

Sermon: *"Focus, Focus, Focus!"*
Rev. James Slate

Moment for Meditation *"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"*
Attr. W. Croft

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

***Hymn 498** *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

***Charge**

***Sung Response: #502 (vs 1)** *"Amazing Grace "*
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

***Benediction**

Postlude: *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"*
Fanny J. Crosby/P.P. Knapp

Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Celebrations: We celebrate today, the beautiful fall weather we've been having.

Members: Nathalie Givens, Alan Lowe, Hi Nicely, Bob Omer.

Friends and family of FPC: Mick and Julie Caudill (relatives of the Heinlein's-loss of home in fire),

Jenny Coots (daughter-in-law of Fred & Debbie), Jimmy Gardner (Ann Gardner's brother), Buck Harris (friend of the Shuey's), Vicki Lucas (Valerie Lucas's daughter-in-law), Keith McMurry, Sarah Meadows, Mary Miller (friend from the Glebe), Keith Morgan, Harlan and Lelian Nicely, both in 2 different hospitals (nephews of Hi Nicely), and their football coach-Brett Thompson, Oliver Parker (15 year old grandson of Harold and Sally Eads), Roger Robbins (friend of the Porters), Pat Roberts (Lori's mother), the husband of Sarah Rodgers, Randy Toepfer (friend of the Heinlein's), Paige Ware (community friend), the family of Rena Smith-Worthen (friend of the community).

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

October 25, 2026 10:20 am Live Streaming and Gathering Music
10:30 am Chiming of the Hour for Worship

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

"The Church's One Foundation"
S. S. Wesley

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: O God, once again we meet in your house.

Many: **A house frequented by the spirits of John Calvin, John Knox, Martin Luther and other spiritual ancestors.**

One: Let their love for you and their devotion to your Word inspire our Worship on this Reformation Sunday.

Many: **In homage to them, let us recommit ourselves as lifelong students of your Word.**

One: Prod us to become informed and dedicated Christians.

Many: **Protesting against entrenched wrong wherever we may find it, but also testifying on behalf of your free offer of salvation through your divine Son.**

One: Let us reaffirm in our worship that we are justified by faith in Him.

Many: **And help us prove the depth of our faith by working effectively as messengers of His love and compassion.**

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #669

"God of Grace and God of Glory"



Call to Confession (responsive)

One: The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another.

Many: **We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love.**

One: Come now to confess all that separates us from others and from God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving Christ,

Our lives of faith have become confused. We long to see you for

* Please stand if able

ourselves, yet settle for what others say about you. We cry out in the midst of pain or sadness, yet do not act boldly when we are made well. We ask for forgiveness, yet fail to live out your mercy in our repentance. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Give us the strength not only to feel but do, not only to think but speak. May we be made well in our faith, that we might follow you more closely. In your name we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

One: Beloved of God, hear these words of assurance from Psalm 34:
"The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned."

Many: **Out of God's great love and mercy, our sins 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Offering

Regular Offering:
Offertory

"Come Sing, O Church in Joy"
John Darwell

*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

Epistle Reading: (Pew bible pg. 1029)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 879)

Mark 10:46-52

Hymn #708

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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Danette's Planned Office Hours for the Week of October 25

Tuesday, 10:00-3:00, Wednesday, 10:00-3:00
Thursday, 9:00 - 3:00

Sunday, Oct. 25	22nd Sunday after Pentecost <u>Worship Service: 10:30 am</u> Duty Elders: Teri W and Patsy D. Fellowship: Lynne B. Back Street Ringers Practice, Sanctuary, 12:00 noon Guest Minister: Jim Slate Outdoor Celtic Service, 4:30 pm at Patti Vari's home.
Tuesday, Oct 27	Communications Committee Meeting, 11:00 am, Logan Room
Wed., Oct. 28	Open Sanctuary, 5:00 – 6:00 pm Lamplight Sessions, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm
Thur., Oct. 29	Forward in Faith, Fellowship Hall, 1:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 31	Men's Breakfast, Northstar, 9:00 am
Sunday, Nov. 1	23rd Sunday after Pentecost <u>Worship Service: 10:30 am</u> Duty Elders: Patsy D. and _____ Fellowship: Margaret Ann B. Back Street Ringers Practice, Sanctuary, 12:00 noon
Tuesday, Nov. 3.	Election Day – Vote!
Wed., Nov. 4	Worship Committee, 2:00 pm, Logan room Joyful Singers Practice, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary
Fri., Nov. 6	World Community Day

