

* Hymn: #471 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

* Charge

* Sung Response: #606

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

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Rejoice ! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

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Benediction

Postlude

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

Samuel Stennett, 1787/Traditional American melody

Prayer Concerns

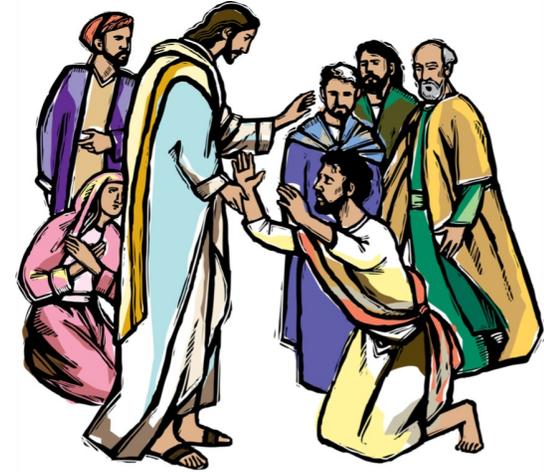
Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer

Friends and family of FPC: Jody Young Balaun and Diane Knave (high school friends of Danette), family and friends of Mary Black, Mary Collins (the mother of Hi Nicely's oldest son Casey), Tom Doshen (brother-in-law of Shueys), Evert Ford (Danette's brother), the family of John Glazebrook (friend of Lori Turner), the family of Melody Hollingsworth (friend of Lyn Burton), Jason and Linda

Jenkins (neighbors of the Porters), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's aunt).



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Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"*
S. Stinnett/B. McIntosh

Welcome and Announcements

*Introit—# 72 (refrain only, 2x) *"To God Be the Glory"*

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: The Spirit of God calls to us ...

Many: With sighs too deep for words.

One: The Spirit of God speaks within us ...

Many: Claiming us, inviting us to draw close.

One: The Spirit of God calls us by name.

All: Let us answer the Spirit's call. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #353 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*



Call to Confession: (Responsive)

One: "Is anyone crying for help? The Lord is listening, ready to rescue you. If your heart is broken, you'll find the Lord right there." (Psalm 34:17, 18)

Many: Let us open our hearts to God.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Eternal God,

We stammer at our prayers; we falter when we call your name. We confess that often we merely say what we think we're supposed to say, using words learned long ago in childhood, repeating phrases memorized without commitment. Forgive us for not trusting you more. Deep within us, Lord, we know we need your daily guidance. We will face situations this week, where we will not know what to do. We will encounter circumstances, where we will not know what to think or say. Keep us from hasty actions, careless

words, and thoughtless reactions. Steady us with your presence, and lead us by your Spirit; we pray to you in Christ's name . . .

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: Who is in a position to condemn?

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

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

Many: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Many: 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

"Amazing Grace"
J. Newton/E.O. Excell

*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: (See Insert) Psalm 42:1-6a

Hymn #520 (vs 1, 2, 4) *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

New Testament Readings: (See insert) Mark 7:32-37

Sermon: *"Sighing with Jesus"*
Rev. Dr. Don Makin

Moment for Meditation *"Constant Companion"*
D. Austin

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ We are pleased to welcome as our **guest preacher this morning Dr. Don Makin**. Don is a native of Florida. He attended King College in Bristol, TN. Don then attended Princeton Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity, and Vanderbilt University Divinity School where he received his Doctor of Ministry. Don retired from Christiansburg Presbyterian Church at the end of 2022 after serving there 26 years with a total of 41 years as a Presbyterian pastor. Don is married to Jennifer, and they have three children, four grandchildren, and a 14-year old cat named "Dobby"!
- ◆ **Welcome back David Austin as guest musician today!** David is a lifetime Botetourt County resident and a James River High School graduate. He has been playing music in this area since he was a teen and has performed at many Church Revivals, Homecomings, and special services. He also served as Choir Director for 17 years at Trinity UMC in Buchanan and currently leads music for his home church, Lithia UMC. David enjoys hiking, songwriting, an occasional round of golf, and classic TV shows... especially, "The Andy Griffith Show!" Special Thanks to David Austin for sharing in worship with us today!
- ◆ **Celebrate our remaining May Birthdays!** **May 26**—Joel Branscom and our **June birthdays** are coming up! **June 1**—Sky Paderick, **June 10**—Mardee Kilby and Bill Walker, **June 19** —Mason Kincaid, **June 28**—Kay Lowe, **June 29**—David Dickerson.
- ◆ **Continued Prayers for Patsy and David Dickerson** as they continue their big adventure!
- ◆ **Back Street Ringers** — We will practice today after worship/fellowship from noon to 1:00pm. All are welcome! If interested, see Lori.
- ◆ **Joyful Singers**— Will be practicing on May 28 at 3:30 pm. All are welcome! If interested, see Lori.
- ◆ Plan on joining us for our **Wholeness and Healing Prayer** service on Wednesday May 28 in the Fellowship Hall. A light supper will immediately follow.
- ◆ Mark your calendars for a **Graduation Celebration** after Worship Service on **Sunday, June 15**. **Bryce Branscom** has graduated from Lord Botetourt High School, **Mason Kincaid** from James River High School, and **Olivia Turner** from Virginia Tech. If you know of any other graduates that we should include, please notify Danette.
- ◆ **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, Patti 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 May 25
Tue., 10:00 am –4:00 pm; Wed., 11:30 am –5:00 pm
Friday 10:00—2:00.

- Sunday May 25** **6th Sunday of Easter**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
No Sunday School
Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. Don Makin
Guest Musician: David Austin
Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Patti Vari
Fellowship: Danette H.
- Mon, May 26** **Memorial Day**
Wed., May 28 Joyful Singers Practice 3:30
Wholeness and Healing Prayer Service, 5:00, Fellowship. Light Supper immediately following.
- Sunday June 1** **7th Sunday of Easter**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
No Sunday School
Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen
Communion Sunday
Duty Elders:
Fellowship: Kaye Lowe
Back Street Ringers practice 12-1:00.
Joyful Singers Practice 3:30
- Wed., June 4
- Sunday June 8** **Day of Pentecost**
Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton & Lynne Bolton
Fellowship:
Back Street Ringers practice 12-1:00.
Joyful Singers Practice 3:30
- Wed., June 11
Sat., June 14 **Flag Day**



#72 To God Be the Glory

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

#353 For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree, and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight, [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

5 For the Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

6 For thyself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven, [Refrain]

#520 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take him at his word,
just to rest upon his promise,
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

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!

2 O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood,
just in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood! (Refrain)

4 I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,
and I know that thou art with me,
will be with me to the end. (Refrain)

#461 Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

1 What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O! precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2 For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
for my cleansing, this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Refrain)

4 This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
this is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Refrain)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 42:1-6a

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help ⁶and my God.

Our readings today are from the New Revised Standard Updated
Version

New Testament Reading

Mark 7:32-37

³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment
in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on
him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd,
and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched
his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and
said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And his
ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke
plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the
more he ordered them, the more zealously they pro-
claimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, say-
ing, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf
to hear and the mute to speak.”

