

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 6

Sunday, April 6		
8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:15 pm	Confirmation	coffee shop
6:00 pm	Combined Refresh Youth	Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 7		
9:30 am	Preschool Chapel	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 8		
9:30 am	Preschool Chapel	Parlor
10:00 am	Circle 4 meeting	143 Broad
12:30 pm	Circle 5 meeting	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Circle 3 meeting	Kim Streb’s home
6:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 9		
1:30 pm	Prayer meeting	Library
5:30 pm	WNT	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal	Choir room
Thursday, April 10		
	Preschool Picture Day	
7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad
Friday, April 11		
	Preschool Picture Day	
Saturday, April 12		
7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad
10:00 am	Volunteer Appreciation Brunch	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 13		
	Palm Sunday	
8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional worship	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Team	Parlor
5:00 pm	Congregational Care Council	Room 301
5:00 pm	MS Refresh Youth	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Worship & Music committee	Room 307
7:00 pm	Finance committee	Room 222
7:00 pm	HS Refresh Youth	Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Word Power: Our youth will be performing a musical, *Word Power* on **Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.** in the 143 worship space. This performance will mark our last Wednesday Night Together of the semester and will be preceded by our normal meal at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this brief (40 minute) musical performance. The children have learned music, choreography, acting, and basic stage production, but most importantly according to the Bible how their words have power for good or evil.

VBS Volunteer registration is OPEN! Volunteers can register themselves and their campers/junior campers (ages 0 - 3) here <https://vbspro.events/p/events/5162dd> Or go to our church website to find the link to register. <https://mooresvillefpc.org/>. Camper registration will open on 4/1/25.

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH
SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Cathy Irwin	Robert Holman	Brent Curtis
Scott Lumadue	Vic Petrenko	Philip Heilman
Ted Mikels	Susan Poore	David Handy
Zach Miller	Johnny Robertson	Rachel van Harn
Jayson Stutts	Lynda Robinson	Trent Newell
Laura Wright	Al White	Donna Welsh

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff	dave@mooresvillefpc.org
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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis	The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates
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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.

Wednesday Night Together (WNT) has begun for the Spring. Evenings begin with kids' music at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner at 5:30 pm (suggested donation: \$5 per person, \$20 max per family). At 6:15 pm, choose from several Bible Study classes. For more information, email moses@mooresvillefpc.org.

Western North Carolina Mission Trip: We are targeting May 3, for a mission trip to assist with the rebuilding of a house in the Old Fort area of North Carolina. As the date gets closer more details will be available, however at present it is anticipated we will possibly be painting or working on raising walls. SOS Group NC is who we will be working with. If you are interested in being part of the team, please let me know, Mark Ramsey, at ramseymt4@gmail.com. I look forward to working with everyone.

Church Directories: New church directories are now available in the sanctuary, church parlor, the church office, and in 143 Broad. Please take one per household.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

April 6, 2025 ♦ 11:15 A.M.

*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	<i>Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed</i>
Arr. Carolyn Hamlin	Greg Thompson - organ

WELCOME	Moses Camacho
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CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 100
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Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God’s presence with a song.

People: Know this: The Lord alone is God; we belong to the Lord, who made us, we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

People: For good is the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

INVOCATION

Mighty God, by your power you created us, and by your goodness you call us to be your people. Accept the offering of our worship that every race and nation may enter your courts, praising you in song; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 84: O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Tune: ST. ANNE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed Moses Camacho
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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Moses Camacho

DUET: Be Still My Soul
Tune: FINLANDIA. arranged by Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)
Morgan Duncan, mezzo-soprano Samuel Morrow, tenor
Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heav'nly friend
Thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past;
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on
When we will be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: David & Donna Miles
Will & Courtney Mosely

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Mary Elizabeth Mosely II

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.:

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 256: There is a Fountain Filled with Blood
Tune: COWPER

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:1-8

SERMON: A Costly Gift Dave Rockness

CHORAL BENEDICTION: In the Shadow of the Cross
David Angerman (b. 1955)
Here, in the shadow of the cross we remember love.
Here, in the shadow of the cross we remember hope.
Here in the shadow of the cross we remember grace.
Go in peace and remember.

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 72: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Tune: RUNYAN

*POSTLUDE Praeludium no.1 BWV. 553
Johann S. Bach Greg Thompson - organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne Lowe, Carolyn Morrow, Winkie Powell, and Glyn Powell, by Audry Harris.

