

Hymn: #72

"To God Be the Glory"

*Charge

*Sung Response: #353 (vs 4)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

*Blessing

Postlude:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
C. H. Purday

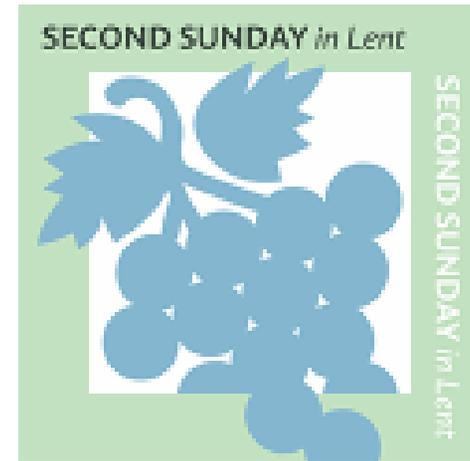
Be prepared for the Time Change next week!



Members: Nathalie Givens, Hi Nicely, Meg and Bob Omer, Julia Richardson

Friends and family of FPC: Grayson Alfano (Friend of Sandy Gates), Tolga Balci (friend of Sue & Jim Porter), Mick Caudill (relative of the Heinlein's), Mark Izzi (friend of Heinlein's), Mary Rae, organist at FUMC), Mildred Scott (friend of Sandy Gates), Randy Toepfer (friend of the Heinlein's).

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



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

March 1, 2026: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

2nd Sunday of Lent

Prelude: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*
J. Hughes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive) (Psalm 121:1-4,7-8 NRSV)

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
Many: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
One: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
Many: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: # 558 (vs 1-3) *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*


Call to Confession: (responsive) (based on 1 John 1:8-9 RSV)

One: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves; and the truth is not in us.
Many: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
All: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Loving and merciful God,

As we seek to grow closer to you during this season of Lent, we humbly confess we have sinned against you. We seek your mercy. Rather than trusting in you, we have relied on ourselves and locked ourselves into needless worry, anxiety and fear. Rather than turning to you, we have turned away from you, away from our neighbors and ignored the pain of the world. Rather than seeking your kingdom, we seek to build our own.

Forgive us for those times we have turned our backs on you and for what we have left undone. Grant us the humility and faith to turn to

you. Forgive our sins, renew your Holy Spirit in us and help us to trust in your abundant, unfailing love. In Jesus name we pray.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.** #823

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive) (based on John 3:17 NRSV)

One: Friends, believe the good news.

Many: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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 & The Lord's Prayer



Offering

2 Cents A Meal Offering & Food Pantry Offering:

Hymn: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (2x)

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

"Blessed Assurance"

P.P. Knapp

* 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** #809

* Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 9)

Genesis 12:1-4

(Pew bible pgs. 746-747)

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Hymn: #21

"How Great Thou Art"

New Testament Reading:(Pew bible pg. 837)

John 3:1-17

Sermon

"For God So Loved the World..."

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Nancy O. Gray

Moment for Meditation

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

J. Jackson/Sy Miller

* Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

Planned Office Hours for the Week of March 1

**Mon., 10:00—3:00 pm, Wed., 10:00—3:00 pm,
Thurs., 5:00pm—8:00 pm, Fri., 10:00-3:00pm**



Sunday, Mar. 1	2nd Sunday of Lent Worship Service: 10:30 am 2 Cents a Meal and Food Pantry Offering Duty Elders: David K. and Jennifer K. Fellowship: Worship Team Back Street Ringers Practice, 12:00 noon, Sanctuary
Wed., Mar 4.	Lenten Service and Lunch at FUMC Family Life Center – 12:05 pm, David Dickerson, Speaker HFI, 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Thur., Mar 5	Joyful Singers, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary Recorder Practice 4:30 pm, Fellowship Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Fri., Feb 6	World Day of Prayer
Sunday, Mar. 8	Day Light Savings Time Begins! 3rd Sunday of Lent Worship Service: 10:30 am Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room Duty Elders: Lyn B & Paul P. Fellowship: Patty V. Back Street Ringers Practice, 12:00 noon, Sanctuary
Tue., Mar. 10	Women’s Bible Study,
Wed., Mar 11	Lenten Service and Lunch at FUMC Family Life Center – 12:05 pm Joyful Singers Practice, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary
Thur., March 12	Forward in Faith, 2:00 pm, Logan Room

