

Profession of Faith: #14

Hymn: #721

Charge

Sung Response: #840

God be with you till we meet again,
by his counsels guide, up hold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Blessing

Postlude

Apostles' Creed
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

"God Be with You"

"The Church's One Foundation"
S. Wesley

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), the family and friends of Bill Harris (Paul Phillippe's cousin), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, The family of Betsy McMurry (Keith McMurry's Mom).



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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

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*
F. Giardini

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: **(Responsive)**

One: Let us worship God. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

**Many: God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so
that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but
may have eternal life.**

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #472 *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*
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Call to Confession: **(Responsive)**

One: If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers
to the truth.

**Many: If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to
forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.**

All: Let us admit our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

Almighty God,

**In Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do
not do what you command. We are often silent when we should
speak, and useless when we could be useful. We are lazy serv-
ants, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from your
love. Have mercy on us, O God, and, though we do not deserve
your care, forgive us, and free us from sin, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

Silent Confession: Amen

* Please stand if you are able

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! This statement is completely reliable
and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the
world to rescue sinners.

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

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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

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Offering:

Regular Offering
Offertory Anthem

"Lord, Be Glorified"
B. Kilpatrick

*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

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*Prayer of Dedication

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 635)

Isaiah 55:1-9

Hymn: #222

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 906)

Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon:

"Penitence, Forgiveness, Life Restored"
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.

Moment for Meditation

"Sweet By and By"
J. Webster



Continued...

calendar of Events

- Planned office hours for week of March 23
Mon., 10:00 am –3:00 pm; Wed., 10:00 am—4:00 pm,
Thur., 3:00—8:00 pm, Friday 10:00 Noon**



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: Kincaid
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

Thur., March 27 **Wholeness and Healing Service, 5:00, Sanctuary**
Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship

Sunday Mar. 30 **4th Sunday in Lent**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton. and Teri W.
Fellowship: J. Richardson
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
Deadline to receive Easter Flower Orders.

Sunday April 6 **5th Sunday in Lent**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: _____ & Lyn Burton.
Fellowship: _____

Tues., April 8 Women's Bible Study, Fellowship, 2:00 pm

Wed., April 9 Lunch (noon) at Fincastle United Methodist Church;
speakers: Fr. Xavier Banasula, Church of Transfigura-
tion, Fincastle.
Easter singing practice, 4:00, Sanctuary

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

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

03/26	Pastors Tom & Naomi Powers Daleville Church of the	Chicken Salad Croissants, Vegetable Salad, Chips, Des-
04/02	Mr. Jake Webb, MDiv , St. Mark's Episcopal Church,	Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad, Corn Bread, Desserts
04/09	Rev. Fr. Xavier Banasula Church of the Transfiguration ,Fincastle	Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips, Desserts



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 board.

All orders must be received no later than Wednesday, April 2.

Please write "Easter Flowers" in the memo portion of your check, made payable to FPC: \$15.00 each.



#472 Grace Greater Than Our Sin

1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:
Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

2 Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

3 Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe:
you that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive? [Refrain]

#227 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;

could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress,
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly,
wash me, Savior, or I die!

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

#721 Shine Jesus Shine

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

[Refrain]
Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story:
Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ "Ho, every one who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is
not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in fatness.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Behold, you shall call nations that you know not,
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy
One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have mer-
cy on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

New Testament Reading

Luke 13:1-9

¹ There were some present at that very time who
told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had
mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered
them, "Do you think that these Galileans were
worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because
they suffered thus? ³ I tell you, No; but unless you
repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eight-
een upon whom the tower in Silo'am fell and killed
them, do you think that they were worse offenders
than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell
you, No; but unless you repent you will all likewise
perish."
⁶ And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree
planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit
on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vine-
dresser, 'Lo, these three years I have come seeking
fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down;
why should it use up the ground?' ⁸ And he an-
swered him, 'Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig
about it and put on manure. ⁹ And if it bears fruit
next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it
down.'"