.
- ♦ Would you like to assist in decorating our Sanctuary this year on **Resurrection Sunday with Easter Lilies**? You can choose to designate your flowers in honor of someone or in memory of someone. Complete the order form on the table in the hallway underneath the bulletin. Please write "*Easter Flowers*" in the memo portion of your check, made payable to FPC: \$15.00 each. All orders must be received no later than Wednesday, April 2.
- ♦ The **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently accepting donations for Helene Disaster Relief (DR000169) as well as, CA Wild-fire (DR000165)**. You can donate through e-giving or by check.
- ♦ **March Birthdays:** March 6—Hal Bailey and Ed Shuey; March 8—Natalie Givens; March 9—Mary Lee Reese (David's mother who turns 98); **March 17 —Jennifer Kincaid**, March 18—Cal Beasley; March 25—Alan Brenner; March 29—Patty Vari.
- ♦ If you or your committee or organization needs to use **any space at the church**, please let Danette know so she can make sure the calendar is clear!
- ♦ Wednesday, March 19, will be the **second Lenten Luncheon** at Fincastle Methodist Church Family Life Center at 12:00 noon. Our own Dr. David Dickerson will provide the lesson. Lunch will be served immediately following: Potato or Veg. Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Jello, Salads, Rolls, Desserts. See the bulletin insert for more information.
- ♦ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

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

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

Class of 2027: Cathy Goad, Patty Vari, Teri Walker

The Trustees

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

Calendar of Events

Planned office hours for week of March 16

Mon., Wed., 10:00 am -4:00 pm

Friday 10:00 Noon—3:00

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| Sunday Mar. 16 | 2nd Sunday in Lent
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Patsy D. and Teri W.
Fellowship: Julia R.
Handbell Practice after Fellowship Time
Mon.—Mar. 17 HFI meeting , Fellowship, 6:00 pm
Wed., Mar. 19 Lunch (noon) at Fincastle United Methodist Church;
speaker: Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min
Easter singing practice, 4:00, Sanctuary |
| Sunday Mar. 23 | 3rd Sunday in Lent
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Lynne B. and Teri W.
Fellowship: _____
Handbell Practice after Fellowship Time
Wed., Mar. 26 Lunch (noon) at Fincastle United Methodist Church;
speakers: Pastors Tom & Naomi Powers, Daleville Church of the Brethren
Easter singing practice, 4:00, Sanctuary
Wholeness and Healing Service, 5:00, Sanctuary
Thur., March 27 Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship |
| Sunday Mar. 30 | 4th Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton. and Teri W.
Fellowship: _____
Handbell Practice after Fellowship Time
Wed., April 2 Lunch (noon) at Fincastle United Methodist Church;
speakers: Mr. Jake Webb, MDiv, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fincastle.
Easter singing practice, 4:00, Sanctuary |

Lenten Services & Lunch



Wednesday Lenten Services and Lunch

Fincastle United Methodist Church
Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street
473-3001

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a short, 20 minute service beginning at 12:05 p.m. with music and messages of faith and hope from area pastors.

A home-cooked lunch immediately follows each service at 12:30 p.m.

The service and meal are designed to give you time to return home or to work within one hour.

Take-out meals will be available.

Parking is available on the street, at the Masonic Lodge, and at the Health Department on the side facing Church Street.

If Botetourt schools are closed for inclement weather, the service is canceled.

Leading the Worship

Lunch Menu

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| 03/19 | Rev. Dr. David Dickerson
Fincastle Presbyterian Church |
| 03/26 | Pastors Tom & Naomi Powers Daleville Church of the Brethren |
| 04/02 | Mr. Jake Webb, MDiv ,
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fincastle |
| 04/09 | Rev. Fr. Xavier Banasula
Church of the Transfiguration ,Fincastle |

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| Potato or Veg. Beef Soup,
Grilled Cheese, Jello, Salads,
Rolls, Desserts |
| Chicken Salad Croissants,
Vegetable Salad, Chips, Desserts |
| Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad,
Corn Bread, Desserts |
| Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw,
Chips, Desserts |



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I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS Irregular with refrain

Sydney Carter, 1963

American Shaker melody
Harm. Sydney Carter, 1963

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the
2. I danced for the scribe and the
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the
5. They cut Me down and I

world was be - gun, And I danced in the moon and the
Phar - i - see, But they would not dance and they
cured the lame; The ho - ly peo - ple
sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the
leap up high; I am the life that will

stars and the sun, And I came down from heav - en and I
would not fol - low Me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for
said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they
dev - il on your back. They bur - ied My bod - y and they
nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

danced on the earth; At Beth - le - hem I had My birth.
James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on.
hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to die.
thought I'd gone: But I am the dance and I still go on.
live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

Refrain

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.



#751 *For All the Saints*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



#612 *How Firm a Foundation*

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Elie'zer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.

New Testament Reading

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came, and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.' ³³ Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"