

Sermon: "Do You Mean To Tell Me: "It's Not All About ME!?"  
Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Response to Sermon: (See Insert) "Here I Am Lord"  
(Sing vs. 1 & 2, short interlude, \*stand to sing vs. 3)

\*Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed  
Hymn # 576 (vs. 1,2) "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

\*Charge

\*Sung Response—refrain (2x) "Here I Am, Lord "  
(acapella)  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me;  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

\*Benediction

Postlude "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"  
Sicilian Melody/ J. Fawcett



## 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), 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).

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The Worshiping Church Hymnal: 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL —  
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Hymns: #517— "The Solid Rock"; #451 — "Come, e sinners, Poor and Needy", #452 — "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus". #576 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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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 31, 2025: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music begin  
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

## 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: *"He Is Exalted"*  
T. Paris

Welcome and Announcements



Call to Worship: (Responsive) (See Micah, 6:6,8)

One: The Lord be with you!

**Many: And also with you!**

One: Let us worship God.

With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high? God has shown us what is good.

**Many: What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**

One: Praise the Lord!

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

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #517 (vs 1,2,4) *"The Solid Rock"*



Call to Confession: (responsive) (1 John 1:8,9)

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Many: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**All: In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.**

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 justice, 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:

One: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,

**Many: strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**

**All: 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



Handbell Anthem *"Morning Has Broken"*  
Back Street Ringers D. Edwards

Offering:

Regular Offering  
Offertory

*"What Wondrous Love is This"*  
Southern Harmony 1835

\*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 pgs. 647,648) Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hymn# 451 (vs. 1,2,4) *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"*  
452 (2x) *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

New Testament Readings: (pew bible pgs. 907-908) Luke 14:1,7-14

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Thank you to the Handbell Choir for our Anthem today!
- ◆ **Let us continue to celebrate our birthdays:** August 31--Jane Jones, September 10— John Kilby, September 18—Verna Shuey.
- ◆ **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. There is one Friday available at the end of September.
- ◆ **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. Address and Directions for driving on bulletin insert.
- ◆ We will receive the **Two Cents A Meal** offering on Sunday, September 14. At the same time, we will collect food for the **Botetourt Food Pantry**. They are requesting that in addition to the usual canned fruits and vegetables, we consider donating items for Thanksgiving dinner. Suggest items include stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, green beans, canned gravy and canned sweet potatoes. Thank you for help families in our community.
- ◆ Please remember to bring in your aluminum cans and put them in the container in the fellowship Room. We are helping support the **Teen Challenge Program in Fincastle** in their effort to raise money to buy a van by collecting aluminum cans.
- ◆ Check the calendar downstairs for Fellowship Opportunities. We have one open Sunday the end of August and all of September!
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



**Clerk of Session: John Kilby**

***Class of 2025: Fred Coats, 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**



**Planned office hours for week of August 31**

**Tuesday 11:30—4:30, Wednesday 10:—3:30, Friday 9:00—3:00**

- Sunday, Aug. 31 12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
 Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & L. Burton  
 Fellowship: Kincaid
- Monday, Sept. 1 Labor Day
- Sunday, Sept. 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Service at the Creek: 11:00 am**  
**Pot Luck Lunch immediately following**  
 Duty Elders: Lyn Burton & \_\_\_\_\_
- Wed., Sept. 10 Worship Committee 2:30 pm, Logan Room  
 Joyful Singers practice, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary
- Thurs, Sept. 11 Patriot's Day
- Sunday, Sept. 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
 Duty Elders: Lyn Burton & Patsy Dickerson  
 Fellowship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handbell practice 12:00 pm, Sanctuary
- Monday, Sept. 15 HFI, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Wed., Sept. 17 Joyful Singers practice, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary
- Friday, Sept. 20 Men's breakfast , 9:00 am, Northstar Restaurant

## **YTD Income as of July 31, 2025**

Total Income:	\$63,772.24
Total Expense:	<u>\$59,982.95</u>
Net Income:	<u>\$3,789.29</u>

525

## Here I Am, Lord

7.7.7.4 D with refrain

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; alt.

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

Piano introduction in D major, 4/4 time, consisting of two staves of music.

Musical notation for the first line of the main text, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

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.

Piano accompaniment for the first line of the main text, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Musical notation for the second line of the main text, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

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.

Piano accompaniment for the second line of the main text, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Musical notation for the third line of the main text, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

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.

Piano accompaniment for the third line of the main text, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

Text and Music: Text © 1981 and music © 1983, Daniel L. Schutte, S.J. Published by North American Liturgy Resources.

Musical notation for the first line of the refrain, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

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?

*Refrain*  
*Unison*

Musical notation for the second line of the refrain, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

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

Musical notation for the third line of the refrain, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

heard You call-ing in the night I will

Musical notation for the fourth line of the refrain, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

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

*Fine*

Musical notation for the fifth line of the refrain, including vocal line and piano accompaniment.

peo - ple in my heart.

## **Service at the Dickerson/Simmons Camp at 11:00 am.**

There will be **no service** at the FPC Sanctuary on Back Street and this service **will not be live-streamed**.

- Potluck Lunch to follow (hamburgers, hotdogs, buns will be provided).
- Bring your own chair.
- Address and directions: 1567 Caldwell Mountain Road (State Rt. 606), New Castle VA
- Turn onto Grove Hill Road (Rt. 606) off of “the old Blacksburg Road (Rt 630)”
- Travel 9.8 miles on Rt. 606 over the mountain.
- You will go past a small country church on the right (about 9.0 miles) and then will look for the driveway. There will be a mail box for KESSLER and a sign for 1567. There will be balloons at the end of the driveway.
- You will need to travel all the way to the end of the driveway (pass a trailer house and then pass a green house and through the woods).
- Phone number for the cabin 540 864-7718.



## Old Testament Reading

### Jeremiah 2:4-13

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

“What wrong did your fathers find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless?

<sup>6</sup> They did not say, ‘Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that none passes through, where no man dwells?’

<sup>7</sup> And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, ‘Where is the Lord?’ Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Ba’al, and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup> “Therefore I still contend with you, says the Lord, and with your children’s children I will contend.

<sup>10</sup> For cross to the coasts of Cyprus and see, or send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit.

<sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: <sup>13</sup> they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

## New Testament Reading

### Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup> One sabbath when he went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him

<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by anyone to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

## **#517 *The Solid Rock***

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness:  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

## **#451 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy***

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:  
I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms;  
in the arms of my dear Savior,  
O, there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

4 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all. (Refrain)

## **#452 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face;  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

## **#576 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus***

1 I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus—  
no turning back, no turning back.

2 The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me—  
no turning back, no turning back.

