

Sermon: "Trust and Obey, For There's No Other Way"  
—Through the Wilderness"  
The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.

Moment for Meditation "In The Garden"  
C. Austin Miles

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed  
Hymn: #523 "Trust and Obey"

Charge  
Sung Response: #517 "The Solid Rock"

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
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Blessing  
Postlude "Great Is the Lord"  
M. Smith/ D. Smith

### 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, The family of Betsy McMurry (Keith McMurry's Mom), Sarah Keith Morgan (friend of Lyn Burton) ), Audrey Nicely (Hi's 92 year old Aunt), Gene Rose and Mike St. Clair (friends of Sandy Gates).

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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

## First Sunday in Lent

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

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"Blessed Assurance"*  
Crosby/Knapp

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: **(Responsive)** (Psalm 95:6,7-adapted)

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**Many: And also with you!**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**Many: For our maker is our God; and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of our Lord's hand.**

One: Praise the Lord!

**Many: The Lord's name be praised!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn: #520 *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*



Call to Confession: **(Responsive)** (See Hebrews 4:14-16)

One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect He was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**Many: Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**All: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

**Most Holy and merciful Father,**

**We acknowledge and confess before you: our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love.**

**But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed**

**and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son.**

**And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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)

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

**Many: The Lord has 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 God's mercy toward them that fear God.

**Many: As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us. 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:

Regular Offering  
Offertory Anthem

*"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"*  
J.S. Bach

\*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



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 17) Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Hymn: #622 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 892) Luke 4: 1-13

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Handbells** will begin practicing for Easter music after worship today. We will have regular practices during the Lenten season. Let's make some joyful noise!
- ◆ The **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently accepting donations for Helene Disaster Relief (DR000169 )as well as, CA Wild-fire (DR000165).** You can donate through e-giving or by check.
- ◆ **March Birthday's:** March 6—Hal Bailey and Ed Shuey; March 8—Natalie Givens; March 9—Mary Lee Reese (David's mother who turns 98); March 18—Cal Beasley; March 25—Alan Brenner; March 29—Patty Vari.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Tuesday, March 11, the Women's Bible study will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 12, will be the first Lenten Luncheon at Fincastle Methodist Church Family Life Center at 12:00 noon. **Rev. Samuel Plymale, St. Mark's UMC , Daleville** will provide the lesson. Lunch will be served immediately following: Ham Biscuits, Potato Salad, Fruit, Desserts. See bulletin insert for more information.
- ◆ Sat., Mar. 15, the Men's Breakfast will be at Northstar Restaurant in Buchanan at 9 am.
- ◆ **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 March 9**

**Mon., Wed., 9:30 am -4:30 pm**

**Thursday, 10:30—4:30**

**Friday 12:00 Noon—4:30**

***Remember: Daylight Savings time begins early Sunday, March 9 (Spring forward)***

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| <b>Sunday, Mar. 9</b> | <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b><br><b><u>Worship Service: 10:30 am</u></b><br><b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30 am, Logan Room<br>Duty Elders Lynne B. & Cathy G.<br>Fellowship: Verna S.<br>Handbell Practice after Fellowship Time<br>Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm<br>Tues., Mar.11<br>Wed., Mar. 12<br>Lenten Lunch (noon) at Fincastle United Methodist Church; speaker: Rev. Samuel Plymale, St. Mark's UMC<br>Sat., Mar. 15<br>Pastor Search Committee, Logan Room, 3:00 pm<br>Men's Breakfast at Northstar 9 am |
| <b>Sunday Mar. 16</b> | <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b><br><b><u>Worship Service: 10:30 am</u></b><br><b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30 am, Logan Room<br>Duty Elders: Patsy D. and Teri W.<br>Fellowship: Julia R.<br>Handbell Practice after Fellowship Time<br>Mon.–Mar. 17<br>Wed., Mar. 19<br>HFI meeting , Fellowship, 6:00 pm<br>Lunch (noon) at Fincastle United Methodist Church; speaker: Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min  |
| <b>Sunday Mar. 23</b> | <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b><br><b><u>Worship Service: 10:30 am</u></b><br><b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30 am, Logan Room<br>Duty Elders: Lynne B. and Teri W.<br>Fellowship: _____<br>Handbell Practice after Fellowship Time<br>Mon.–Mar. 17<br>Wed., Mar. 19<br>St. Patrick's Day<br>Lunch (noon) at Fincastle United Methodist Church; speakers: Pastors Tom & Naomi Powers, Daleville Church of the Brethren  |

## Lenten Services & Lunch



### Wednesday Lenten Services and Lunch

Fincastle United Methodist Church  
Family Life Center, 137 S. Church Street  
473-3001

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for a short, 20 minute service beginning at 12:05 p.m. with music and messages of faith and hope from area pastors.

A home-cooked lunch immediately follows each service at 12:30 p.m.

The service and meal are designed to give you time to return home or to work within one hour.

Take-out meals will be available.

Parking is available on the street, at the Masonic Lodge, and at the Health Department on the side facing Church Street.

If Botetourt schools are closed for inclement weather, the service is canceled.

#### Leading the Worship

- 03/12**    **Rev. Samuel Plymale, St. Mark's UMC ,Daleville**
- 03/19**    **Rev. Dr. David Dickerson**  
Fincastle Presbyterian Church
- 03/26**    **Pastors Tom & Naomi Powers**    Daleville Church of the Brethren
- 04/02**    **Mr. Jake Webb, MDiv ,**  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fincastle
- 04/09**    **Rev. Fr. Xavier Banasula**  
Church of the Transfiguration ,Fincastle

#### Lunch Menu

- Ham Biscuits, Potato Salad, Fruit, Desserts
- Potato or Veg. Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Jello, Salads, Rolls, Desserts
- Chicken Salad Croissants, Vegetable Salad, Chips, Desserts
- Potato Bar, Chili, Green Salad, Corn Bread, Desserts
- Sub Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Chips, Desserts

## And the Story behind...

### ...Trust and Obey

In 1886 Daniel B. Towner, director of the music department at Moody Bible Institute, was leading the music for evangelist D. L. Moody's series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts. A young man rose to give a testimony, saying, "I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey." Mr. Towner jotted down this statement and sent it to the Rev. John H. Sammis (1846-1919), a Presbyterian minister and later a teacher at Moody Bible Institute, who wrote the five verses to this song.

Rev. Sammis said "Salvation is God's responsibility. Our responsibility is to trust in that salvation and then obey its truths."

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## **#520 *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus***

1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to take him at his word,  
just to rest upon his promise,  
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

2 O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood,  
just in simple faith to plunge me  
'neath the healing, cleansing flood! (Refrain)

3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease,  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace. (Refrain)

4 I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,  
and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end. (Refrain)

## **#622 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;

take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

## **#523 *Trust and Obey***

1 When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his Word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he will richly repay;  
not a grief nor a loss,  
not a frown nor a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey. (Refrain)

3 But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows  
and the joy he bestows  
are for them who will trust and obey. (Refrain)

4 Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go—  
never fear, only trust and obey. (Refrain)

## Old Testament Reading

### Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup> “When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, and have taken possession of it, and live in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place which the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup> And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘I declare this day to the Lord your God that I have come into the land which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup> Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

<sup>5</sup> “And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father; and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup> And the Egyptians treated us harshly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried to the Lord the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression; <sup>8</sup> and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which thou, O Lord, hast given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God; <sup>11</sup> and you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

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## New Testament Reading

### Luke 4:1-13

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And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit <sup>2</sup> for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

<sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,’

<sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” <sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.