

Moment for Meditation

"Holy, Holy, Holy/Be Thou My Vision"

J.Dykes/Trad. Irish)

Profession of Faith: #14

Hymn: #157

Apostles' Creed

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Charge

Sung Response #470 (refrain)

"Jesus Loves me"

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Benediction

Postlude:

"Christians, Awake"

J. Wanwright

Prayer Concerns

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

Friends and family of FPC: Mary Black, Sherry Bowman (friend of Verna Shuey), 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.

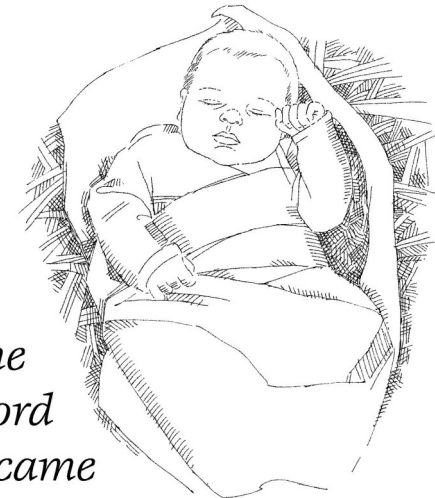


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Fincastle Presbyterian Church



*The
Word
became
flesh and made
his dwelling among us.*

John 1:14

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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

Baptism of the Lord

January 5, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

2 Cents A Meal Sunday

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
M. Smith/Arr. C. Tornquist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Psalm 29: 2-4)

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

Many: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

Many: The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful,

Many: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #558 (vs 1-3)

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



Call to Confession:

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 to approach God with confidence.

All: In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God,

In baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.

* Please stand if you are able

Continued...

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

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

Assurance of Pardon:

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting,

Many: We declare to all who confess their sins, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. AMEN.

*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



Offering

2 Cents A Meal Offering & Food Pantry Offering:

Hymn: *"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"*

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 Anthem

"Song of Praise"
Vangelis

*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



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading : (Pew bible pg. 679)

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

Hymn: See Insert

"Here I Am, Lord"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 867)

John 1:1-18



Sermon

"The Word Became Flesh and Lived Among Us "

* Please stand if you are able

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The **Men's Breakfast** will be at Northstar Restaurant on Saturday morning January 11 at 9:00 am. Gather together in fellowship to start your day and the new year! Address: 15898 Lee Hwy, Buchanan, VA 24066
- ◆ The next **Women's Bible Study** will be January 14 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

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

Class of 2027: Cathy Goad, Patty Vari, Teri Walker

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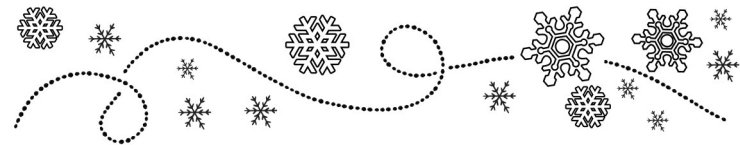
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

Calendar of Events

Planned office hours for week of January 5

Tuesday 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

- Sunday, Jan. 5** **2nd Sunday of Christmas**
2 Cents A Meal Offering & Botetourt Food Pantry Offering
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: P. Dickerson & C. Goad
Fellowship: V. Shuey
- Saturday, Jan. 11** Men's Breakfast, Northstar, 9:00 am
- 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
- Sunday, Jan. 19** **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
Two Cents a Meal offering & Botetourt Food Pantry offering
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: _____ & _____
Fellowship: P. Dickerson
- Mon., Jan. 20** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Wed., Jan. 22** **Wholeness and Healing Service, 5:00 pm**
Light Supper immediately following
- Thur., Jan. 23** Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship



Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

1.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?

I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will speak my word to them.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.

2.

Refrain (Harmony)

Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Whom shall I send?

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

HERE I AM, LORD
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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷ For thus says the Lord:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
‘The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel.’

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the woman with child and her who is in travail, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I am a father to Israel,
and E’phraim is my first-born.

¹⁰ “Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands afar off;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’

¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.

¹³ Then shall the maidens rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴ I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
says the Lord.”

New Testament Reading

John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God; ³ all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. ¹⁵ (John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

#558 Love Divine, 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.

#157 Good Christian Friends Rejoice

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save;
calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

