

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 23

<b>Sunday, May 23</b>	Graduation Sunday	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	143 Broad
6:30 pm	Stated Session Meeting	143 Broad
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, May 24

### Tuesday, May 25

2:00 pm	Sermon Study with Dave	143 Broad
5:30 pm	Screwtape Letters Study	Parlor
7:00 pm	Screwtape Letters Study	Room 301

### Wednesday, May 26

10:00 am	VBS Workday	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study with Dave	143 Broad

### Thursday, May 27

7:00 pm	Bible Study with Andy Stanley	Zoom
7:00 pm	Screwtape Letters Study	Zoom

### Friday, May 28

### Saturday, May 29

7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
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### Sunday, May 30

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	143 Broad
7:00 pm	HS PYF	143 Broad

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT....

**The Screwtape Letters Study:** Early in 1940, after the start of WWII, C.S. Lewis had the idea of writing a book about "the psychology of temptation from the other point of view." The book holds 31 letters from a senior demon to his nephew, a lesser demon who has oversight over man who is referred to as "the patient." Starting the second week of May there will be two groups meeting to study this fascinating look at temptation. The first group led by Jaclyn Webb will meet on Tuesday nights at the church in room 301 at 7:00 p.m. starting May 11. The second group, led by Matthew Sholar and Jonathan Snodgrass, will meet on Thursday nights on zoom at 7:00 p.m. starting May 13. Both groups will meet for 11 weeks, will be discussion based, and will cover three letters a week. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office or register online at [www.moorestvillefpc.org/pilgrims-progress-1-1](http://www.moorestvillefpc.org/pilgrims-progress-1-1).

**Child Care Nursery:** We are re-opening our childcare nursery during worship services this morning. Nursery care will be available for infants through kindergarten age from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm in Room 211 and Room 215. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; [ellen@moorestvillefpc.org](mailto:ellen@moorestvillefpc.org)) if you have questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help with nursery care.

## LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

### SESSION

#### David Rockness, Moderator

#### Class of 2021

Mike Campbell  
Brent Curtis  
Tom Morrow  
Mike Toma  
Gene Vaughan

#### Class of 2022

Phil Heilman  
Zach Miller  
Trent Newell  
Bill Omohundro  
Mickey Russell

#### Mark Auten, Clerk

#### Class of 2023

Mark Auten  
Chris Creech  
Ross Culp  
Scott Mauney  
Sue Stevens

### DIACONATE

#### Andrew Coates, Moderator

#### Class of 2021

Beverly Chappell  
Andrew Coates  
Hillary Cole  
Angie Copeland  
Debbie Lackey  
Jane Peterson  
Teresa Trimble

#### Class of 2022

Carolyn Brawley  
Pat King  
Liz Rader  
Kendall Reid  
Ginny Swedenberg

#### Liz Rader, Associate Moderator

#### Class of 2023

Chet Carpenter  
Laura Christman  
Lucy Hastings  
Cathy Irwin

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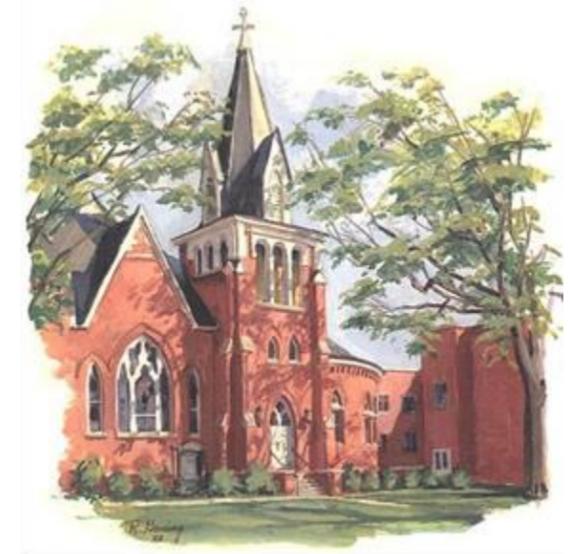
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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
May 23, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M. Graduation Sunday

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

\*Please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE: Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Jason Sentas

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*  
Stand up, stand up for Jesus, you soldiers of the cross, lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss; from victory unto victory his army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day.  
You that are brave, now serve him against unnumbered foes.  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone,  
The arm of flesh will fail you you dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long.  
This day the noise of battle, the next, the victor's song.  
To those who conquer evil a crown of life shall be;  
They, with the king of glory shall reign eternally.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;  
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTATIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Tom Kirkland

CHARGE TO OUR GRADUATES Jason Sentas

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, AND LORD'S PRAYER  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SONG OF WORSHIP *"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"*

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed.  
I trust the ever-living One; his wounds for me shall plead.

