

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 4

<b>Sunday, July 4</b>	Independence Day	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, July 5</b>	Office Closed – Independence Day Observed	
<b>Tuesday, July 6</b>		
6:30 pm	VBS Staff Training & Teen Volunteer Training	Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, July 7</b>		
10:00 am	VBS Workday	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	VBS Teen Volunteer Training	Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday, July 8</b>		
7:00 pm	Bible Study with Andy Stanley	Zoom
7:00 pm	Screwtape Letters Study	Zoom
<b>Friday, July 9</b>		
10:00 am	VBS Workday	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, July 10</b>		
7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
<b>Sunday, July 11</b>		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service/Communion	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	VBS Workday	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Combined PYF	Curtis' Home

## 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*

**July 4, 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

Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 728: *“God of All Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band. Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past, in this free land by you our lot is cast. Be now our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be your strong arm our ever sure defense. Your true religion in our hearts increase, your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on their toil some way, lead us from night to never ending day. Fill all our lives with heaven-born love and grace, and songs of praise we'll lift before your face.

\*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.**

SONG OF WORSHIP 476: *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

*Refrain:*

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee.  
O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when though art nigh. *Refrain:*

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain. *Refrain:*

I need thee every hour, teach me thy will, and thy rich promises in me fulfill. *Refrain:*

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”

SERMON

*"Spiritual Peace"*

Dave Rockness

\*HYMN 569: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power,  
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour; for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.

Fears and doubts too long have bound us-free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore,  
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

\*INVITATION

\* BENECTION

\*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.

**Are you interested in becoming a member?** If so, please express this desire after the service at the welcome table or contact our church office directly at 704-664-5275.

**Vacation Bible School Staff Training Meeting:** There will be a VBS Staff Training meeting this Tuesday, July 6 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss curriculum, schedules, safety protocols, and other details about our VBS week, July 12-16, and enjoy a light supper together. Please RSVP to Ellen Auten if you plan to attend ([ellen@moorevillefpc.org](mailto:ellen@moorevillefpc.org); 704-664-5275).

**VBS Teen Volunteer Training:** All VBS teen volunteers are required to attend a training meeting. Meetings will be held:

Tuesday, July 6 – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, July 7 – 10:00 am

**VBS Workdays:** There will be several VBS work days this week:

Wednesday, July 7 – 10:00 am

Friday, July 9 – 10:00 am

Sunday, July 11 – Immediately following 11:00 am worship service (sandwiches will be available for VBS volunteers)

**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:

July 4 – The Rabbi

July 11 – Language of Culture

## 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
Joyce Johnson	Peggy Davidson	

### Members of the Church – Justin Foulke

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	The Culp Family
Jane Peterson	Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk

### Friends of the Church

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

### 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