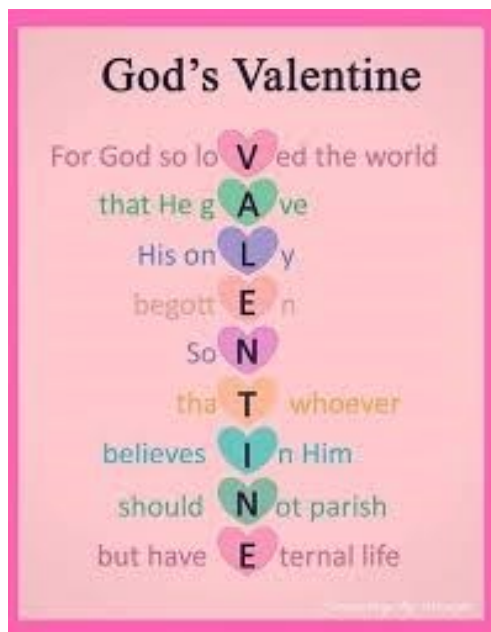


## Prayer Concerns

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

**Friends and family of FPC:** Jody Young Balaun and Diane Knave (high school friends of Danette), Mary Black, Tom Doshen (brother-in-law of Shueys) Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, Bitsy McMurry (Keith McMurry's Mom), Sarah Keith Morgan (friend of Lyn Burton), Audrey Nicely (Hi's 92 year old Aunt), Hi Niceley, Leesha Webb and her daughter Sarah Liu (friends of Danette Heinlein).



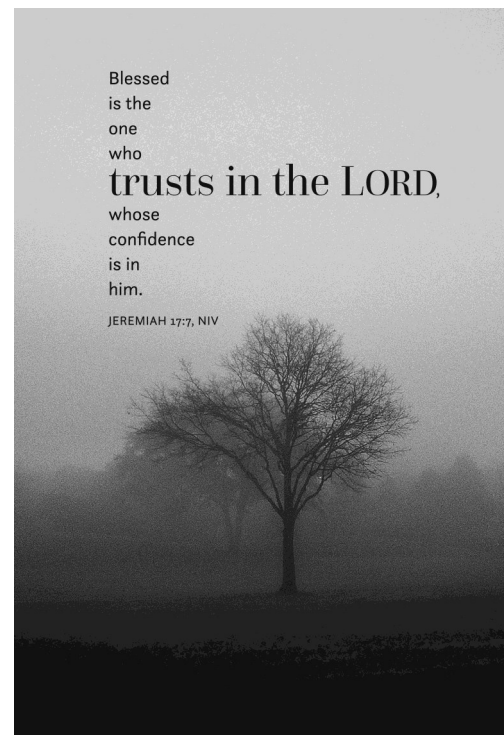
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**The Worshiping Church Hymnal:** 1990 Hope Publishing Co. Carol Stream, IL —  
**Service Music:** # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.

**Hymns:** #518 "Down By the Riverside", #563 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian", #97 "He Is Lord", #609 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", #593 "The Gift of Love".

**Public Domain:** "Down by the Riverside", "This Little Light of Mine"

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# Fincastle Presbyterian Church



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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

## 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: (congregation is invited to read *"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"*  
on page 580 as the music is played) Alexander/Leavitt

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Psalm 95: 6 & 7, KJV; unison)

**O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the  
Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his  
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn: (words on insert)

**Spiritual Medley**



Call to Confession: (Unison)

**Let us together confess our sins before both God and humankind.**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**O Lord Jesus Christ,**

**You gave Your life for us that we might receive pardon and  
peace. Mercifully cleanse us from all sin, and evermore keep us in  
Your favor and love, for You live and reign with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

**Silent Confession:** Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)

**Almighty God,**

**You freely pardon all who repent and turn to Christ. Now fulfill  
in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace. Remit all  
of our sins, and cleanse us from an evil conscience, all through the  
perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\* Please stand if you are able

Continued...

\*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:

Regular Offering

Offertory Anthem

**"Deep River"**

\*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. 665)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Hymn: #563(please remain seated)

**"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 893)

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon

*"Jesus' Agenda for His Church:  
To Make Our Final Hope in Him  
A Present Reality".*

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.

Moment for Meditation

*"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us/He Leadeth Me"*

Bradbury/arr.McMillen

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #97

*"He Is Lord"*

Charge

Sung Response: #593 (vs. 3)

**"This Little Light of Mine"**

Hide it under a bushel? No!

I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No!

I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!"

