

* Profession of Faith: #14

Hymn: #622

*Charge

*Sung Response: #690 (2x)

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together
Lord; bind us together with love.

*Blessing

Postlude:

Apostles' Creed

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

"Bind Us Together"

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

J. Hughes



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

March 22, 2026: 10:20 am Live Streaming & Gathering Music
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

5th Sunday of Lent

Prelude: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*
Emeuerten Gesangbuch

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive) Psalm 139:23-24


One: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

Many: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: the Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #623 *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*


Call to Confession: (responsive) Hebrews 4:14-16

One: Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

Many: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

All: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

O God of Mercy,

You sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, for the sake of Jesus your Son, our Savior.

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: Beloved, let us proclaim the good news.

Many: God's love for us is always deeper than we can imagine.

One: No matter how many times we have disappointed God,

Many: God's grace abounds!

One: We are seen. We are loved!

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* 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

Regular Offering

Offertory

"There's Something About that Name"

W.J. Gaither

* 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. 747)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hymn: #101

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pgs. 934 & 935)

John 11:1-45

Sermon

"Our Death Will Be Our 'Final Test'; but God's Grace In Christ Will Be Our Final Hope!"

(And Christ Will Not Fail Us)

Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Moment for Meditation

"The Lord's Prayer"

A. H. Malotte/arr. D.P. Hustad

Planned Office Hours for the Week of March 22

**Mon., 10:00—4:00 pm, Wed., 10:00—4:00 pm,
Friday-10:00-3:00**



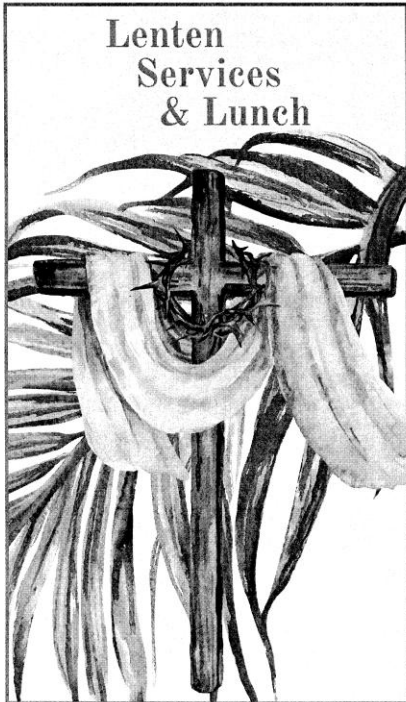
- Sunday, Mar. 22 5th Sunday of Lent**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am
Congregational Meeting: Immediately after service.
 Duty Elders: Cathy G., Jennifer K.
 Fellowship: Kincaids
 Back Street Ringers Practice, 12:00 noon, Sanctuary
 Worship committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Logan Room
- Mon., Mar. 23 Joyful Singers Practice, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary
- Tues, Mar. 24 Lenten Service and Lunch at FUMC Family Life Center – 12:05 pm
- Wed., Mar. 25
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- Sunday, Mar. 29 Palm Sunday, Beginning of Holy Week**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am
Gathering Music, 5th Sunday Sing-A-Long 10:15 am
 Duty Elders: Cathy G., Jennifer K.
 Fellowship: Dickerson
 Back Street Ringers Practice, 12:00 noon, Sanctuary
 Joyful Singers Practice, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary
Wholeness and Healing Prayer Service, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary,
 with Light Supper immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wed., April 1

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- **A Congregational meeting** has been called for **Today, March 22, 2026** immediately after the service for the stated purpose of electing a new Trustee.
- **Birthdays:** March 25-Alan Brenner, March 28-Patty Vari.
- We have the following **Session Committees** which assist in doing the work of the church: Finance, Communications, Congregation Care, Christian Education, Worship, Fellowship, Property, Grants and Personnel. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please let Danette, David or any Duty Elder know.
- Would you like to assist in decorating our Sanctuary this year on **Resurrection Sunday with Easter Lilies**? You can choose to designate your flowers “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone. Complete the order form on the table in the hallway underneath the bulletin board. Cost: \$16 ea. Payment options: Check (please write Easter Flowers in the memo portion), cash (there are blank envelopes in the basket on the table), or online (using our QR Code, and Easter Flowers as your option). All orders must be received no later than **Wednesday, March 25.**
- **Joyful Singers** – We will practice Tuesday, March 24 at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Back Street Ringers**, practice every Sunday at 12:00 noon through Lent and Easter.
- The **Annual Lenten Services & Lunches** at Fincastle United Methodist Church will continue on Wednesday, March 25 at 12:05 pm. Rev. Rev. Fr. Xavier Banasula, from Church of the Transfiguration, Fincastle, will be providing the lesson, and the FUMC ladies are providing a lunch consisting of a potato bar, chili, green salad, cornbread and desserts.
- **Wholeness and Healing Prayer Service**, will be on Wed., April 1 at 5:00pm in the sanctuary, with a light supper immediately following
- 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!
- On Sunday March 29 our **Gathering Music** will start at 10:15 am featuring congregational sing-a-long selections.
- **Easter Sunday, April 5**, will be our **One Great Hour of Sharing, Special Offering.** This offering serves the most vulnerable around the world, offering aid to people lacking access to life’s basic necessities.
- QR Code for an E-Giving option:



Clerk of Session: John Kilby



Lenten Services & Lunch

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.

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

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!

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

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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Hymns: #623 "Sweet Hour of Prayer", #101 "My Jesus, I Love Thee", #622 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", #690 "Bind Us Together".

Service Music: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - E. Gesangbuch, "The Worshipping Church Hymnal". [Ibid. (77)]; "There's Something about That Name", W. J. Gaither, © 1970 William J. Gaither, "The Worshipping Church Hymnal". [Ibid. (104)]; "The Lord's Prayer" - Albert H. Malotte; arr. D. P. Hustad, © 1935 (Renewed) G. Schirmer, Inc. This arr., © 1985 G. Schirmer, Inc., "The Worshipping Church Hymnal". [Ibid. (732)]; "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" J. Hughes, "The Worshipping Church Hymnal". [Ibid.(734)].

Hymns:

#623 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known:
in seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer

2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
thy wings shall my petition bear,
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless;
and since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

#101 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

1 My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2 I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3 In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

#622 “What a Friend We have in Jesus”

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.



Old Testament Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, thou knowest." ⁴Again he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath^[c] to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole

house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, says the Lord."

New Testament Reading:

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Laz'arus. ⁶So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend

Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep.”¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead;¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”¹⁶ Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world.”

Jesus Weeps

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was

going to the tomb to weep there.³² Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled;³⁴ and he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.⁴² I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

