

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 3

<b>Sunday, January 3</b>		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service/Communion	143 Broad
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, January 4</b>		
7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
<b>Tuesday, January 5</b>		
2:00 pm	Sermon Study w/ Dave	143 Broad
<b>Wednesday, January 6</b>		
6:30 pm	Dave's Bible Study	143 Broad
<b>Thursday, January 7</b>		
8:30 pm	College Group	143 Broad
<b>Sunday, January 10</b>		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

## SESSION

<b>David Rockness, Moderator</b>		<b>Mark Auten, Clerk</b>
<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

<b>Andrew Coates, Moderator</b>		<b>Liz Rader, Associate Moderator</b>
<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*  
**January 3, 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: "Angels We Have Heard On High"*  
 Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

*Refrain:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 Say, what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem, and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
 Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

## LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

\*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 *“What Child Is This”*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are  
keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthroned him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:28-29

“Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were  
astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and  
not as their scribes.”

SERMON

*“Jesus' Authority”*

Dave Rockness

\*HYMN: *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity;  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die.

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**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 in February.
- 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.

**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.

**Bereavement Notice for Tom Poteat:** Sympathy is expressed to Carolyn  
Poteat in the death of her husband, Tom Poteat.

## 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	Christy Floyd
Peggy Rogers		

**Bereavement - Rusty LaBarre & family in the death of his wife, Rosemary  
LaBarre**

**Members of the Church**

Al Culp	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Gene Harris	Glyn Powell	Tom Trosuk
Sheri Mack	Sheryl Davis	

**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