Blessing

Postlude:

**"Lift Every Voice and Sing!"**

Johnson/Johnson

Songs that are Underlined and in Bold were chosen in Celebration of Black History Month.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ The **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is currently accepting donations for **Helene Disaster Relief (DR000169)** as well as, **CA Wild-fire (DR000165)**. If you wish to donate to support either of these through PDA, use the appropriate tab with our e-giving option or via check. If you use a check make sure you mark the memo to indicate which disaster fund it goes to.
- ◆ **February Birthday's:** February 8, David Kincaid & February 26, Kip Burton!
- ◆ 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 **Presbytery Meeting** will be held at Blacksburg Pres. Church on Thursday February 20. Patsy Dickerson is our commissioner representing Fincastle Presbyterian Church.
- ◆ Remember **2¢ a Meal** is coming up on Sunday, March 2! Make sure you've got your coin collections ready
- ◆ Mark your calendar for a **Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday**, Tuesday March 4, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This Pancake Supper is sponsored by the Worship Committee.
- ◆ Wednesday March 5 is Ash Wednesday. St. Mark's Episcopal Church here in Fincastle, will be having a 7:00 pm service.
- ◆ Plan on the Women's Bible Study, in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday February 18 at 2:00 pm.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



**Clerk of Session: John Kilby**

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

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

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

### 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**

# Calendar of Events

**Planned office hours for week of February 16**  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Danette out of office.**  
**Wednesday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm,**  
**Thursday 9:00 am— 5:00 pm**

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| <b>Sunday, Feb. 16</b> | <b>6th Sunday after Epiphany</b><br><b>Worship Service: 10:30 am</b><br><b>Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room</b><br>Duty Elders: Lynne B. & Patty Vari<br>Fellowship: Patsy Dickerson          |
| Mon., Feb. 17          | HFI, Fellowship, 6:00 pm<br>Danette Out of Office   |
| Tues., Feb. 18         | Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 2:00 pm<br>Danette Out of Office  |
| Wed., Feb. 19          | Danette Out of Office   |
| Thur., Feb. 20         | Presbytery Meeting @ Blacksburg Pres. Church, P. Dickerson is our commissioner representing FPC   |
| Sat., Feb. 22          | Men's Breakfast @ Greenwood Restaurant, 9:00 am   |
| <b>Sunday, Feb. 23</b> | <b>7th Sunday after Epiphany</b><br><b>Worship Service: 10:30 am</b><br><b>Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room</b><br>Duty Elders: Cathy G and Patsy D.<br>Fellowship: Lori Turner               |
| Tues., Feb. 25         | Endowment, Fellowship, 4:00 pm  |
| Wed., Feb. 26          | Wholeness & Healing Service 5:00 pm, light supper immediately following in Fellowship.  |
| Thur., Feb. 27         | Session, Fellowship, 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Sunday, Mar 2</b>   | <b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b><br><b>Worship Service: 10:30 am</b><br><b>Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room</b><br><b>2¢ a Meal</b><br>Duty Elders: Patsy D & Patty V.<br>Fellowship: _____ |
| Tues., Mar 4           | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Fellowship Hall, 5-7:00 pm, sponsored by Worship Committee.  |
| Wed., Mar 5            | Ash Wednesday Service, St. Mark's Episcopal, 7:00 pm  |
| Frid., Mar. 7          | World Day of Prayer, Sanctuary Open from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.   |

## Spiritual Medley

### Down by the Riverside / "He's Got the Whole World in His hands"

1 Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
Down by the riverside,  
to study war no more. [Refrain]

Refrain:  
I ain't goin' to study war no more,  
ain't goin' to study war no more,  
ain't goin' to study war no more.  
I ain't goin' to study war no more,  
ain't goin' to study war no more,  
ain't goin' to study war no more.

2 Goin' to lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside;  
Goin' to lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
to study war no more. [Refrain]

3 He's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands.

4 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,  
he's got you and me, sister, in his hands,  
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,  
he's got the whole world in his hands.

Coda: He's got the whole world in his hands.

## February is Black History Month.

All of the song titles that are **underlined and bolded** in the worship bulletin this morning were chosen in Celebration of Black History Month. Most of them date back to before the American Civil War, and remained unpublished until 1918, when they were included in "*Plantation Melodies: A Collection of Modern, Popular and Old-time Negro-Songs of the Southland.*"

The souls of the slaves found release through singing, and a unique form of music evolved called the "Afro-American Spiritual". These songs were composed in the fields and barns, the words often dealing with daily pain and future hope. Fisk University, in Nashville, Tennessee, was established after the Civil War, and the Fisk Jubilee Singers popularized these spirituals around the world. Composers began arranging spirituals in a way that appealed to the larger population and this gave rise to another genre called "gospel songs". Few spirituals can be precisely dated, nor are many specific authors known, but they have had a great influence on American Christian Music.

"Down By the Riverside" is a spiritual that was sung by slaves in the South as a work song. It dates back to before the American Civil War. The song centers around abandoning aggression and putting on new spiritual clothing at the side of the river before crossing it.

## Old Testament Reading

### Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his arm,  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

<sup>9</sup>The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately corrupt;  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>“I the Lord search the mind  
and try the heart,  
to give every man according to his ways,  
according to the fruit of his doings.”

## New Testament Reading

### Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup>And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; <sup>18</sup>and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger.

“Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

## #563 Lord I Want to Be A Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3 Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

## #803 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

1 He is Lord, he is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord!

2 He is King, he is King!  
He will draw all nations to him, he is King;  
and the time shall be when the world shall sing  
that Jesus Christ is King!

3 He is Love, he is Love!  
He has shown us by his life that he is Love;  
all his people sing with one voice of joy  
that Jesus Christ is Love!

4 He is Life, he is Life!  
He has died to set us free and he is Life;  
and he calls us all to live evermore,  
for Jesus Christ is Life.

