

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27

Sunday, December 27		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad Sanctuary
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	
Monday, December 28	Preschool Closed – Holiday Break	
	Office Closed – Holiday Break	
Tuesday, December 29	Preschool Closed- Holiday Break	
Wednesday, December 30	Preschool Closed – Holiday Break	
Thursday, December 31	New Year’s Eve	
	Preschool Closed – Holiday Break	
	Office Closed - noon	
Friday, January 1	New Year’s Day	
	Preschool Closed – Holiday Break	
	Office Closed – Holiday Break	
Sunday, January 3		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad Sanctuary
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH
SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Mike Campbell	Phil Heilman	Mark Auten
Brent Curtis	Zach Miller	Chris Creech
Tom Morrow	Trent Newell	Ross Culp
Mike Toma	Bill Omohundro	Scott Mauney
Gene Vaughan	Mickey Russell	Sue Stevens

DIACONATE		
Andrew Coates, Moderator		Liz Rader, Associate Moderator
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Beverly Chappell	Carolyn Brawley	Chet Carpenter
Andrew Coates	Pat King	Laura Christman
Hillary Cole	Liz Rader	Lucy Hastings
Angie Copeland	Kendall Reid	Cathy Irwin
Debbie Lackey	Ginny Swedenberg	
Jane Peterson		
Teresa Trimble		

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
December 27, 2020 ♦ 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: “*Angels, From the Realms of Glory*”
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
You who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth;
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God is now with us residing yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, you have seen the natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

***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.**

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 *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow;
Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:21-23
 “Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name? Then I will declare to them, I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”

SERMON *“Concerning Self-Deception”* Dave Rockness

*HYMN: *“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”*
Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night.
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

*INVITATION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Small Groups and Classes - We have a number of offerings for you to grow as a disciple here at the church. To register or to find out more information, please go to the website or call the office. moorevillefpc.org/small-groups-and-classes.

- Circle 1 - 2nd Monday of the month at 2 p.m.
- Circle 3 – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Circle 4 - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
- Circle 5 - 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon.
- College Study – Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.
- Lost and Found Bible Study – (Women) The group meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Winter session has ended and will restart in the new year.
- Men's Bible Study - Monday Mornings at 7 a.m.
- Sermon Study with Dave - Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
- Men's Bible Study with Dave - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Flowers: Please contact the church office (704-664-5275) if you would like to provide flowers for worship services, in honor or memory of loved ones.

Contributions for 2020: In order for all donations to be credited to your giving statement in 2020, they must be received no later than December 28, 2020. If you are planning to donate stock, in lieu of monetary donations, please call or email Marian to let her know to expect it. You may reach her at the office at 704-664-5275 or by email at marian@moorevillefpc.org.

The church office will be closed Monday, December 28 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed at noon on Thursday, December 31 as well as Friday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

PRAAYER 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	Christy Floyd
Peggy Rogers		

Members of the Church

Al Culp	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Gene Harris	Glyn Powell	Tom Trosuk
Carol McClure & Family	Sheri Mack	Sheryl Davis
Rusty LaBarre & Family		

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Hudson Hitchcock
Dianne Haynes	Barry Davis	Tom Castilano
Patti McNeely Beamish	Pastor Brian Miles	Floyd Dinkins
Lola Ahlquist	Margie Overcash	

Armed Forces

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