

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 982)
(Pew bible pg. 815)

Romans 7:15-25
Matthew 5:21-26

Sermon: *"Taking Our Failures Before God and Mankind Seriously"*
Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Moment for Meditation *"Just As I Am"*
W. B. Bradbury

***Profession of Faith #14** Apostles Creed

***Hymn: #563** *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

***Charge**

***Sung Response: #417 (vs 3)** *"My Country Tis of Thee"*
Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

***Blessing**

Postlude: *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*
J.R. Johnson



Prayer Requests

community, in the loss of John's mother), Jimmy Gardner (Ann Gardner's brother), Cam L Garner (childhood friend of Ed Shuey), the family of John Griffin, Melissa Kessler (Danette's niece), Jay Lynch (family friend of Shuey's), Mary Rae (former organist at FUMC), Roger Robbins (friend of the Porters), Randy Toepfer (friend of the Heinlein's), Blaine Walker.

Celebrations: We are celebrating the 57-year anniversary of the wedding of Marshall and Sandy Gates!

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

Friends and family of FPC: Mick Caudill (relative of the Heinlein's), Jenny Coots (daughter-in-law of Fred & Debbie), Shantelle and John Crouch (friend of the community, in the loss of John's mother), Jimmy Gardner (Ann Gardner's brother), Cam L Garner (childhood friend of Ed Shuey), the family of John Griffin, Melissa Kessler (Danette's niece), Jay Lynch (family friend of Shuey's), Mary Rae (former organist at FUMC), Roger Robbins (friend of the Porters), Randy Toepfer (friend of the Heinlein's), Blaine Walker.

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

July 5, 2026 10:20 am Live Streaming and Gathering Music
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: *"Lift Your Heart to the Lord Medley"*
R.V. Williams

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (responsive) (Isaiah 55:6-7, KJV)

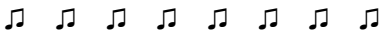
One: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call ye upon him
while he is near;

Many: **let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their
thoughts;**

One: and let them return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy
upon them,

Many: **and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn: #45** *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*


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 sin, God is just, and may be trusted to
forgive our sins, and cleanse us from every wrong.**

All: **Let us admit our sin to God.**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Almighty God,

In Jesus Christ, you called us to be a servant people, but we do not
do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak,
and useless when we could be useful. We are lazy servants, timid and
heartless, who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on
us, O God, and, though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, and
free us from sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession: Amen

* Please stand if able

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:

Many: **Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.**

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

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

Friends: **Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven.**

***Gloria Patri:** #805
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.

**A Litany Prayer for Unity, Peace and Thanksgiving In Honor of our 250th National
Birthday** (see Insert)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Offering

2 Cents A Meal 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

Duet: Olivia & Lori Turner

"The Lord Will Provide"

L. Wolfe

***Doxology:** (A Cappella)

#809

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

***Prayer of Dedication**



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 794)

Amos 5:18-27

Hymn: (see insert)

"Blest Are They"

* Please stand if able

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Planned Office Hours for the

Week of July 5

**Monday – Wednesday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm,
Thursday – Friday, vacation**

Sunday, July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 10:30 am

2 ¢ A Meal Sunday

Duty Elders: Patsy D. & Patty V.

Fellowship: V. Shuey

Mon., July 6

Private wedding, Sanctuary

Tue., July 7

Worship Committee, Logan Room, 1:00 pm

Forward in Faith, 2:00 pm

Wed., July 8

Joyful Singers, Sanctuary, 3:00pm

Thurs., July 9

Danette – Vacation

Fri., July 10

Danette – vacation

Sunday, July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 10:30 am

Duty Elders: C. Goad & _____

Fellowship: _____

Outdoor Celtic Service, David & Patsy Dickerson's home, 5:00 pm. (address in announcement)

Mon., July 13

Danette – vacation

Fri., July 17

Faith and Family Night, Salem Ridge Yaks, 6:35pm game start time.

