

*Hymn: #518

"He's Got the Whole World"

*Charge

***Sung Response:** 561 (Refrain)

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

*Blessing

Postlude:

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

John B. Dykes

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LET MY TEACHING FALL LIKE RAIN ...
DEUTERONOMY 32:2; NIV



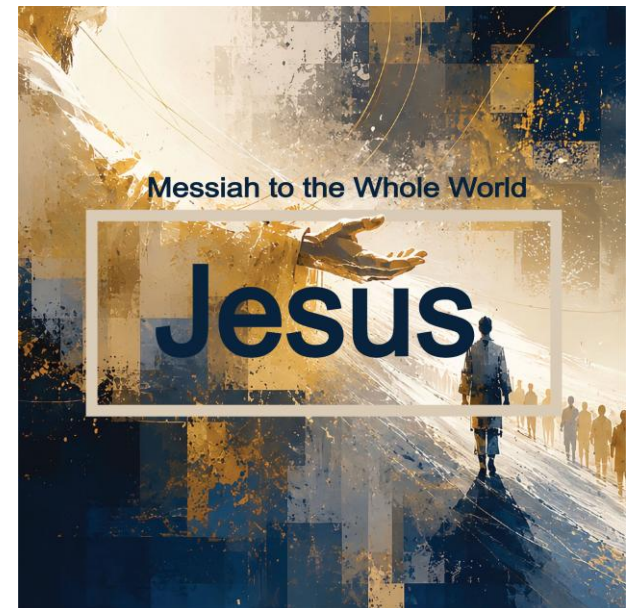
Celebrations: We celebrate our recent rains which our area has needed so much!

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

Friends and family of FPC: Jenny Coots (daughter-in-law of Fred & Debbie), Audrey Clark (our Fincastle librarian), Tom Doshen (Ed Shey's

brother-in-law), Jimmy Gardner (Ann Gardner's brother), Cam L Garner (childhood friend of Ed Shuey), Mary Rae (former organist at FUMC), Donna Smith (the mother of Ray Higgins Jr., one of our online viewers), Roger Robbins (friend of the Porters), Randy Toepfer (friend of the Heinlein's), the family of Blaine Walker (Bill Walker's brother).

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

August 16, 2026 10:20 am Live Streaming and Gathering Music
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: *"God of Our Fathers"*
G. W. Warren

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (responsive) (2 Cor. 13:17)

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you!

One: Let us worship God. O come, let us sing to the (Ps. 95:1,2)
Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Many: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn: #543** *"Christ Beside Me"*



Call to Confession: (unison)

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

Prayer of Confession: (Unison prayer for Christian Unity)

Great God,

Your Son called disciples, and prayed for their unity. Forgive divisions. Help us to confess our lack of charity toward people whose customs are different, or whose creeds conflict with what we believe. Forgive arrogance that claims God's truth; that will not listen or learn new ways. Heal broken fellowship in your mercy, and the church together in one faith, loyal to one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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: Friends: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

One: Let us forgive one another.

Many: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all!

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

J. Hughes

***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. 40)

Genesis 45:1-15

Hymn: #516

"Be Still and Know"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 849-850)

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon:

*"The Good News of Christ Opens Doors
And Heals Divisions"*
Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Moment for Meditation

"There is a Balm in Gilead"
Afro-American Spiritual

***Profession of Faith #14**

Apostles Creed

**Planned Office Hours for the
Week of August 16
Monday & Tuesday, out of office
Wednesday, 9:00-3:00 pm,
Thursday & Friday, 10:00 – 4:00pm**

Sunday, Aug. 16 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: Patty V. & _____
 Fellowship: _____
 Mon., Aug. 17 Danette out of office
 HFI, Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm
 Tue., Aug. 18 Danette out of office
 Wed., Aug. 19 Joyful Singers Practice 3:00 pm
 Thur., Aug. 20 HFI, Fellowship, 6:30 pm

Sunday, Aug. 23 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: _____ & _____
 Fellowship: Teri W.
 Tue., Aug. 18 Endowment, Fellowship, 4:00 pm
 Wed., Aug. 26 Joyful Singers Practice 3:00 pm
 Thur., Aug. 20 HFI, Fellowship, 6:30 pm

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Announcements

- **Birthdays:** August 19—Fred Coots, August 23—Gardner Branscom, August 27—Evelyn (Evie) Brenner, August 31—Jane Jones.
- 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!**
- The **Women’s Bible Study** will start again on Tuesday September 15 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using the book and DVD for “*Who is the man?*” by John Ortberg. Please let Lyn Burton know if you plan on participating.
- 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.**
- **Mark your Calendars** for Sunday September 20, for a Special Service which will include a dedication of our new Sound System.
- QR Code for an E-Giving option:



Sermon Notes:

Service Music: “*God of Our Fathers*” G. W. Warren, “*The Worshipping Church Hymnal*” [Ibid. (419)]; “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”, J. Hughes, “*The Worshipping Church Hymnal*” [Ibid. (669)]; “*There is a Balm in Gilead*”, “*The Worshipping Church Hymnal*” [Ibid. (611)]; “*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord god Almighty*”, John B. Dykes, “*The Worshipping Church Hymnal*” [Ibid. (2)].

522 “Christ, Beside Me”

1 Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me—king of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me—Never to part

2 Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me—shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising—light of my life.

3 Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me;
Christ be the vision,
In eyes that see me, in ears that hear me
Christ ever be.

4 Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me—king of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me—never to part.

#516 “Be Still and Know”

1 Be still and know that I am God.
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2 I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

3 In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

516 “He’s Got the Whole World”

1 He's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

3 He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

4 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

Coda: He's got the whole world in his hands.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him; and he cried, “Make every one go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph; is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, I pray you.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Make haste and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry; ¹⁰ you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have; ¹¹ and there I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come; lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty.’ ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Make haste and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