Receiving of new members: We are pleased to announce the addition of 9 new members. Saleena Boles, Michael & Meg Sileo, Justin & Allison Neff, Will & Courtney Mosely, and David & Donna Miles.

Baptism: Will and Courtney Mosely invite the congregation to share in the joy and witness as their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Mosely II, receives the Sacrament of Baptism today. Sisters are Elinore and Margaret. We also invited the congregation to share in the joy and witness as Saleena Boles received the sacrament of baptism in the 8:30 am service, and Justin Neff received the sacrament of baptism in the 10:00 am service today.

Saints Alive: Join us on Tuesday April 15 at 12:30 pm for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch we will head to the sanctuary for a Lenten service David Hamilton is putting together. The service will go from 1:30 - 2:15 pm. Cost is \$10 a person. Please RSVP by April 12 to Melissa Foulke. You can RSVP on the church website, email melissaf@moorevillefpc.org, or call the church office. We look forward to seeing you there.

Palm Sunday annual Coat Drive for the Christian mission: Bring your lightly used and out grown coats to donate to the Christian Mission. There will be collection tables in 143, the Fellowship Hall, and the Parlor on Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday: On April 17, we will have a family style dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by a special music service, *Seven Last Words* by Michael John Trotta, in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. It will include The Chancel Choir of FPC Mooresville, a full orchestra, and Debra Hall Williams, singing soprano. ***Childcare will be provided** for 1st grade and younger from 6:30-8:15 pm. Please RSVP to the church office or to Melissa Foulke (melissaf@moorevillefpc.org) by Sunday, April 13 so we can be sure we have enough childcare providers.

Easter Prayer Vigil: As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we invite you to draw near to Him through an Easter Prayer Vigil. This 24-hour vigil begins at 8:00 pm on Maundy Thursday (April 17th) and

continues through Easter morning (April 20th). To participate, simply sign up for a one-hour prayer slot at a time that works best for you. You are welcome to pray from home or, if your chosen hour falls within church hours, feel free to pray at church if you prefer—whatever feels most comfortable. Link to sign up for a prayer slot: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A48A4A7292-55369677-easter>
This vigil provides a special opportunity to answer the relational call Jesus gave His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane: to keep watch, to be present with Him in His suffering, and to align our hearts with God’s will. It is a time to stand in expectant hope, trusting that even in the darkest moments, His redemptive plan is unfolding. May this vigil be a time of abiding in His love, remembering His sacrifice, and celebrating His victory.

Easter Celebration - Come join us on Saturday April 19 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am for a fun filled morning of celebrating our risen King! Ages 0 - 4 years old will be on our playground for an egg hunt, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and face painting! Ages kinder - 5th grade will be on the field and will have games, face painting, scavenger hunt and of course eggs! *Please register on our website so we have enough eggs for everyone!* <https://moorevillefpc.org/>

2025 Scholarships: Applications are now available for two scholarships for First Presbyterian Church members who are graduating seniors or college students. The Agnes Neel and Cora Freeze scholarships are valued at \$3,000 each. Applications can be obtained from the church website, www.moorevillefpc.org, or from the church office (704) 664-5275. Deadline to be completed and returned to the church office is Monday, April 21.

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

Alecia Miller	Billie Brawley	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Mary Mason	Peggy Davidson
John Neely	Helen Neely	Faye Wright
Jean Chislaghi	Joyce Johnson	

Bereavement – Family of Jane Wright (sister to John Neely)

Members of the Church

Family of Beverly Stowe	Family of Charles Bittinger	Pete Peterson
Justin Foulke	Donna Snyder	Family of Mandy Amon
Jane Peterson	Family of Martha Gates	Family of Alicia Miller

Family of Doris Skeen

Friends of the Church – Terri Luchini (friend to Maria & Phil Heilman)

Barbara Newton	Josiah Dillingham	Cindy Crowell
Seth Snodgrass	Dick Scovil	Kristi Smith
Aldo Martinez	Rick & Delores Spielman	Family of George Potts
Family of Barry Davis	Family of Jacki Rullman	Barbara Weyer
Sharon & Jim Veley	Clare Ormond	

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin,USMC	LT Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF	Alix Davis, USN	LTC Rodney Tatum
Maj. William Matheny, Army	James Regan, USN	Karen Regan, USN
Michael Regan, Army		

