

Charge

Sung Response: #593 (vs. 3)

“The Gift of Love”

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Blessing

Postlude:

“Soon and Very Soon”

Anonymous

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, 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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Service Music: # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.

Hymns: #801 “This Is the Day”. #802 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”, #610 “There Is a Balm in Gilead”, #609 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”, #593 “The Gift of Love”.

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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

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

*Prelude: #801 (congregation sing together)

"This Is the Day"
Stephen R. Adams

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive) (Isaiah 55:6,7 KJV)

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,

Many: call ye upon him while he is near:

One: let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts:

Many: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, and he will abundantly pardon.

One: Praise the Lord.

Many: The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #803

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Call to Confession: (responsive)

One: Trusting in God's promised mercies

Many revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior,

All: let us confess our sins toward both God and all human-kind.

Prayer of Confession: (unison) (Psalm 51, KJV, adapted)

O God,

Have mercy upon us, according to thy loving-kindness. According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions; and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

* 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) (Psalm 103:8, 10-12 KJV)

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

Many: He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

One: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Many: As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

All: 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

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Offering

Regular Offering

Offertory Anthem

Solo: Lori Turner

"Goodness of God"

J. Johnson

*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 pg. 591)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Hymn: #611 (please remain seated)

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 893)

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon

"God Knows Us, Really Knows Us Well; And Yet God Loves Us & Can Use Us Anyway!"

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

Moment for Meditation

"Just As I am "

W.B. Bradbury

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #609

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

* Please stand if you are able

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Plan on a **Covered Dish Fellowship** immediately following service today! Chicken and drinks will be supplied.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ **Soup for Seniors!** Thank you all for your donations of soup and other items to be donated to the LOA Soup program. We filled a table to overflowing Debbie Coats delivered it to them on Monday, February 3. It was accepted with delight!
- ◆ The Ecumenical Book Club, which meets at St. Marks Episcopal Church here in Fincastle, has selected their next book, "*Gilead*" by Marilynne Robinson. This book is the winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and explores faith, forgiveness and redemption. They will review it at their next meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 10:30 am. See Lyn Burton if you have any questions.
- ◆ **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 9
Monday 9:00 am—3:00 pm, Tuesday 12:00-4:00,
Wednesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm,
Thursday 10:00 am— 3:00 pm**

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| Sunday, Feb. 9 | 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Patsy Dickerson & Patty Vari
Fellowship: Covered Dish
Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 2:00 pm.
Pastor Search Committee, 3:00 pm, Logan Room
Valentines Day.
Danette Out of Office |
| Tues., Feb. 11 | |
| Wed., Feb. 12 | |
| Friday, Feb. 14 | |
| Sunday, Feb. 16 | 6th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Lynne B. & Patty Vari
Fellowship: Patsy Dickerson |
| Mon., Feb. 17 | HFI, Fellowship, 6:00 pm
Danette Out of Office |
| Tues., Feb. 18 | 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 |
| Sunday, Feb. 23 | 7th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Cathy G and Patsy D.
Fellowship: _____ |
| 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 |

Session Committees for 2025

It's the time of year to look at our Session Committees and who is current on each committee. If you are interested in joining or withdrawing from a committee, please contact the chairman of that committee.

Christian Education: Lyn Burton, chairman

Verna Shuey, Danette Heinlein

Communications: Patsy Dickerson, chairman

Sandy Gates, Danette Heinlein, JoAnn Snowden, Sue Porter

Congregational Care: Cathy Goad, chairman

Danette Heinlein, Ginnie Phillippe, Verna Shuey

Finance: Hal Bailey, chairman

Debbie Coots, Danette Heinlein, Mardee Kilby

Fellowship: Jim Porter, chairman

Fred Coots, John Kilby, Bob Omer, Paul Phillippe

Mission: Teri Walker, chairman

Lyn Burton, Debbie Coots, Paul Phillippe

Personnel: Lynne Bolton, chairman

Property: Fred Coots, chairman

Hal Baily, Alan Brenner, Lyn and Kip Burton, Mike Goad, Paul Phillippe, Jim Porter, Julia Richardson, Ed and Verna Shuey

Worship: Lynne Bolton, chairman

Patsy Dickerson, Danette Heinlein, Lori Turner, Patty Vari

Newsletter: Patsy Dickerson, editor

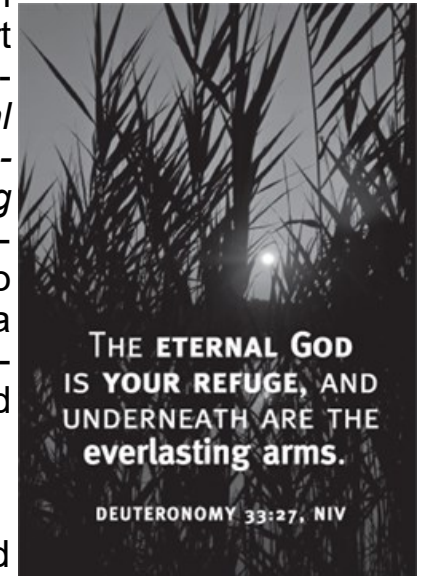
Anyone who has something to contribute

Grant: Patsy Dickerson, chairman

Alan Brenner, Fred Coots, David Dickerson, Paul Phillippe

The Story Behind:

One day successful author, business man, and devout Presbyterian layman Anthony J. Showalter received letters from two different friends, telling him of their recent bereavements. In sending message of comfort to them, Mr. Showalter included Deut. 33:22 *"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. . ."* As he ended his letters, the thought occurred to him that this verse would be a fine theme for a hymn. He jotted down the words and music for the refrain.



Thinking that he should have some help in completing song verses based on this scripture, he asked his friend Elisha Hoffman, a pastor and author of many gospel songs, to help. The hymn was then published in 1887 in the *"Glad Evangel for Revival, Camp and Evangelist Meetings Hymnal."*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzzi'ah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven.” ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

New Testament Reading

Luke 5:1-11

While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. ²And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, ⁷they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.”

#801 This Is the Day

1 This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the has made.

2 This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again, when he rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when he rose again.

3 This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again, when the spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the spirit came;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when the spirit came.

#803 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

1 Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God;
will you pray with all your power,
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain, unless the Spirit
of the Holy One comes down:
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

2 Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sisters aided him;
will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior--
tell them that he will be found:
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

3. Let us pause before our Maker
and in silence hear his voice;
Christ the Living Word now meets us;
in his truth let us rejoice.
What we are should not appall us
for his mercy meets us here;
we are now made one in Jesus,
may our worship be sincere.

4 Let us love our God supremely,
let us love each other too;
let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.

Then he'll call us home to heaven,
at his table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

#611 There is a Balm in Gilead

[Refrain:]
There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say "He died for all." (Refrain)

3 Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

#609 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)