

*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.

*SPECIAL MUSIC:

Kerri Smith, Solo
Laura Rumble, Piano/Vocal

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:1-13

"This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.¹³ I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory."

SERMON "Unity in Christ: Uncommon Perspective" Dave Rockness

*HYMN 671: "Lord, We Hear Your Word"

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness: you have spoken we rejoice;
words of love and life and freedom help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you; spoken,
written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led; may the
springs of all our being by your Living Word be fed; may our hearts
accept with meekness all the grace your light make known; may
obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!

You have spoken yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, as living letters we must make your Gospel heard! By your
Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving Light abroad
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

*INVITATION

Dave Rockness

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE:

Bethany Howard

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.

Wednesday Night Together (WNT) - Pastor Dave will be leading a 12-week Bible study on the Book of Acts in the 143 building. It will meet weekly (6-7pm) and is open to men and women of all age groups. Pizza and salad will be available for dinner (5:30-6pm) for a suggested donation of \$5 per/person. If interested in dinner, please contact the church office (704-664-5275) to register. This will give us an idea of how many people to plan for.

Midweek Lenten Luncheon Services - Starting on March 2 the church is hosting a luncheon service on Wednesdays from 12:05 until 12:50. These services will have some music, a short message, and an opportunity to discuss the message over a meal. The seven-week study will look at the life of the Apostle Peter in relationship to Jesus. You are invited to bring your own lunch or register for a box lunch for \$12 on the church website.

Saints Alive: The Saints Alive "Lunch Bunch" plans to meet for lunch tomorrow, Monday, February 21, at 11:30 am at Olive Garden, located at 438 Talbert Road. Please note the change in day of the week to the 3rd Monday of the month (previously met on Tuesdays). Saints Alive is our "older" adult group. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@mooresvillefpc.org) by today to make a reservation.

Vacation Bible School Planning Committee: There will be a VBS Planning Committee meeting this afternoon at 5:00 pm in Room 222. This year's VBS is scheduled for July 11 – 15, from 9:30 am – noon. If you are interested in helping decide this year's theme and curriculum, please plan to attend to provide input and suggestions.

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
Alecia Miller	Mary Mason
Dot Nelson	Peggy Davidson

Kathleen Bates
Peggy Rogers

Amy Williams
Adonna Dickerson
Ron Chislaphi

Members of the Church – Fern Alexander

Gene Harris	Bill Harris
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk
Marilyn Beaver & Family	Jeff Stonestreet

Amy Williams
Bill Harris
Faye Wright
Tom Trosuk
Jeff Stonestreet
Tillie Coyne

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano
Patti Dancoff	Renee Long
Robb Parker	Sibyl Newton
Jane Scovil	Cathy Moore

Patty McNeely Beamish
Bill & Connie Kruse
Tillie Coyne

Armed Forces

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