

Sermon *"Christmases Past, Present, and Future"*

Moment for Meditation *"O Holy Night"*  
A. Adam, 19th C

Installation of New Officers, Class of 2028:

David Kincaid, Jennifer Kincaid, Paul Phillippe

\* Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #721 *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

Charge

Sung Response: *"This Little Light of Mine"*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Blessing

Postlude: *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*  
Spiritual/Hustad



### **Prayer Concerns**

**Members:** Peggy Davis, Nathalie Givens, Hi Nicely, Meg and Bob Omer, Julia Richardson, the family of Jim Tenser.

**Friends and family of FPC:** Grayson Alfano (Friend of Sandy Gates), Bill Ferrell (friend of Kip & Lyn Burton), Jake Ladenheim (Mary Beth Huwe's father), Mary Rae (organist at FUMC), Loretta Youngman (Kip Burton's cousin).

# *Fincastle Presbyterian Church*



The **WORD** became flesh  
and **LIVED** among us ...

John 1:14, NRSV

### **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

January 4, 2026: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music begin  
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

## 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Prelude: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"  
J. Jackson/S. Miller

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive) (Psalm 27:1,6-8)

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**Many: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

**Many: and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

One: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**Many: "Come," my heart says, "Seek his face!"**

**All: Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn: #190 (vs. 1,2,4) "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"  
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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 confess our sin before God.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father,**

**We acknowledge and confess before you: our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins, for the**

sake of your dear Son.

**And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech you to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our 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) (Psalm 103: 8,10-12)

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

**Many: He has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.**

One: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

**Many: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

**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.



Offering:

2¢ a Meal Collection "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"  
"Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too."

Regular Offering  
Offertory

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"  
Boyce/Pace

\* 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. 679)

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Hymn: #181 (vs. 1 )

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

#192 (vs. 1&2)

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 922)

John 1:1-18

# Calendar of Events



Planned office hours for week of January 4  
 Monday, 10:00—4:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 -4:00 pm.  
 Friday 10:00-4:00 pm

- Sunday, Jan. 4**    **2nd Sunday of Christmas**  
Two Cents a Meal offering & Botetourt Food Pantry offering  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
**Adult Sunday School:** 9:30 am, Logan Room  
**Duty Elders:**    Dickerson & Goad  
**Fellowship:**    Shuey
- Thur., Jan 8    Forward In Faith, 2:00 pm, Logan Room  
 Sat., Jan 10    Celebration of Life for Jim Tenser, 12:00 pm
- Sunday, Jan. 11**    **Baptism of the Lord**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
**Adult Sunday School:** 9:30 am, Logan Room  
**Duty Elders:**    \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fellowship:**    Kincaids
- Wed., Jan. 13    Women’s Bible Study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall,  
 Sat., Jan 17    Men’s Breakfast, 9:00 am, Greenwood Restaurant
- Sunday, Jan. 18**    **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
**Adult Sunday School:** 9:30 am, Logan Room  
**Duty Elders:**    \_\_\_\_\_ & Dickerson  
**Fellowship:**    \_\_\_\_\_
- Thur., Jan 22    Forward In Faith, 2:00 pm, Logan Room  
 Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

- ◆ Today we will collect our Two Cents a Meal offering and receive food items for the **Botetourt County Food Bank**. All types of food items are needed at this time (shelf stable milk is a particularly useful item that is often overlooked). Thank you for your generosity both through giving food & money but also volunteering to help at the Food Bank.
- ◆ **Birthdays:** January 2—Carolyn Knicely, January 12—Julia Richardson, Jan 13—Mike Goad, January 23—Becky DesChamps.
- ◆ As we come to the close of 2025, we would like to take a moment and thank **Lynne Bolton, Fred Coots, and Jim Porter** for their years of service as duty elders. Blessings to each of them.
- ◆ **A Celebration of Life, for Jim Tenser** will be held here at the Church, at 12:00 noon, on Saturday, January 10. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jim’s memory to Fincastle Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund.
- ◆ **Look at the calendar** downstairs by the kitchen and sign up for after Sunday Service fellowship! We have lots of available Sundays.
- ◆ Our **Wholeness and Healing Service** moves back to the 4th Wednesday of the month. Mark you calendars for the next one on January 28.
- ◆ There is a **new Duty Elder sign-up sheet** on the Bulletin Board in the side hallway for first half of 2026.
- ◆ If you have need of the church building or one of it’s rooms, please make sure you let Danette know so she can reserve it for you on the calendar!
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**

January 2026						
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**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**

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**Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.**

**Treasurer: Hal Bailey**

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**The new Class of 2028 will be:**

**David Kincaid, Jennifer Kincaid and  
Paul Phillippe**

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**The Worshiping Church Hymnal: 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL —**  
**Service Music: # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.**

**Hymns: #190 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise", #181 "As with Gladness Men of Old", #192 O Sing  
a Song of Bethlehem, #721 "Shine, Jesus, Shine".**

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Vaughn Company, "O Holy Night"- A. Adam, 19th C., "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid.] (160),  
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1983 Agape International, Carol Streams, Illinois; "Go Tell It On The Mountain" - Spiritual/Hustad,  
"The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid.] (151) © 1990 Hope Publishing Co.**

## A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold  
With new opportunities to explore  
Doors will open for new experiences,  
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,  
The things of this past year,  
The Lord will do new things in us,  
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us  
As we put our trust in Him  
And He will guide our every step  
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,  
We find we'll be able to do  
If we look for the opportunities,  
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back,  
But rise up and take our place  
And be all that God wants us to be  
With a fresh touch of His grace.

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## Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the Lord:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

<sup>8</sup>Behold, I will bring them from the north country,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
the woman with child and her who is in travail, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will make them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I am a father to Israel,  
and E’phraim is my first-born.

<sup>10</sup>“Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands afar off;  
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall be like a watered garden,  
and they shall languish no more.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the maidens rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,  
says the Lord.”

## New Testament Reading: John 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God; <sup>3</sup>all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

## Hymns:

### **#190 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
once revealed, when heaven's star  
brought the wise men from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
in your birth at Bethlehem,  
Word before the world began,  
God revealed to us in man.

2 God revealed at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest and king supreme,  
once revealed in power divine  
changing water into wine:  
Cana's holy wedding guest  
keeping to the last the best,  
Word before the world began,  
God revealed to us in man.

4 Stars shall fall and heavens fade,  
sun and moon shall dark be made;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
all will see the glorious sign:  
all will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the Son appear,  
Word before the world began,  
God revealed to us in man.

### **#181 “As with Gladness Men of Old”**

1 As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

### **#192 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”**

1 O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,  
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air:  
the light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;  
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.

2 O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy,  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy:  
for now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;  
now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.

### **#721 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us:  
Shine on me, Shine on me. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:  
Shine on me, Shine on me. [Refrain]

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story:  
Shine on me, Shine on me. [Refrain]