

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27

Sunday, December 27

9:30 am Contemporary Service
11:00 am Traditional Worship

143 Broad
Sanctuary

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
11:00 am Traditional Worship

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Sanctuary

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2021

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2023

Mark Auten
Chris Creech
Trent Newell
Bill Omohundro
Mickey Russell
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
Cathy Irwin

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff
The Rev. Jason Senter, Associate Pastor

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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Marian Dillingham, Business Administrator
Ellen Auten, Director of Christian Education
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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 (mooresvillefpc.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. mooresvillefpc.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@mooresvillefpc.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.

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
Lecie Miller
Pat Hunter
Peggy Rogers

John Westmoreland
Kathleen Bates
Christy Floyd

Members of the Church

Al Culp
Gene Harris
Carol McClure & Family
Rusty LaBarre & Family

Amy Williams
Tom Trosuk
Sheryl Davis

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover
Dianne Haynes
Patti McNeely Beamish
Lola Ahlquist

Hudson Hitchcock
Tom Castilano
Floyd Dinkins

Armed Forces

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