*Refrain:*

I need no other argument, I need no other plea; it is enough that Jesus died,  
and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul, I come to him, he'll never cast me out. *Refrain:*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God.  
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. *Refrain:*

My great Physician heals the sick. The lost he came to save.  
For me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. *Refrain:*

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:27-30  
"Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have."

SERMON *"Living for Christ"* Dave Rockness

\*HYMN: *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come; hence-forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King Eternal we lift our battle song

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears; for gladness breaks like morning where're your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

\*INVITATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Are you a first time visitor?** If so, please make sure to check-in at the welcome table in the church parlor after the service. We want to make sure you have the opportunity to connect and address any questions you may have about our church community.

**Adult Sunday School:** We are offering an in-person Sunday School class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The class is led by John and Judy Daniel, and uses the Ray Vander Laan DVD series, "That the World May Know." Upcoming class sessions include these topics:  
May 23 – Prophets and Kings: Being in the Culture and Not of it – The Lord is My Shepherd  
May 30 – Prophets and Kings: Being in the Culture and Not of it – God With Us

**VBS Workdays:** There will be VBS workdays every Wednesday from 10:00 am to noon. Volunteers will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Vacation Bible School:** Registration is underway for this summer's VBS.

- Curriculum: "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls us Through"
- Monday, July 12 – Friday, July 16
- 9:30 am – noon
- 4 years old – rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Register online – go to [moorevillefpc.org](http://moorevillefpc.org), click on VBS tab
- Registration deadline: Monday, July 5
- Registration is limited – sign up early!
- Volunteers needed, rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade – adults. Volunteers sign up on church website.
- Safety protocols will be in place; parents must sign form showing agreement with our protocols.
- For more information, check out the VBS displays in the parlor, fellowship hall and 143 Broad, or contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; [ellen@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:ellen@moorevillefpc.org)).

**2021 Scholarship Awards:** Because of the Covid-19 virus, the Agnes Neel and Cora Freeze scholarships are being recognized through the church bulletin instead of in person. The selection committee consists of Tony Ervin, Sue Stevens, and Steve Waugh. All applicants were outstanding which made it difficult for the selection committee.

The committee selections are:

**Agnes Preston Neel Scholarship** \$2500, awarded to Mary Elizabeth Davidson. She plans to attend Appalachian State University to study to be a musical therapist.

**Cora L. Freeze Scholarship** \$2500, awarded to Joshua Sawyer McClure. He plans to attend NC State University to study Biomedical Engineering. Congratulations to Mary and Joshua for your selection. To all applicants, the committee wishes each of you much success as you enter a new and exciting phase of your life. May God be your guide each day.

**Graduates:** We honor and congratulate our graduating high school seniors this morning. Names are listed with high school and the college each graduate plans to attend in the fall. Congratulations to:

**Amanda Copeland**- Mooresville HS/UNC Wilmington  
**Mary Davidson**- Lake Norman HS/Appalachian State University  
**Ryan Fitzpatrick**- Mooresville HS/Western Carolina University  
**Reagan Inman**- Mooresville HS/Catawba College  
**Joshua McClure**- Mooresville HS/NC State University  
**John Morrow**- Mooresville HS/NC State University  
**Miles Prochaska**- Mooresville HS/UNC Chapel Hill  
**Kailie Rockness**- Mooresville HS/Wheaton College  
**William Cooper Stissel**- Mooresville HS/UNC Charlotte  
**Jackson Woods**- Mooresville HS/Hampden-Sydney College.

**College Graduates:** We honor and congratulate our college graduates this morning: Congratulations to:

**Brea Brooks**- East Carolina University  
**Will Davidson**- UNC Chapel Hill  
**Rachel Faulkenberry** – Wake Forest University  
**Courtney Rockness** – Wheaton College  
**Cameron Sledge** – NC State University

If you or a family member are graduating from college or graduate school this year, please contact the church office ([office@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:office@moorevillefpc.org)) with pertinent information, in order for your information to be included in the church newsletter.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. **Prayer concerns will remain for six weeks. If you wish people to remain longer, please contact the church office and ask to have the period extended.** If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

### Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Joan Gibson	Billie Brawley	John Westmoreland
Lecie Miller	Mary Mason	Kathleen Bates
Pat Hunter	Dot Nelson	Peggy Rogers

### Members of the Church

Al Culp	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Gene Harris	Faye Wright	Tom Trosuk
Sheri Mack	Lorra Lee Holshouser	Bill Morrow & Family

### Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Hudson Hitchcock
Dianne Haynes	Tom Castilano	Patty McNeely Beamish
Margie Overcash, sister to Marilyn Beaver	Patti Dancoff	Jim Hemphil

### Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin,USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF	Maj. William Matheny, Army	LTC Rodney Tatum