July 2026						
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Announcements

- **Birthdays:** July 7—Connie Miles, July 15— Nancy Pauley, July 23— Cathy Goad, July 26—Pat Roberts, July 28—Vickie Littleton
- There is a new Section in our **Prayer Request** part of the worship bulletin called Celebrations. Please let Danette know by end of Day, Wednesday of each week, if you have something to announce in the **Celebrations Section**.
- Please check out the **Sunday Fellowship Calendar**, downstairs. There is a need for people to sign up for the month of July.
- The **Duty Elder Calendar** on the board in the side entrance is available for sign-ups for the remainder of the year.
- On Sunday, July 12 at 5:00 pm, there will be an **Outdoor Celtic Service** under the trees at David and Patsy Dickerson's house, 427 E Main St., Fincastle. Bring a lawn chair and water. The service will include a 20-minute nature wander.
- Friday, July 17, is **Faith and Family Night** for the **Salem Ridge Yaks!** If you want to join the group, speak with Danette about pricing and ticket availability.
- Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 9**, for our annual **Church at the Creek Service**. This will be an 11:00 service. There will be a Potluck Lunch! More details to come. Please note that this service will not be live-cast.
- 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 **Church calendar!**
- If you use the church building, please make sure that all lights are turned off, and all doors are locked before you leave.
- 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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Service Music: # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.

Hymns: #45 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”, #609 “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”, #563 “Lord, Be Glorified”, #417 “My Country Tis of Thee”.

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Glory To God, The Presbyterian Hymnal © 2013 Westminster/John Knox Press.: #172 "Blest Are They"

Service Music: “*Lift Your Heart to the Lord Medley*” R.V. Williams, “*Renew! Songs & hymns for Blended Worship*” © 1995 Hope Publishing Co.; “*The Lord Will Provide*” L. Wolfe, Musicnotes.com, © sixstepsrecordsLLC & Capital CMG, Inc.; “*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*”, W. B. Bradbury, “*The Worshipping Church Hymnal*” [Ibid. (445)]; “*Lift Every Voice and Sing*”, J. R. Johnson, “*Glory To God, they Presbyterian Hymnal*” [Ibid. (339)].

Sermon Notes:

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Litany of Unity and Peace and Thanksgiving In honor of our 250th National Birthday

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

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One: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we come to you with grateful hearts for Your Divine Providence that allowed this Nation to be born two hundred and fifty years ago, providing a place of Liberty and Justice for people who have come to these shores from all the nations of the world.

Many: O Lord, bind us together truly as One Nation Under God.

One: O God of all the Nations, we confess that our first and greatest allegiance is to You, the One True God, whom our founders implored for wisdom and Divine guidance as they took a bold step of faith in founding a new Nation.

Many: O Lord, may we find our unity in You.

One: God of all Peace, through Your Son Jesus Christ You have pronounced blessings upon those who are peacemakers, even granting that we shall be called Your Children. Forgive us wherein we have failed in our calling to be peacemakers.

Many: O Lord, grant us Your forgiveness and the peace that surpasses all human understanding.

One: O God of all Grace, You have been the mainstay of the heart and soul of this Nation, which was conceived in Liberty and, by Your Grace, Mercy, and Peace, has been sustained through internal strife as well as global conflicts.

Many: O Lord, by Your Peace and Unconditional Love You have brought us to this time and place.

One: O God, we are indeed grateful that the Founders of this Nation acknowledged you as our Creator God Who has formed us in Your Image and endowed us with certain unalienable rights, among them the right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Many: O Lord, we humbly give you thanks.

One: O God of all Wisdom, we confess that by Your Holy Word You have revealed Yourself to us as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Come now, we pray, with a new awakening and breathe on this Nation the fresh winds of Your enlivening Holy Spirit so that we may truly be a Light to the Nations, drawing all People to the Unity and Peace that we have in You.

Many: O Lord, we pray in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen and amen!

Blest Are They

Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they shall see God.
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

45 *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--
name of God's redeeming love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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.



#609 *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

Old Testament Reading:

Amos 5:18-27

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light;
¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him;
or went into the house and leaned with his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹ "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal
offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the peace offerings of your fattened beasts
I will not look upon.
²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.
²⁵ "Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings the forty years in the
wilderness, O house of Israel? ²⁶ You shall take up Sakkuth your
king, and Kaiwan your star-god, your images, which you made for
yourselves; ²⁷ therefore I will take you into exile beyond Damascus,"
says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.

New Testament Reading:

Romans 7:15-25

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I
want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not

want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ So then it is no longer I that
do it, but sin which dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing
good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is
right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but
the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not
want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies
close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost
self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law
of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells
in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me
from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus
Christ our Lord! So then, I of myself serve the law of God with
my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Matthew 5:21-26

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall
not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say
to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be
liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to
the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the
hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and
there remember that your brother has something against
you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be
reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your
gift. ²⁵ Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are
going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the
judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in
prison; ²⁶ truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have
paid the last penny.