Announcements

- From Rev. Jim Slate: My wife Rev. Terri and I have served in The Presbytery of the Peaks for over 20 years. We are graduates of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and have been ordained for almost 40 years. I served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-75 and again in 1978-84. Terri also taught (Special Education) in the Alleghany School System. We are both retired and currently living in Roanoke, VA. We worship with the Covenant P.C. family in Roanoke and immerse ourselves in their life and mission. I am currently serving on the Commission on Ministry. It is a joy to be worshipping with the Fincastle P.C. family this morning.

- All are welcome to join in an Outdoor Celtic style service at Patti Vari's home, 42 Ridge Trail, Fincastle, 24090, at 4:30 pm, today. Bring your chair and join us.
- Mark your calendar: A **Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately after the worship service on November 8, 2026, for the stated purpose of electing three (3) Elders to the class of 2029.
- Birthdays:** October 24 – Lynne Bolton & Bryce Branscom, October 26 – Pierce Brenner. November 3 – Garland Jones, November 26 – Jim Porter.
- The **FPC Mission Committee** is going to make sure that three economically challenged Seniors at James River High school, graduating in spring of 2027, have caps and gowns for graduation. If you would like to assist with this mission, please make checks payable to Fincastle Presbyterian Church with "**graduation gift**" in the memo portion. See Teri Walker for any questions.
- Please **DO NOT** park in the Reserved Handicapped spots close to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays unless you have an appropriate handicapped authorization.
- FPC is collecting candy for the **Town of Fincastle Halloween Celebration**. Please bring bagged, individually wrapped candy to church and place in the container in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for helping make this a fun evening for the kids!
- Men of the Church:** Make sure that your calendar is marked with a Men's Breakfast for Saturday, October 31 at the Northstar Restaurant in Buchanan 15898 Lee Hwy, 9:00 AM.
- November 1 is a busy day in the life of FPC! As the 1st Sunday of the month, we will have our **2 Cents A Meal offering**, and our **Buchanan Food Pantry offering**. It is also **All Saints Day** and the **end of Daylight savings** time, so we will be moving our clocks back!
- November 8, 2026 at 4:00 pm**, we will have a special service here in the Sanctuary. This is an Installation Service for the Rev. Dr. J. Hoover Hanney as pastor to Fincastle Presbyterian Church. This is an action of the Presbytery of the Peaks through a representative Commission. That means that ALL are invited to worship together with elders and ministers from other Presbyterian Congregations in our regions. An offering will be received for support for the presbytery's oversight of the Candidate Scholarship Fund to support candidates and inquirers education expenses. A Reception will be held following this worship service.
- 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 coming up!
- 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

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

Hymns: #669 "God of Grace and God of Glory", #708 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds", #408 "I Love to Tell the
Story", #502 "Trust and Obey", #504 Amazing Grace"

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#669 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church’s story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Heal your children’s warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

#739 “Blest be the Tie That Binds”

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father’s throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

#498 “I Love to Tell the Story”

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story,
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own Holy Word. [Refrain]

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹ For you yourselves know, brethren, that our visit to you was not in vain; ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the face of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from error or uncleanness, nor is it made with guile; ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ For we never used either words of flattery, as you know, or a cloak for greed, as God is witness; ⁶ nor did we seek glory from men, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

New Testament Reading

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimae'us, a blind beggar, the son of Timae'us, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." ⁵² And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.