

*Hymn: #612 (vs. 1,3,5)

"How Firm a Foundation"

*Charge

*Sung Response: (2x)

"Walk With Me"

Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned,
where love shines through.

*Blessing

Postlude:

"He's Got the Whole World in his Hands"
Spiritual



Celebrations: We celebrate with Rena Heslep that her daughter, Madison, has just left for a semester abroad in Italy! What a wonderful opportunity!

Weather issues: Drought, Wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, extreme heat, world-wide.

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

Friends and family of FPC: Jenny Coots (daughter-in-law of Fred & Debbie), Tom Doshen (Ed Shuey's brother-in-law), Jimmy Gardner (Ann Gardner's brother), Cam L Garner (childhood friend of Ed Shuey), Sally Myers & family (Lynne B's friend from the Glebe), 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 Toepher (friend of the Heinlein's), Myrna White (Danette's sister).

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 30, 2026 10:15 am Live Streaming and Gathering Music
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: *"He Is Exalted"*
T. Paris

Welcome and Announcements:

Welcome New Member into Fellowship: Margaret Ann Bays

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

One: O come, let us worship and bow down:

Many: let us kneel before the Lord and our Maker.

One: For he is our God;

Many: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn:** #558 (vs. 1-3) *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*
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Call to Confession: (responsive)

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners
Christ died for us.

**Many: Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to
approach God.**

All: Let us ask God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty God,

**You love us, but we have not always loved you. You call, but we
do not always listen. We have, at times, walked away from our
neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have – on
our worst days – gone along with evil, with prejudice, with unjust
warfare, and greed.**

**God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you
move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you and receive
forgiveness – through Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord.**

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: Hear the good news! This statement is completely reliable and
should be universally accepted:

Many: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

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

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Many: 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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Offering

Regular Offering:

Offertory

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

F.J. Crosby/P. P. Knapp

*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

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 47)

Exodus 3: 1-15

Hymn: #542

"Near to the Heart of God"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 851)

Matthew 16: 21-28

Sermon:

*"The 'Give & Take', And the 'Ups & Downs'
of Talking With God"*

Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Moment for Meditation

(See insert for words)

"Travelin' Thru"

Dolly Parton

*Profession of Faith #14

Apostles Creed

**Planned Office Hours for the
Week of August 30
Monday, Wednesday 10:00-3:00
Tuesday, Thursday out of office
Friday, 9:00 – 3:00 pm**

Sunday, Aug. 30 14th Sunday after Pentecost
 5th Sunday Gathering Music Sing-A-Long, 10:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: Patsy D. and _____
 Fellowship: Margaret Ann B.
 Back Street Ringers practice, Sanctuary, noon
 Celtic Service, Dickerson residence, 5:00 pm.
 Tue., Sept. 1 Worship Committee, Logan Room, 11:00 am
 Wed., Sept. 2 Joyful Singers Practice 3:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Cents a Meal and Botetourt Food Pantry Special Offerings
Worship Service: 10:30 am
 Duty Elders: _____ and _____
 Fellowship: _____
 Back Street Ringers practice, Sanctuary, noon
 Tue., Sept. 7 Labor Day
 Wed., Sept. 9 Joyful Singers Practice 3:00 pm
 Friday, Sept. 11 Patriot Day

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Announcements

- **Birthdays:** August 31—Jane Jones. September 10—John Kilby, September 18—Verna Shuey.
- We are accepting applications for the **Suzanne Moore Hale Scholarship**. Please send a letter describing your education plans, church and community involvement to Rev. David Dickerson or John Kilby.
- Please **DO NOT** park in the **Reserved Handicapped spots** close to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays unless you have an appropriate handicapped authorization.
- There is a **Free Community Garden** located behind **Wheatland Lutheran Church**. There are currently tomatoes, squash and peppers available. Please see Danette if you need details. (David Austin's daughter, Hannah is a coordinator for volunteers picking this garden for local food pantries.
- The **Rise Against Hunger Organization** is holding a food packing event at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Daleville on September 19th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help pack bags of enriched rice which will be sent to feed hungry people around the world. Please let Teri Walker know if you are interested in helping. There will also be a sign-up in the hallway.
- At 5:00 pm, day, 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.
- 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 **Fellowship** sign-up calendar is on the table next to the kitchen in the fellowship hall. There are many open Sundays in the month of September.
- Both **Joyful Singers** and **Back Street Ringers** have had summer time off, but we are scheduling new practices: Joyful Singers: - Wednesday, September 3 at 3:00 pm. Back Street Ringers: Sunday, August 30, 12:00 noon.
- 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:

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Travelin' Thru

By Dolly Parton

Well, I can't tell you where I'm goin', I'm not sure of where I've been
But I know I must keep travelin' 'til my road comes to an end
I'm out here on my journey, tryin' to make the most of it
I'm a puzzle, I must figure out where all my pieces fit

Like a poor wayfarin' stranger that they speak about in song
I'm just a weary pilgrim tryin' to find what feels like home
Where that is, no one can tell me, am I doomed to ever roam?
I'm just travelin', travelin', travelin', I'm just travelin' on

Questions I have many, answers but a few
We're here to learn the spirit burns, to know the greater truth
We've all been crucified and they nailed Jesus to the tree
And when I'm born again, you're gonna see a change in me

God made me for a reason and nothin' is in vain
Redemption comes in many shapes with many kinds of pain
Oh, sweet Jesus, if you're listenin', keep me ever close to you
As I'm stumblin', tumblin', wanderin', as I'm travelin' thru

Oh, sometimes the road is rugged and it's hard to travel on
But holdin' to each other, we don't have to walk alone
When everything is broken, we can mend it if we try
We can make a world of difference, if we want to, we can fly

Goodbye little children, goodnight you handsome men
Farewell to all you ladies and to all who knew me when
And I hope I see you down the road, you meant more than I knew
As I was travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin' thru

I'm just travelin', travelin', travelin', I'm just travelin'
Driftin' like a floating boat and roamin' like the wind
Oh, give me some direction Lord, let me lean on you
As I'm travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin' thru

Like the poor wayfarin' stranger that they speak about in song
I'm just a weary pilgrim tryin' to find my own way home
Oh, sweet Jesus, if you're listenin', keep me ever close to you
As I'm travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin' thru

I'm just travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin' thru
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558 “Love Devine, 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.

#542 “Near to the Heart of God”

1 There is a place of quiet rest
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

[Refrain:]

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

2 There is a place of comfort sweet
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

3 There is a place of full release
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

612 “How Firm a Foundation”

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51 1-6

3 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Mid'ian; and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. **3** And Moses said, "I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." **4** When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here am I." **5** Then he said, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." **6** And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, "I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, **8** and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Per'izzites, the Hivites, and the Jeb'usites. **9** And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. **10** Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." **11** But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?" **12** He said, "But I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" **14** God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.'" **15** God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

1 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. **22** And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." **23** But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. **26** For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? **27** For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done. **28** Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

