

Profession of Faith: #14  
Hymn: (See Insert)

Apostles' Creed  
"Here I Am, Lord"

Charge

Sung Response: #840

"God Be with You"

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

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
Beethoven/Arr. C. Tornquist

### **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), Linda Jenkins (neighbor of Sue Porter), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, The family of Betsy McMurry (Keith McMurry's Mom).



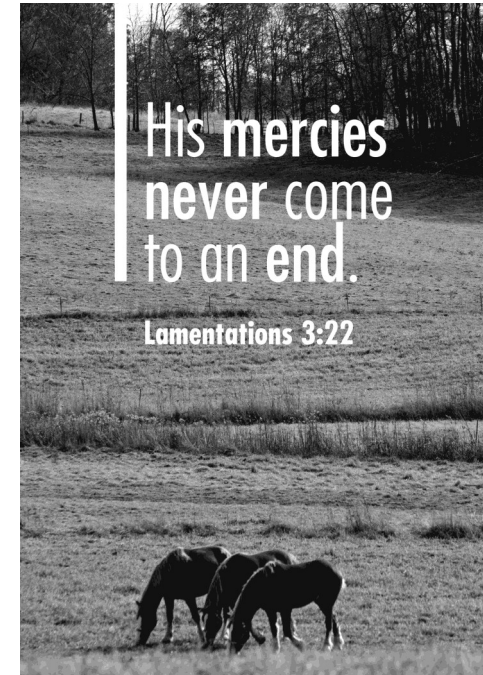
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### **Mission Statement:**

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

## 4rd Sunday in Lent

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

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" Medley*  
Arr. T. Fekke

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: **(Responsive)**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Let us worship God. O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Many: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

One: Praise the Lord!

**Many: The Lord's name be praised!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn: #370

*"God of Our Life"*



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)**

**Holy and merciful God,**

**In your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love**

**Have mercy on us, O lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior**

**Silent Confession:** Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon: **(Unison)**

**May the God of mercy, who forgives us all of our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit Keep us in eternal life. 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



Offering:

Regular Offering  
Offertory Anthem

*"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*  
Arr. R. Hartsell

\*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. 480)

Psalm 32

Hymn: #542

*"Near to the Heart of God"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 908-909)

Luke 15: 1-3; 11-32

Sermon:

*"There Was a Man Who Had Two Sons"*  
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.

Moment for Meditation

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*  
Atkinson/Arr. C. Berry



## 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. Please 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**.
- ♦ **Celebrate our April Birthdays! April 21—Craig Leisure, April 25—Debbie Coots.**
- ♦ Plan on welcoming the **Youth from 2nd Presbyterian Church, Roanoke**, as they join us for Worship on Sunday, April 6!
- ♦ Are you interested in attending an Eccumenical Book Club meeting on Tuesday, April 15? Please see Lyn Burton for more information.
- ♦ The **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is currently accepting donations for **Helene Disaster Relief (DR000169)** as well as, **CA Wildfire (DR000165)**. You can donate through e-giving or by check.
- ♦ 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!
- ♦ Check the sign-up sheet on the table in the side entrance for **Bo-tetourt Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities**. Please speak with Teri Walker if you have any ?'s
- ♦ **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

### The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

## Calendar of Events

**Planned office hours for week of March 30**  
**Mon., 10:00 am—4:00 pm; Wed., 10:00 am—3:00 pm,**  
**Friday 9:00—2:00.**

- 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**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Fellowship Breakfast:** 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall  
Duty Elders: Patty Vari & Lyn Burton.  
Fellowship: Worship Committee  
Handbell Practice after Fellowship Time  
Tues., April 8 Women's Bible Study, Fellowship, 2:00 pm  
Wed., April 9 Lunch (noon) at Fincastle United Methodist Church; speakers: Rev. Jim Bollinger, Fincastle United Methodist Church  
Easter singing practice, 4:00, Sanctuary
- Sunday April 13 Palm /Passion Sunday**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
Duty Elders: Lynne Bolton & \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fellowship: Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30 am
- Thursday, Apr 17 Tenebrae Service with Communion, 7:00 PM**
- Friday, April 18 Good Friday  
Saturday, Apr. 19 Men's Breakfast at Greenwood

## Lenten Services & Lunch



Leading the Worship

## 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 Depart-  
ment on the side facing Church Street.

If Botetourt schools are closed for inclem-  
ent weather, the service is canceled.

