

Sermon: *"The Presence of Christ in Our Lives Calls Us for Decision"*  
Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Meditation *"In the Bulb there is a Flower/Let All Things Now Living"*  
N. Sleeth / K. Davis

\*Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed

Hymn # 609 *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

\*Charge

\*Sung Response #840 (vs. 1) *"God Be With You"*  
God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

\*Benediction

Postlude *"Make Room within My Heart, O God"*  
Trad. Eng. Melody/arr. R.V. Williams



## Prayer Concerns

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

**Friends and family of FPC:** Charlotte & Kathy Adkins (Danette's neighbors), Bill Ferrell (friend of Kip & Lyn Burton), Helen Madine Gregory (friend of Fincastle), Jason and Linda Jenkins (neighbors of the Porters), Lori Katz (friend of Sandy Gates), Laura Holt McCann, Suzy Qawiyy (friend of Danette), Dr. Steve Richards (friend of Sandy Gates), Mary Rae (organist at FUMC), the family of Will Shackelford (former minister at FPC), Diana Smith (friend of Danette Heinlein).

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**Service Music:** # 823 Kyrie , #805 Gloria Patri, # 808 Doxology

**Hymns:** #687— *"Shall We Gather at the River"*; #593 — *"The Gift of Love"*, #609 — *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arm"*. #840 *"God Be With You"*

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# Fincastle Presbyterian Church



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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

August 17, 2025: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music begin  
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

## 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*  
C. Scott

Welcome and Announcements



Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with You!

**Many: And also with you!**

One: Let us worship God. O sing to the Lord a new song;

**Many: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

One: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

**Many: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

One: Praise the Lord!

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

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #687 *"Shall We Gather at the River?"*



Call to Confession: (responsive) (Rom. 5:8; Heb. 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)

**Merciful God,**

**You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justness, loved kindness, or walked humbly with**

you, our God.

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

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 Christ's name: "You are forgiven!" 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

*"Morning Has Broken"*  
E. Farjeon/ trad. Gaelic melody; arr. D. Evans

\*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. 589)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Hymn# 593

*"The Gift of Love"*

New Testament Readings: (pew bible pg. 906)

Luke 12:49-56

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Let us continue to celebrate our birthdays:** August 17— Dot Langford, August 19—Fred Coots, August 23—Gardner Branscom, August 31—Jane Jones, September 10— John Kilby
- ◆ Texas Flooding Assistance—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Disaster Network assisting with the needs in the local area. If you wish to support these Disaster efforts, **please make checks payable to Fincastle Presbyterian Church, with the designation number DR000191 (U.S. Flooding) in the memo line or choose the E-giving option through our Q.R. Code**
- ◆ **Botetourt Food Pantry** volunteer opportunities are available. Check the sign-up sheet by the side entrance. FPC is committed to help sort food and fill boxes on the 3rd and 4th Friday mornings of each month. Ask Teri Walker if you have any questions.
- ◆ **Service at The Creek!** Mark your calendars for the Service at Craig Creek on Sunday, September 7. Service will start at 11:00 with a pot-luck immediately following.
- ◆ It's never too early to start savings. Sunday, September 7 will be our **2 Cents a Meal offering!**
- ◆ **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



Planned office hours for week of August 17  
Tuesday, Thursday — 10:00—4:00, Friday 10:00—2:00

**Sunday, Aug. 17** **10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**

Duty Elders: Kathy Goad & Lyn Burton  
Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed., Aug. 20 Joyful Singers Practice, Sanctuary, 3:30 pm  
Thurs. Aug. 21 HFI, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm

**Sunday, Aug. 24** **11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**

Duty Elders: L. Burton & L. Bolton  
Fellowship: Burton & Bolton

Tues., Aug. 26 Endowment, Fellowship Hall, 4:00 pm  
Wed., Aug. 27 Joyful Singers practice, Sanctuary, 3:30 pm  
Wed., Aug. 27 Wholeness & Healing Service, Sanctuary, 5:00  
Light Supper immediately following in Fellowship.  
Thur., Aug 28 Session, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm

**Sunday, Aug. 31** **12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**

Duty Elders: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_

## YTD Income as of June 31, 2025

Total Income:	\$48,465.76
Total Expense:	<u>\$44,923.08</u>
Net Income:	<u>\$3,542.68</u>

## Old Testament Reading

### Isaiah 5:1-8

Let me sing for my beloved

a love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard

on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He digged it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

and he looked for it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem

and men of Judah,

judge, I pray you, between me

and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard,

that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,

and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,

and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and briars and thorns shall grow up;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts

is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah

are his pleasant planting;

and he looked for justice,

but behold, bloodshed;

for righteousness,

but behold, a cry!

## New Testament Reading

### Luke 12:49-56

<sup>49</sup> "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized

with; and how I am constrained until it is accom-

plished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on

earth? No, I tell you, but rather division; <sup>52</sup> for henceforth in

one house there will be five divided, three against two and

two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided, father against son

and son against father, mother against daughter and

daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her

daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-

-law."

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the multitudes, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming';

and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind

blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it hap-

pens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the ap-

pearance of earth and sky; but why do you not know how

to interpret the present time?

## **#687 *Shall We Gather at the River***

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

[Refrain:]

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

2 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

## **#593 *The 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.

## **#609 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arm***

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)