

# Fincastle Presbyterian Church

\*Charge

\*Sung Response:

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

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

\*Blessing

Postlude:

*"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"*  
Spiritual/Hustad



## Prayer Concerns

**Members:** The family of Peggy Davis, Nathalie Givens, Craig Leisure, 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).



## **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 11, 2026: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music begin  
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

## Baptism of the Lord

Prelude: "Baptized in Water"  
Gaelic trad. melody

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive) (Matthew 2:1-2)

One: Let us worship God. The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also, with you.**

One: "In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, as King;

**Many: 'where is the child who has been Born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' "**

One: Praise the Lord.

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

Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn: #43 (vs. 1-3)

"A Mighty Fortress"



Call to Confession: (responsive)

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 with confidence to approach God.**

**All: Let us ask God to forgive us.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Great God, Heavenly Parent,**

**You have given us Jesus, light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love. We are frightened disciples who are slow to speak your gospel. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.**

**Baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we The Church may preach your word to nations, and tell your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and our light forever.**

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! This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

**Many: He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good.**

One Friends: Let us believe the good news of the gospel

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\* 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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

R. Lowry

**\* 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**

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\* Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg.622)

Isaiah 42:1-9

Hymn: #557

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 837)

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

"Jesus Christ, The Lord, is One With Us"

Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Moment for Meditation

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

R. Pritchard/arr. Chris Rice

\* Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #522 (vs. 1,2,4)

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"



**Planned office hours for week of January 11**  
**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: 10:00—4:00 pm**  
**Office Closed Thursday and Friday.**



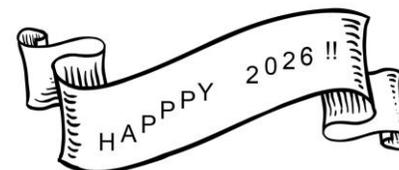
- Sunday, Jan. 11**    **Baptism of the Lord**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
 Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room  
 Duty Elders: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fellowship:     Kincaids
- Tue., Jan. 13     Women’s Bible Study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Wed., Jan. 14     Joyful Singers Practice, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary
- Thurs., Jan. 15    Office Closed, Danette out of town
- Fri., Jan. 15     Office Closed, Danette out of town
- Sat., Jan 17      Men’s Breakfast, 9:00 am, Greenwood Restaurant
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- Sunday, Jan. 18**    **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
 Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room  
 Duty Elders:     \_\_\_\_\_ & Dickerson  
 Fellowship:     \_\_\_\_\_  
 Back Street Ringers practice, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary
- Mon., Jan. 19     Office Closed, Danette out of town  
 HFI, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Wed., Jan. 21     Joyful Singers Practice, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary  
 Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
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- Sunday, Jan. 25**    **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
**Adult Sunday School:** 9:30 am, Logan Room  
**Duty Elders:**     \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fellowship:**     \_\_\_\_\_  
 Back Street Ringers practice, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary
- Wed., Jan. 28     Joyful Singers Practice, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary  
 Wholeness and Healing Prayer Service, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary  
 Light Supper, immediately following, Fellowship
- Thur., Jan 22     Forward in Faith, 2:30 pm, Logan Room

January 2026						
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- Welcome again, to our guest musician this morning, **Hilah Divers**. Hilah started playing piano at the age of 6 and began playing regularly for her Church at the age of 12. Currently, she regularly substitutes at the Basilica of St. Andrew Catholic Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Hilah also accompanies the choir at Read Mountain Middle School. She is married to Will, and they have 2 sons, Jedediah and Andrew. They are parishioners of the Basilica of St. Andrew Catholic Church, Roanoke.
- **Birthdays:** January 12–Julia Richardson, Jan 13–Mike Goad, January 23–Becky DesChamps, February 8–David Kincaid, February 14–James Brenner.
- 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 your 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. Please review it and sign up for an open day.
- If you have need of the church building or one of its rooms, please make sure you let Danette know so she can reserve it for you on the calendar!
- *Danette will be out of town, Thursday 1/15 through Monday 1/19.* The office will be closed these days.
- Thank you for your wonderful Special offerings last Sunday for the 2 ¢ A Meal offering and the Botetourt Food Pantry. **We collected \$146.07** for 2 ¢ A Meal and a nice amount of shelf staple items for the Food Pantry.



- QR Code for an E-Giving option:



## Hymns:

### #43 “A Mighty Fortress”

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

### #557 “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!

### #522 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 We are thine, do thou befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear, O hear us when we pray;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear, O hear us when we pray.

4 Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
thou hast loved us, love us still;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
thou hast loved us, love us still.



## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him,  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not fail<sup>[a]</sup> or be discouraged<sup>[b]</sup>  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread forth the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to graven images.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

## New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; <sup>17</sup> and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



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## When the Lord was Baptized: A Poem by St. Nikolai Velimirovitch

When the Lord was baptized in the river Jordan;

On that bright day before all the people,  
The Heavens on high became wide open,  
And the angels drew near to the water.

At once St. John was filled with fear  
On feeling the Heavens breathing so near.

The Spirit Almighty as a dove descended,  
To rest on Christ, God's Son beloved.

In this way God sanctified the waters,

And when the Lord rose up from it,

A strange voice was heard from Heaven:

"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

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