

*Hymn: #723

"Revive us Again"

*Charge

*Sung Response: #690 (2x)

"Bind Us Together"

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:

"Ode to Joy"
Beethoven

Weather issues: Drought, Wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, extreme heat, world-wide. Specifically, we pray for flood Victims in Nepal.

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), Chuck Geiger (community friend from the Glebe), Sarah Meadows, Mary Miller (friend from the Glebe), Keith Morgan, Sally Myers & family (Lynne B's friend from the Glebe), Mary Rae (former organist at FUMC), Roger Robbins (friend of the Porters), Donna Smith (the mother of Ray Higgins Jr., one of our online viewers), Randy Toepfer (friend of the Heinlein's), Myrna White (Danette's sister), the family of Wally White (Danette's nephew).



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

September 6, 2026 10:25 am Live Streaming and Gathering Music
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

"How Great Thou Art"
Swedish folk melody; arr. Richardson

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Let us worship God. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Many: **God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.**

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: **The Lord's name be praised!**

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn: #45**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
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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 sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong**

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

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,

We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

But you, O Lord, have mercy on us who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear son.

And, O most holy and loving Father, help us we beseech you, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Please stand if able

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)

All: **Friends, hear the good News! In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven! 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

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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

"Jesus Shall Reign"
Hatton

***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. 55)

Exodus 12:1-3 & 11-14

Hymn: #648

"O Jesus I have Promised"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 852)

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon:

"Through Confession, Penitence, & Forgiveness in Christ: A New Beginning"
Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Moment for Meditation

"Be Still My Soul"
J. Sibelius/arr. Rice

***Profession of Faith #14**

Apostles Creed

* Please stand if able

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**Planned Office Hours for the
Week of September 6
Monday, out of office
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00-3:00
Friday,
Friday, out of office**

Sunday, Sept. 6	15th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Cents a Meal & Botetourt Food Pantry Special Offerings <u>Worship Service: 10:30 am</u> Duty Elders: Cathy Goad and Lyn Burton Fellowship: Fellowship Committee Guest Musician: Hilah Divers
Mon., Sept. 7	Labor Day
Wed., Sept. 9	Joyful Singers Practice 3:00 pm
Frid., Sept. 11	Patriot Day
Sat., Sept 12	Church Cleanup, 8:00 am
Sunday, Sept. 13	16th Sunday after Pentecost <u>Worship Service: 10:30 am</u> Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Duty Elders: Lyn Burton and _____ Fellowship: Fellowship Committee National Grand Parents Day Back Street Ringers practice, Sanctuary, 12:00 noon
Tues., Sept. 15	Women's Bible Study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Wed., Sept. 16	Joyful Singers Practice, Sanctuary, 3:00 pm
Thurs., Sept. 17	Forward in Faith, Fellowship Hall, 2:00 pm HFI Festival meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm
Fri., Sept. 18	FPC, morning work at Food Pantry, 9:00
Sat., Sept 19	Church Clean up, 9:00 am Men's Breakfast, Greenwood Restaurant, 9:00 am

Announcements

- The Session has called a **Congregational meeting for September 20, 2026**, immediately after Church for the stated purpose of hearing a report from the PNC nominating a new minister and a motion to approve the terms of call.
- Welcome again, to our guest musician this morning, **Hilah Divers**. Hilah started playing piano at the age of 6 and began playing regularly for her Church at the age of 12. Currently, she regularly substitutes at the Basilica of St. Andrew Catholic Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Hilah also accompanies the choir at Read Mountain Middle School. She is married to Will, and they have 2 sons, Jedediah and Andrew. They are parishioners of the Basilica of St. Andrew Catholic Church, Roanoke.
- **Birthdays:** September 10—John Kilby, September 18—Verna Shuey.
- Please **DO NOT** park in the **Reserved Handicapped** spots close to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays unless you have an appropriate handicapped authorization.
- The Church Grounds committee is planning a couple of **clean up days** at the church. Saturday Sept. 12 at 8:00 am and Saturday September 19 at 8 am.
- 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.
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is ready to give and support emergency relief, recovery, and hope for affected communities for the catastrophe in **Nepal**. Your gifts can help provide shelter, food, clean water, and compassionate care in a time of great need. Make checks payable to **Fincastle Presbyterian Church** and use **DR000197-Nepal** in the memo line to assist in providing assistance in this great need.
- 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 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, Sept. 9 at 3:00 pm. Back Street Ringers: Sunday, Sept. 13, 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:

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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45 “Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”

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.

#542 “O Jesus I have Promised”

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear:

my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory,
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

723 “Revive us Again”

1 We praise Thee, O God,
or the Son of thy love,
for Jesus who died,
and is now gone above.

[Refrain:]
Hallelujah! thine the glory;
Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah! thine the glory;
revive us again.

2 We praise thee, O God,
for thy Spirit of light,
who has shown us our Savior,
and scattered our night. (Refrain)

3 All glory and praise
to the Lamb that was slain,
who has borne all our sins,
and has cleansed every stain. (Refrain)

4 Revive us again:
fill each heart with thy love;
may each soul be rekindled
with fire from above. (Refrain)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-3 & 11-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household;

¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

