

* Hymn: #43

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Charge

Sung Response: #5 (verse 4)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

Postlude:

"Postludium"
J.S. Bach

Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer

Friends and family of FPC: Sadie Elizabeth Austin (great granddaughter of Bill and Teri Walker), Chester Adams, Mary Black, Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt), Chuck Burton (Kip's brother) Mick Caudill (Danette's daughter's father-in-law), Virginia Hedrick, Jackson Hetzel (Valerie Lucas' grandson), Laura Holt McCann, Helen Hubler, Shirley Rambo (Tim Heinlein's Aunt), Mary Lee Reese, Rindy Stewart (Tim Heinlein's cousin), Lisa Stump (friend of the Heinlein's), Dick Woodard

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Hymns: #5 *"Come Thou Almighty King"*, #697 *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*, #43 *"A Mighty Fortress Is our God"*

Service Music: *"Andante Tranquillo from sonata III"* - Felix Mendelssohn ; *"Allegro"* - George F. Handel/edited by Diane Bish - © 1988 by Gentry Pub.; *"Finlandia"* - Jean Sibelius/arr. Fred Bock, © 1963 by Shawnee Press, Inc.); *"Postludium"* - J.S. Bach © 1939 S. Bornemann.

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Service for the Lord's Day

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024—10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"Andante Tranquillo from Sonata III"*
Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive: Psalm 100:1,2,5)

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing.

Many: For the Lord is a gracious god, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: #5 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

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Call to Confession: (responsive)

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Many: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

* Please stand if you are able

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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: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,

Many: and who strengthens us in all goodness,

All: by the power of the Holy spirit, keep us in eternal life.

* Gloria Patri: 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. #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Allegro"

George F. Handel (Edited by Diane Bish)

* Doxology: 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 #808

*Prayer of Dedication

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible page 537)

Psalm 124

Hymn: #697 (remain seated)

"In Christ There is No East or West"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible page 877)

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

"The Church Is Not A Country Club!"

Moment for Meditation

(Words found hymn 507)

"Finlandia"

Jean Sibelius (arr. Fred Bock)

* Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

* Please stand if you are able

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, September 29 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & Cathy Goad
Fellowship: Verna Shuey

Sunday, October 6 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Communion Sunday
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & Cathy Goad
Fellowship:
🎂 **Happy Birthday Lori Turner**

Sunday, October 13 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & Cathy Goad
Fellowship: Pot Luck

Tuesday, October 15 🎂 Happy Birthday Alan Lowe!
Wednesday, October 16 🎂 Happy Birthday Kaycee Weidman
Saturday, October 19 🎂 Happy Birthday Peggy Davis and Ann Gardner !!



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2024: Cathy Goad, Paul Phillippe, Bo Trumbo

Class of 2025: Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

Class of 2026: Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

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- ◆ A **Congregational Meeting**— for the stated purpose of electing a Nomination Committee will be held immediately after Worship Service on October 13.
- ◆ Check out the calendar downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and sign up to sponsor our Sunday after service Fellowship! We have open Sundays!
- ◆ We will have a **Pot Luck following our Worship Service on October 13!** Chicken, drinks and dessert will be supplied.
- ◆ If you or your organization needs to use any space at the church, please let Danette know so that she can make sure the calendar is clear!
- ◆ **Welcome back to our Guest Organist, Mary Sowder.** Mary and her husband, Don, moved to Roanoke in 2020. Born in NH, she has lived most of her life in Richmond, VA, where she graduated with High Honors from VCU, earning her Bachelor of Music degree in piano/organ/church music, having also studied one summer at The Royal School of Church Music in England. Mary has served in churches as Director of Music/organist/substitute, along with teaching private lessons. She has also held full-time office administration positions, along with raising two beautiful daughters who now live in Texas with their husbands and Mary's five precious grandchildren
- ◆ **Celebrating Fincastle's Historic Churches—2004, last event will be at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 137 S. Church Street at 4:00pm today!** The History of St. Mark's will be presented by Rev. Willis Logan, and the Music Program will be presented by 2 children's choirs from Botetourt Music Academy.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 124

- ¹ If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
let Israel now say—
- ² if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when men rose up against us,
- ³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
- ⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
- ⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.
- ⁶ Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!
- ⁷ We have escaped as a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped!
- ⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

New Testament

Reading:



Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For he that is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.

⁴² “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,^l it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁹ For every one will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Hymns:

#5 “Come Thou Almighty King”

1 Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success:
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4 To Thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore!

#697 “In Christ There is No East or West”

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet north and south;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

#43 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo
us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

