

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21

Sunday, February 21	New Members Sunday	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service w/Communion	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	143 Broad
7:00 pm	HS PYF	143 Broad
Monday, February 22	Preschool Closed Parent/Teacher Conference	
7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
9:30 am	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
Tuesday, February 23		
2:00 pm	Sermon Study with Dave	143 Broad
Wednesday, February 24		
4:30 pm	Confirmation Class	143 Broad
6:30 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study with Dave	143 Broad
Thursday, February 25		
7:00 pm	Ephesians Book Study with Jason	Zoom
Friday, February 26		
Saturday, February 27		
9:00 am	Scouts Pinewood Derby	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 28		
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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

February 21, 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: *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowing meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward; victors in the midst of strife:
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*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

Drew Fitzpatrick; Jake, Melissa, Caleb, Dylan, Ethan, Justin, and Logan Foulke; Henry, Meghan, Audie, and Jack Seyller; Rick and Rose Sheppard; Phil, Debbie, and Gabriel Solomone.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF WORSHIP *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him; Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. **(Repeat)**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-12

“As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s work might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, Is this not the man who used to sit and beg? Some were saying, it is he. Others were saying, no, but it is someone like him. He kept saying, I am the man. But they kept asking him, then how were your eyes opened? He answered, the man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, go to Siloam and wash. Then I went and washed and received my sight. They said to him, where is he? He said, I do not know.”

SERMON *“Signs and Statements: Amazing Grace”* Dave Rockness

*HYMN: *“Just As I Am”*

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me.
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot.
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many-a doubt.
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome five families into the membership of this church today:

Drew Fitzpatrick; Jake, Melissa, Caleb, Dylan, Ethan, Justin, and Logan Foulke; Henry, Meghan, Audie, and Jack Seyller; Rick and Rose Sheppard; Phil, Debbie, and Gabriel Solomone.

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 10:00 a.m.
- Circle 5 – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 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.
- Men’s Bible Study – Monday mornings at 7:00 a.m.
- Sermon Study with Dave – Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- Men’s Bible Study with Dave – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Ephesians Bible Study with Jason – Thursdays on (Zoom) at 7:00 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.

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.

Adult Sunday School Class: Starting today, Sunday, February 21, we will be offering an in-person Sunday School class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The class will be led by John and Judy Daniel, and will focus on how God revealed himself to his ancient people, and how the stories of the Bible reveal His mission for our lives. The class will use the Ray Vander Laan DVD series, “That the World May Know.”

Tables and chairs will be 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 if you have questions (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org).

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

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		

Members of the Church

Al Culp	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Gene Harris	Faye Wright	Tom Trosuk
Sheri Mack	Lorra Lee Holshouser	

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Hudson Hitchcock
Dianne Haynes	Tom Castilano	Patty McNeely Beamish
Margie Overcash, 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