

Hymn: #151

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Charge

Sung Response: (#152)

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Blessing

Postlude:

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

H.T. Smart



Prayer Concerns

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

Friends and family of FPC: Mary Black, Charles (Chuck) Burton (Kip's brother), Jackson Hetzel (Valerie Lucas' grandson), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, Keith Morgan (friend of Lyn Burton), the family of Wren Rubis (Lori Turner's Aunt and Pat Roberts's sister), Dorothy Smith and family.

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Hymns: #146 "Joy to the World", #151 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain", #152 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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Fincastle Presbyterian Church



Jesus increased in wisdom
and in stature and in favor
with God and man.

Luke 2:52, ESV

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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

1st Sunday of Christmas

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

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"Christmas Hymns Medley"*
Traditional

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive; Isaiah 9:6)

One: Let us worship God.

Many: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

One: and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called

All "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: #146 *"Joy to the World"*

Call to Confession:

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 confess our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Great God our Father,

You have given us Jesus, light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to sins that hide the brightness of your love. We are frightened disciples who are slow to speak your gospel. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your word to nations, and tell your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

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

* Please stand if you are able

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Assurance of Pardon:

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.

* 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 *"We Three Kings Of Orient Are"*
Back Street Ringers J.H. Hopkins

* Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #808
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. 235) 1 Sam. 2:18-20,26

Special Music *"Child of the Poor"*

New Testament Reading:(Pew bible pg. 890) Luke 2:41-52

Sermon *"The Mystery of the Christ Child: Fully Human, fully Divine."*

Moment for Meditation *"Away in a Manger"*
Kirkpatrick/Murray

* Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed

* Please stand if you are able

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Calendar of Events

Planned office hours for week of December 29

Monday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Danette will not be in the office Wednesday January 1 through Friday January 3.

- Sunday, Dec. 29** 1st Sunday of Christmas
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Lynne Bolton & Cathy Goad
Fellowship: Heinlein
- Tues., Dec. 31 **New Years Eve**
Wed., Jan. 1 **New Years Day**
- Sunday, Jan. 5** 2nd Sunday of Christmas
Two Cent's a Meal offering & Botetourt Food Pantry offering
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: _____ & _____
Fellowship: _____
- Sunday, Jan. 12** Baptism of the Lord
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: _____ & _____
Fellowship: Jones
- Wed., Jan. 14** Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 2:00 pm

Joyful
MERRY & BLESSED

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Check the Fellowship Calendar in the Fellowship Hall.** We have many open Sundays.
- ◆ There is a new Duty Elder sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by the side entrance. Please help us fill the open spots.
- ◆ If you or your committee or organization needs to use **any space at the church**, please let Danette know so she can make sure the calendar is clear!
- ◆ The next **Men's breakfast** will be at Northstar on Saturday morning January 11. Gather together in fellowship to start your day!
- ◆ The next **Women's Bible Study** will be January 14 at 2:00 pm at the Church
- ◆ Make sure the following Birthdays are on your calendar for the Month of January: January 5: Carolyn Kniceley, January 12: Julia Richardson, January 13: Mike Goad and January 23: Becky Deschamps.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

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

***Class of 2025:* Fred Coats, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter**

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

The Trustees

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel

2:18-20,26

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁹ And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elka'nah and his wife, and say, "The LORD give you children by this woman for the loan which she lent to the LORD"; so then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men.

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:41-

52

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; ⁴³ and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers,

listening to them and asking them questions; ⁴⁷ and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.



Hymns:

#146 "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

#151 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

