

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 25

Sunday, April 25	Confirmation Sunday	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service with Confirmation/Communion	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	143 Broad
6:30 pm	Session Meeting	Zoom
7:00 pm	HS PYF	143 Broad
Monday, April 26	Preschool Closed	
Tuesday, April 27		
2:00 pm	Sermon Study with Dave	143 Broad
Wednesday, April 28		
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study with Dave	143 Broad
Thursday, April 29		
7:00 pm	Choir Study	Zoom
Friday, April 30		
Saturday, May 1		
7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
Sunday, May 2		
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
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
Cathy Irwin

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The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
April 25, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M. Confirmation Sunday

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: *"How Firm A Foundation"*

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord; is laid for your 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF WORSHIP *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom and thou my true Word. I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall; still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 42:5
“Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him.”

SERMON *“Hope”* Rev. David Waako

*HYMN: *“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”*
Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, Lover of my soul; Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my Strength, my victory wins. *Refrain:*

Jesus! What a Help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll, even when my heart is breaking, he, my Comfort, helps my soul. *Refrain:*

Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high, storms about me, night o’er-takes me, he my Pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain:*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find, he has granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain:*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Dave Rockness

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
All professing and baptized Christians are invited to commune today, as well as baptized children instructed in the meaning of the sacrament. Please eat the bread and drink the cup as the elements are passed to you. As you pass the elements to your neighbor, please say, “This is the body of Christ, broken for you” and “This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.” May the risen Christ nourish your soul as you commune.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 740: *The 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.

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:

April 25 – Prophets and Kings: Being in the Culture and Not Of It, Innocent Blood, Part 1

May 2 – Prophets and Kings: Being in the Culture and Not Of It, Innocent Blood, Part 2

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.

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.

PYF Groups Meeting Schedule:
The MS PYF groups meet on Sundays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
The HS PYF groups meet on Sundays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

2021 Scholarships: Applications are 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 \$2,500 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 26.

A special Feed the Hungry collection received today enables us to assist the needy throughout our area through Mooresville Soup Kitchen and Christian Mission. Baskets are located in the rear of the sanctuary.

Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmation class: Addison Carpenter, Sarah Cook, Alana Creech, James Miller, John Robinson, Karli Rockness, Peter Sentas, Camryn Stissel, and Gabriel Solomone

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	Jerilyn Fair
Sherri Hodge	Tom Kirkland	Bill Morrow & Family

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