

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 16

Sunday, May 16

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
5:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting	Room 300
7:00 pm	HS PYF	143 Broad

Monday, May 17

Tuesday, May 18

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 19

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

Thursday, May 20

7:00 pm	Choir Study	Zoom
7:00 pm	Screwtape Letters Study	Zoom

Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
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Sunday, May 23

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	Zoom
7:00 pm	HS PYF	143 Broad

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

Liz Rader, Associate Moderator

Class of 2022

Carolyn Brawley
Pat King
Liz Rader
Kendall Reid
Ginny Swedenberg

Class of 2023

Chet Carpenter
Laura Christman
Lucy Hastings
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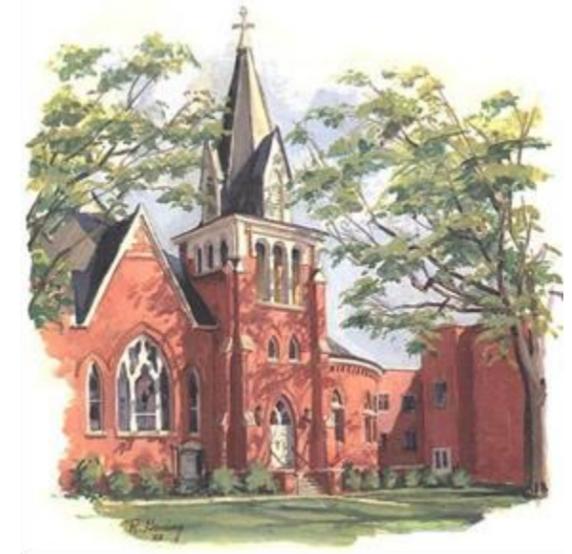
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

May 16, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

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

Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *"To God Be The Glory"*

To God be the glory, great things he hath done; so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin; and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done,

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain:*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain:*

*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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Gideons

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 *"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"*

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall;
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek;
To those who ask, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek.

But what to those who find? Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is none, but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize will be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:19-26

“For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.”

SERMON

"Looking Forward"

Dave Rockness

*HYMN: *"I Surrender All"*

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow, worldly pleasures all forsaken take me, Jesus, take me now. *Refrain:*

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine; may thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy power divine. *Refrain:*

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. *Refrain:*

*INVITATION

* BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Bill and Carolyn Brawley, in honor of all high school and college graduates in our church family. Congratulations and God's blessings on you as you reach this milestone.

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.

Children's Messages: There will be a Children's Message posted on the church website (moorevillefpc.org) at the end of each week. Click on Ministries tab, then Children tab.

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 16 – Prophets and Kings: Being in the Culture and Not of It – The Wages of Sin

May 23 – Prophets and Kings: Being in the Culture and Not of it – The Lord is My Shepherd

Tables and chairs are set up and spaced so that participants may easily sit 6 feet apart. We strongly recommend wearing a mask and sitting only with people in your household. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) if you have questions.

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.moorevillefpc.org/pilgrims-progress-1-1.

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 begins today for Vacation Bible School. VBS information:

- Curriculum: "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls us Through"
- Monday, July 12 – Friday, July 16
- 9:30 am – noon
- 4 years old – rising 6th grade
- Volunteers needed, rising 7th grade – adults. Volunteers sign up on church website.
- Safety protocols will be in place; parents must sign form showing agreement with our protocols
- Register online – go to moorevillefpc.org, click on Ministries tab, then Children tab
- Registration deadline: Monday, July 5
- Registration is limited – sign up early!
- 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)

VBS Planning Meeting: There will be a meeting of the VBS Planning Committee this afternoon at 5:00 pm in Room 300. Please join our group as we make plans for this summer's VBS, scheduled for July 12-16.

Child Care Nursery: Next Sunday, May 23, we will re-open our childcare nursery during worship services. 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@moorevillefpc.org) if you have questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help with nursery care.

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
Tom Kirkland		

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