CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8

Sunday, November 8	Veterans Sunday	
8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS Refresh Youth	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Worship & Music committee	Room 307
7:00 pm	HS Refresh Youth	Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 9		
9:30 am	Preschool Chapel	Parlor
2:00 pm	Circle 1	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Personnel committee	Room 222
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 10		
9:30 am	Preschool Chapel	Parlor
10:00 am	Circle 4	143 Broad
12:30 pm	Circle 5	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Circle 3	Home of Kim Streb
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 11	Preschool closed – Veterans Day	
2:30 pm	Prayer meeting	Library
5:30 pm	WNT	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Thursday, November 12		
7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad
Friday, November 13		
Saturday, November 14		
7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
Sunday, November 15		
8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
10:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Christian Ed committee	Room 222
2:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Team	Parlor
5:00 pm	MS Refresh Youth	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS Refresh Youth	Fellowship Hall

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator — **Mark Auten, Clerk**

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Robert Holman	Brent Curtis	Michelle Droddy
Vic Petrenko	Philip Heilman	Nathan Glad
Susan Poore	David Handy	Dave Ramey
Johnny Robertson	Rachel van Harn	Nikki Robinson
Lynda Robinson	Trent Newell	Sue Stevens
Al White	Donna Welsh	Michelle Stissel

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
November 8, 2026 ◆ 11:15 AM
*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 - piano

WELCOME — Al White

*MOMENT FOR CONNECTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 96

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
People: Sing to the Lord and bless the Lord's name; proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
Leader: Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations and the wonders of the Lord among all peoples.
People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.
Leader: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
People: Oh, the majesty and magnificence of the presence of the Lord! Oh, the power and the splendor of the sanctuary of our God!

*INVOCATION

Ever-living God, the heavens were glad and the earth rejoiced when you sent your Son, the incarnate Word, to dwell with us. Help us to proclaim your glory to those who do not know you, until the whole earth sings a new song to you now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 59: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
Tune: HYMN TO JOY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed* Al White

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.

ANTHEM: *Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*
Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith;
where there's despair, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy!
Make me an instrument, a worthy instrument,
make me an instrument of your peace.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;and to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pard'ning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, eternal life!
Make me an instrument of Your peace;
make me an instrument of Your peace,
make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon.
Let me bring faith, let me bring hope, let me bring light and joy!
Make me an instrument; I'll be Your instrument;
make me an instrument of Your peace.
Amen, amen!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 389: *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands*
Tune: ST. COLUMBA

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

SERMON: *Life Together: Discerning Freedom* Dave Rockness

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 393: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
Tune: DENNIS

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson - piano

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 can connect and address any questions you may have about our church community.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Rick and Rose Sheppard, and in honor of all veterans for their devoted service to our country.

Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child started last Sunday! This is your opportunity to help share the love of Christ to children from around the world. Please consider taking a shoebox home and filling it with a wow item or two, hygiene items, and school supplies. Shoeboxes are located in the parlor, as well as the back of the worship area in the 143 Building. Filled boxes need to be returned to the Church by Sunday November 15th. Thank you for your support of this worthy project! - FPC Missions Committee

Advent Sunday will be on November 29th. We are seeking volunteers to help run craft stations from 9:30am - 11:30am. Even if you can only help for part of that time, we would love your help. The Fellowship Hall will be full of crafts for everyone, as well as light refreshments. Please reach out to Melissa Foulke (melissaf@mooresvillefpc.org) if you are interested or would like more information.

Please join us as circle 2 kicks off this fall! This group will be geared toward young(ish) women, although we welcome all young at heart! We will be meeting the first Sunday of each month in the coffee shop at 143 Broad from 2-3pm. This year we will be reading "Behold and Believe" by Courtney Doctor and Joanna Kimbrell, which is a study of the "I Am" statements of Jesus. Please join us on October 4 for our first meeting. If you have any questions, reach out to Laura Christman at lachristman@yahoo.com or by cell 704-677-4201.

Wednesday Night Together (WNT): Fall Semester Wrap-Up: Join us as we finish our fall semester with dinner, fellowship, and discipleship for all ages! **November 11 and 18** will be our final two evenings of classes.
5:30 PM – Dinner ($6/person; $25 family maximum)
6:20–7:30 PM – Adult classes, children's ministry, youth ministry, and childcare
November 25 – No WNT during Thanksgiving week.
December 2 – We'll gather for dinner at **5:30 PM**, followed by **worship in the sanctuary at 6:20 PM**, to close our semester together and turn our hearts toward Advent and Christmas.

Young Families Sunday School Opportunity: We are gauging interest in starting a Sunday school class for young families at 10:00 a.m. We're looking for volunteers to help lead or facilitate—no teaching experience is necessary! Studies, videos, and other resources will be provided. If you're interested in helping or learning more, please contact Pastor Moses at moses@mooresvillefpc.org.

Opportunities to Sing Your Faith: Chancel Choir is a diverse group that loves to sing and serve in FPC Music Ministry; however, we're also a small group with singers who aren't able to be there every Sunday to sing so we need additional singers. Here are several options:
Full-Time Commitment: For singers who would like to join Chancel Choir and are available to attend weekly rehearsals and sing as many Sundays as possible. Rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room following WNT.
Short-Term Commitment: The Advent/Christmas season is a great opportunity for singers who would like to sing during this special season. Rehearsals for Advent/Christmas begin on September 30 at 7:30 p.m. immediately following WNT. We will practice for 30 minutes, and as we approach Advent and Christmas, rehearsal time will be extended. You may also choose to sing only for our Christmas Program/Worship on Sunday, December 13 at 11:15 am. I invite you to prayerfully consider singing with Chancel Choir full time or for the Advent and Christmas season. Contact: Robbie Pearson, Interim Director of Music, robbie@mooresvillefpc.org; 704-560-9978.

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

Joyce Johnson	Jean Chislaghi	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Mary Mason	Christine Davidson

Members of the Church

Justin Foulke	Barbara Hinson Family	Family of David Howie
Bill Morrow Family	Jeff Stonestreet	Christon Carlson
Family of Barbara Newton	Family of George Brawley Jr.	Family of John Neely
Family of Marshall Crouch	Family of Franklin Holshouser	Lorra Lee Holshouser
Larry & Celia Putnam	Rebecca Auten	Family of Bill Brawley
Family of O.C. Stonestreet	Family of Susan Britt	

Friends of the Church – Luci Rudisill & family, Sonny & Sharon Robertson & family

Emily Procik	Brock & Casey McNabb	Seth Snodgrass
Jeri Laud	Louis Vargas	Barbara Weyer
Jim & Sharon Veley	Joyce Gilland	Adam Hill
John & Lynda Cock	Gerald Searels	

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