

***Charge**

***Sung Response:** 696 (vs 1)

We are one in the bond of love;
we are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirit
with the Spirit of God;
we are one in the bond of love.

"The Bond of Love"

***Blessing**

Postlude:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

L. van Beethoven

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Prayer Requests

Celebrations: Mick Caudill, relative of the Heinlein's has been able to leave the "after transplant" care home he has been living at, since early May, and go home!

Danette and Tim Heinlein have been informed that they have a new Grandchild on the way, early March 2027!

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

Prayers for those in Venezuela – suffering due to the 2 magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 earthquakes which struck northern Venezuela on June 24, 2026.

Prayers for those in Canada and the West Coast state, fighting wildfires.

Friends and family of FPC: Pete Adamson (Lynn Bolton's uncle), Suzanne Barnett (friend of our Glebe members), Jenny Coots (daughter-in-law of Fred & Debbie), Audrey Clark (our Fincastle librarian, Jimmy Gardner (Ann Gardner's brother), Cam L Garner (childhood friend of Ed Shuey), Donna Smith (the mother of Raymond Higgins Jr., one of our online viewers), the family of Robert B. Hundley (Lynn B. cousin), 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), the family of Blaine Walker (Bill Walker's brother).



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 26, 2026 10:20 am Live Streaming and Gathering Music
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
M. Luther

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (responsive) (Psalm 95:6,7 KJV)

One: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Many: For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn: #60** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
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Call to Confession: (unison)

All: Let us confess our sins before both our God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ,
You gave your life for us that we might receive pardon and peace.
Mercifully cleanse us from all sin; and forever keep us in your favor and love; you, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

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

Many: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west,

so, far has he removed our transgressions from us.

All: Amen.

***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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Offering

Regular Offering:

Offertory

"How Great Thou Art"
Swedish folk melody; arr. S. K. Hine

*Doxology:

#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. 574 & 575) Ecclesiastes 1:9 & 3:1-8
(Pew bible pg. 476) Psalm 23

Hymn: #642 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 983, 984) Romans 8:26-39

Sermon:

"In the Spirit of Christ
God Is always With Us and For Us"
Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Moment for Meditation

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
J.S. Bach

*Profession of Faith #14

Apostles Creed

Hymn: #517

"The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built)"

Planned Office Hours for the

Week of July 26

Monday 10:00-4:00 pm, Tuesday 10:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday, out of office

Thursday 10:00 – 4:00

Friday, out of office

- Sunday, July 26** 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: Goad & Burton
 Fellowship: Shuey
- Thur., July 30 HFI Festival Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm
- Sunday, Aug. 2** 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: Walker & _____
 Fellowship: Porters
 Lori Turner on Vacation
 Guest Musician: David Austin
- Tuesday, Aug. 4 Election Day in Virginia for Primaries
 Friday, Aug. 7 National Purple Heart Day
- Sunday, August 9** 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Church @ the Creek
Worship Service: 11:00 am
 Duty Elders: Patsy & _____
 Fellowship: Pot Luck with Hamburgers & HotDogs!
- Wed., Aug 12 Celtic Service at Dickerson home, outdoors under the trees, 6:00 pm
- Thur., Aug 13 Danette Vacation thru Tues., Aug. 18

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Announcements

- **Birthdays:** July 26—Pat Roberts, July 28—Vickie Littleton, August 6—Patsy Dickerson, August 12—Leigh Ann Martin, August 16—Evelyn Brenner, August 19—Fred Coots, August 23—Gardner Branscom, August 31—Jane Jones.
- 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**.
- The **Duty Elder Calendar** on the board in the side entrance is available for sign-ups for the remainder of the year. **Please visit it!**
- On Wednesday August at 6:00 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.
- 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! The Fellowship Committee will be supplying hot dogs, hamburgers and buns, as well as toppings and condiments. Please note that this service will not be live-cast. **Directions will be provided in next Sunday's bulletin.**
- Danette and Tim Heinlein have moved. New physical address: 626 Devonshire Ln., Vinton VA 24179. Mailing address: PO Box 11, Vinton, VA 24179.
- 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:



Spend time with God this summer

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Sermon Notes:

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

The Trustees

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Cathy Goad

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

Hymns: #60 "Great is Thy Faithfulness", #642 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me", #517 "The Solid Rock", #502
"Amazing Grace", #696 "The Bond of Love".

Service Music: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" M. Luther, "The Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid. (43)]; "How
Great Thou Art", Swedish folk melody; arr. S. K Hine, © 1953, Renewed 1981 Manna Music, Inc. "The
Worshiping Church Hymnal" [Ibid. (21)]; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", J.S. Bach, Musicnotes.com, © 1998
Warner Tamerlane Publish Corp.; "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", K. Hughes, "The Worshiping Church
Hymnal" [Ibid. (634)].

384 *“This is My Father’s World”*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

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#642 *“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”*

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

384 *“The Solid Rock”*

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

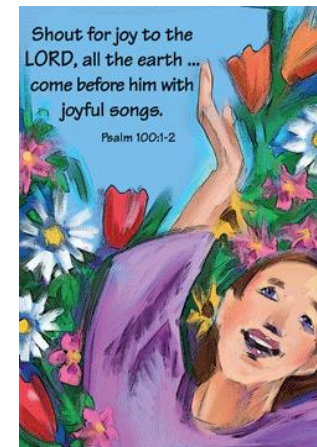
Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]



Old Testament Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1:9

⁹What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done;
and there is nothing new under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
⁷a time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

Psalms 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
² he makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

New Testament Readings

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; ³⁴ who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,
"For thy sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