March 2026						
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- **Birthdays:** March 6- Ed Shuey & Hal Bailey, March 8-Nathalie Givens, March 9-Mary L. Reese, March 17-Jennifer Kincaid, March 25-Alan Brenner, March 28-Patty Vari.
- **Welcome back Ms. Nancy Gray,** our Guest Minister today. Nancy retired in 2020 as President Emerita of Hollins University. Her prior positions included service as President of Converse College and Vice President of Seminary Relations at Princeton Theological Seminary. Nancy is currently a commissioned lay pastor and Parish Associate for Visitation at Second Presbyterian.
- **Please:** Look at the calendar downstairs by the kitchen and sign up for after Sunday Service fellowship. We have lots of available Sundays.
- **Joyful Singers!** Practice this coming Wednesday, March 11 and **Back Street Ringers,** next Sunday, March 8. Anyone interested contact Lori.
- Our **2 Cents A Meal Special** offering is today, along with our shelf-stable food items for the Botetourt Food Pantry.
- The **Annual Lenten Services & Lunches** at Fincastle United Methodist Church will continue on Wednesday, March 4 at 12:05 pm. Our own David Dickerson will be providing the lesson, and the FUMC ladies are providing a lunch consisting of Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips and Desserts.
- February **Session** is this coming, Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Look at the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the side entry for opportunities to work at the Botetourt Food Pantry in March.
- Make sure the **Women’s Bible Study** is on your calendar for Tuesday, March 10 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
- Daylight Savings time is coming. Saturday night, March 7, make sure to **move your clocks forward!**
- 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!
- QR Code for an E-Giving option:

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2026: Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

Class of 2027: Cathy Goad, Patty Vari, Teri Walker

Class of 2028: David Kincaid, Jennifer Kincaid & Paul Phillippe

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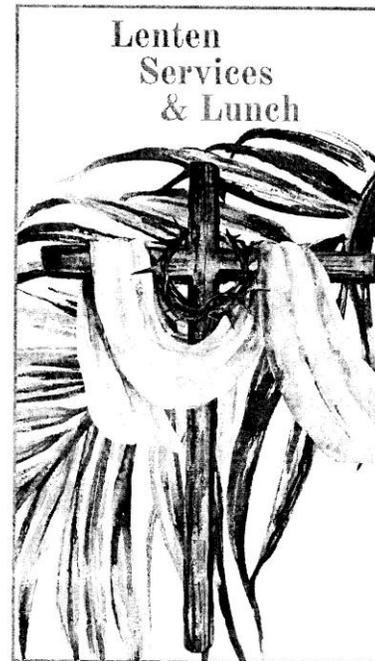
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Service Music: # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.

**Hymns: #558 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", #21 "How Great Thou Art", #72 "To God Be the Glory", #353
"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

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**Service Music: "God of Grace and God of Glory"- John Hughes, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal". [Ibid.(669)];
"Blessed Assurance"- P.P. Knapp, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal". [Ibid.(514)]; "Let There Be Peace On
Earth", P.P. J. Jackson/Sy Miller, © 191955, renewed 1983 Jan-Lee Music; "Holy, Holy Holy"—J. B. Dykes, "The
Worshiping Church Hymnal". [Ibid.(2)];**



Leading the Worship

- February 25 Rev. Samuel Plymale**
St. Mark's UMC
Daleville
- March 4 Rev. Dr. David Dickerson**
Fincastle Presbyterian Church
- March 11 Pastors Tom & Naomi Powers**
Daleville Church of the Brethren
- March 18 Rev. Willis Logan**
St. Mark's Episcopal
Fincastle
- March 25 Rev. Fr. Xavier Banasula**
Church of the Transfiguration
Fincastle

**Wednesday Lenten Services
and Lunch**

**Fincastle United Methodist Church
Family Life Center
137 S. Church Street
473-3001**

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a short,
20 minute service beginning at 12:05 p.m.
with music and messages of faith and hope
from area pastors.

A home-cooked lunch immediately
follows each service at 12:30 p.m.

The service and meal are designed to give
you time to return home or to work within one hour.

Take-out meals will be available.

Parking is available on the street, at the
Masonic Lodge, and at the Health
Department on the side facing Church Street.

If Botetourt schools are closed for inclement
weather, the service is canceled.

Lunch Menus

- February 25** Ham Biscuits, Potato Salad,
Fruit, Desserts
- March 4** Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips,
Desserts
- March 11** Chicken Salad Croissants,
Vegetable Salad, Chips, Desserts
- March 18** Potato Soup, Vegetable-Beef Soup,
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Jello
Salads, Desserts
- March 25** Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad,
Corn Bread, Desserts

*Menus subject to change. Donations gratefully accepted—any money received above the cost of the food
will go to help fund the mission and ministries of Fincastle UMC at Fincastle United Methodist Church. Thank you!*

Hymns:

#558 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;

let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

#21 "How Great Thou Art"

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:.

[Refrain:]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble admiration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art." (Refrain)

#72 "To God Be the Glory"

1 To God be the glory, great things he hath done,
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

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.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)



Old Testament Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God



New Testament Reading:

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

