

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 15

### Sunday, August 15

9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Grades 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School Class	Room 322
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Chancel Choir Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	PYF Leaders Training	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, August 16

7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166 – B	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166 – G	Parlor

### Tuesday, August 17

6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Fellowship Hall
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### Wednesday, August 18

### Thursday, August 19

7:00 pm	Bible Study with Andy Stanley	Zoom
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### Friday, August 20

### Saturday, August 21

7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad
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### Sunday, August 22

9:30 am	Contemporary Service/Communion	143 Broad
9:45 am	Grades 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School Class	Room 322
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

## 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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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*  
August 15, 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

Jason Sentas

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 411: *“How Firm A Foundation”*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for you faith in his excellent Word. What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God, and will still give you aid. I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow. For I will be with you in trouble to bless and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply. The flame shall not hurt you, I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes. That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

\*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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ian and June Robb, and Keith and Debby Zimmerman.

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 514: *"Be Strong In the Lord"*

Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage your mighty Defender is always the same. Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending, victory is sure when you call on his name.

Refrain:

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for he is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.

So put on the armor the Lord has provided and place your defense in his unfailing care. Trust him for he will be with you in battle, lighting your path to avoid every snare. Refrain

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage, your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle for the victory is always his, he will protect you wherever you go. Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! <sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. <sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope: <sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities."

SERMON

*"A Journey of Perseverance: Hope"*

Dave Rockness

\*HYMN 442: *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus; O for grace to trust him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood; just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood. Refrain

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease, just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. Refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust you, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; and I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end. Refrain

\*INVITATION

\* BENEDECTION

\*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome two families** into the membership of this church today:

Ian and June Robb, Keith and Debby Zimmerman.

**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.

**Childcare is available** for infants through Kindergarten age during all services and activities on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm. Nurseries are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education Building.

**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:  
August 15- Gates of Hell – Caesarea  
August 22- City of the Great King – Part 1

**Saints Alive "Lunch Bunch:"** The Saints Alive group (our older adult group) is planning to go to lunch at Johnny's Farmhouse Restaurant this Tuesday, August 17 at 11:30 am. Johnny's Farmhouse is located at 668 River Highway (near Sam's Club). Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; [ellen@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:ellen@moorevillefpc.org)) by Monday, August 16 to make a reservation.

**Children's Sunday School:** We will be offering Sunday School for children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades beginning today, from 9:45 am – 10:45 am in Room 322.

**Camp Grier Day Retreat:** Make plans to join the church family at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, for a Day Retreat on Saturday, September 4. Activities will be held from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm – come for all or part of the day. Information may be found in the church parlor, the church office, and in the 143 Broad building. Register online at [www.moorevillefpc.org](http://www.moorevillefpc.org). Please contact Ellen Auten ([ellen@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:ellen@moorevillefpc.org)) or Jason Sentas ([jason@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:jason@moorevillefpc.org)) if you have any questions about the retreat.

**Perspective's Class Available:** If you have a heart for or growing interest in Missions and would like to learn more about how to take part in God's work around the world, there is a Perspective's class taking place in Huntersville that does it all. Information about the class can be found at [www.perspectives.org/charlottenc](http://www.perspectives.org/charlottenc). If you have any questions about the class please reach out to Pastor Jason at [jason@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:jason@moorevillefpc.org).

**Chancel Choir News:** We would like to announce a fantastic opportunity to anyone who has an interest in good singing and taking part in a special Christmas concert. A fabulous orchestra will accompany us in presenting the music of John Rutter and Leroy Anderson. This invitation is extended to both church congregations, the wider Mooresville community and friends of our church, far and wide. If you can commit to the weekly rehearsal schedule, we would love to see you!

Join us for a friendly and informative luncheon today at 12:15pm. You will hear more about the plans and a chance for us to get to know each other. Don't be shy! Let's get back together.

## 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
Peggy Davidson		

### Members of the Church

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	The Culp Family
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	The Robinson & Seyller Family

Valerie Mauney & Family

### Friends of the Church – Taylor Kirkland and family; Linda Giles, friend to Sharon Chaplinsky

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Margie Overcash,	Patti Dancoff	Aldo Martinez
sister to Marilyn Beaver		

### 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