Lunch Menu

04/02

**Mr. Jake Webb, MDiv ,**  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church,  
Fincastle

Potato Bar, Chili, Green Sal-  
ad, Corn Bread, Desserts

04/09

**Rev. Jim Bollinger,** Fincastle  
United Methodist Church

Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw,  
Chips, Desserts



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day with Easter Lilies

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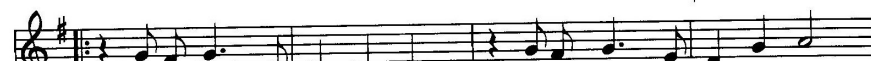
## Here I Am, Lord

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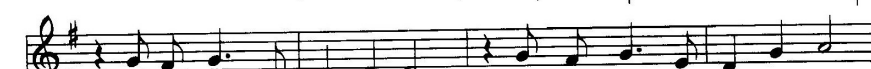
Harm. Michael Pope, Daniel L. Schutte, and John Weissrock, 1983



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



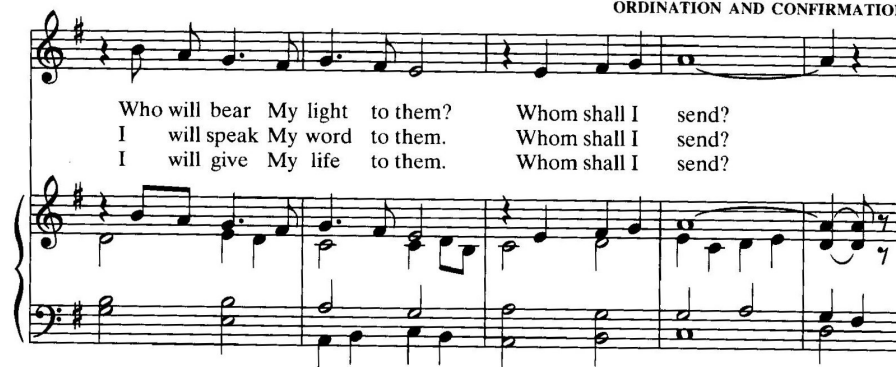
All who dwell in deep-est sin My hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



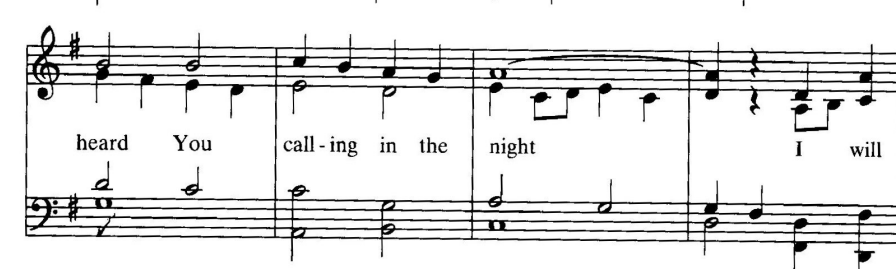
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Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard You call-ing in the night I will



go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your



peo - ple in my heart.





## **#370 God of Our Life**

1 God of our life, through all the circling years,  
we trust in you;  
in all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
your hand we view.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
we own your mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in your hand;  
with us abide.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true Promised Land;  
be now our guide.  
With you to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, thro' paths unknown  
we follow you;  
when we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
our faith renew.  
Be now for us in life our daily bread,  
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

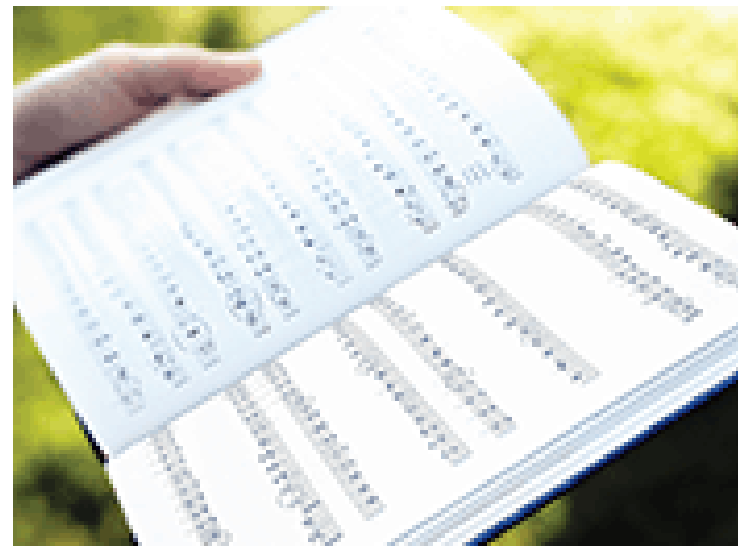
## **#542 Near to the Heart of God**

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)



# Old Testament Reading

## Psalm 32

- <sup>1</sup> "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.  
<sup>2</sup> 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.  
<sup>3</sup> 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.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> 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.  
<sup>6</sup> "Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> 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 15: 1-3; 11-32

- <sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; <sup>12</sup> and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. <sup>15</sup> So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. <sup>16</sup> And he would gladly have fed on <sup>[b]</sup> the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; <sup>23</sup> and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; <sup>24</sup> for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.  
<sup>25</sup> "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"