

Moment for Meditation

"Be Thou My Vision"

Irish Folk Melody/Arr. B. Krogstad

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

*Hymn: #254

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Charge

Sung Response:

"I Danced in the Morning"

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Blessing

Postlude

"Thine is the Glory."

E. Budry/ G. F. Handel

Prayer Concerns



Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer, Rachael Paderick and baby girl

Friends and family of FPC: Jody Young Balaun and Diane Knave (high school friends of Danette), Mary Black, Mary Collins (the mother of Hi Nicely's oldest son Casey) Tom Doshen (brother-in-law of Shueys), the family and friends of Bill Harris (Paul Phillippe's cousin), Melody Hollingsworth (friend of Lyn Burton), Jason and Linda Jen-

kins (neighbors of the Porters), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, the family of Willie Simmons.

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Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Gift of Awareness

For by grace you have
been saved through FAITH.
And this is not your own doing;
it is the GIFT of God.

EPHESIANS 2:8

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Service for the Lord's Day

April 27, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"He Is Exalted"*
T. Paris/Arr. M Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: Let us worship God. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #557 *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*



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 raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered 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

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? Only Christ,

Many: and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. By God's grace in Jesus Christ, may we know that we are forgiven and be at peace..

*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 *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*
H.Lemmel /Arr. D. Hamilton

*Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #808
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 546) Psalm 150

Hymn: #593 *"Gift of Love"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 945) John 20:19-31

Sermon: *"The Gift of Awareness; and So, The Gift of Faith"*
Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Celebrate our May Birthdays!** **May 2**—Lyn Burton & Teri Walker, **May 5**—Rena Heslip & Danette Heinlein, **May 14**—Hi Nicely, **May 21**—Rachael Paderick, **May 23**—Cindy Bailey, **May 24**—Eric McGraw, **May 26**—Joel Branscom
- ◆ 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 **Botetourt Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities**. Please speak with Teri Walker if you have any questions.
- ◆ Prayers for Patsy and David Dickerson as they leave us for an extended vacation through the first week of June.
- ◆ Mark your Calendars for Sunday, May 4, for our special 2 Cents a Meal offering. We will also be collection perishable food stock for the Botetourt Food Pantry. They can have an extra need for cereal, cereal bars, and macaroni and cheese. They also can use dry dog and cat food.
- ◆ **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

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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.

Calendar of Events

Planned office hours for week of April 27
Tue., 10:00 am –4:00 pm; Wed., 10:00 am –4:00 pm
Friday 10:00–2:00.

Sunday April 27 **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & _____
 Fellowship: T. Walker
 Mon., April 28 ***Vacation for David & Patsy begins.***
 Thur., May 1 National Day of Prayer

Sunday May 4 **3rd Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen
 Duty Elders: Lyn Burton & Teri Walker
 Fellowship: _____
 Thur., May 1 National Day of Prayer

Sunday May 11 **4th Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room

Mother's Day
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen
 Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Teri Walker
 Fellowship:
 Thur., May 13 Women's Bible Study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship



#248 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

#593 Gift of Love

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain;
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

#254 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil
in confusion and retreat:
once he died, and once was buried:
now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer,
whom we worship and adore.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen!
Set your hearts on things above:
there in all the Father's glory
lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us,
see his wounded hands and side;
now let every wrong be ended,
every sin be crucified.

4 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior
who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty!

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 150

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his exceeding greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

New Testament Reading

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed

on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.