

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

Sunday, September 20	Confirmation Sunday	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	MS PYF Boys Bible Study	143 Broad
3:30 pm	MS PYF Girls Bible Study	143 Broad

Monday, September 21		
7:00 pm	HS PYF Girls Bible Study	143 Broad
7:00 pm	HS PYF Boys Bible Study	143 Broad

Tuesday, September 22		
2:00 pm	Dave’s Bible Study	143 Broad

Wednesday, September 23		
6:30 pm	Pilgrim’s Progress Book Study w/Jason	

Thursday, September 24		
7:00 pm	Pilgrim Progress Book Study w/Jason	Zoom

Sunday, September 27		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	MS PYF Boys Bible Study	143 Broad
3:30 pm	MS PYF Girls Bible Study	143 Broad

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT....

Logos at Home: The Logos program is entering its 42nd year at First Presbyterian this fall. Logos is a mid-week Christian education program for children and youth in grades 1-8, consisting of Bible study, recreation, music and dinner. While all activities will be held at home this fall, we look forward to great experiences in spiritual growth for our children. Here is our Fall 2020 Logos at Home plan:

- The Fall 2020 program will run from September 30 – November 18.
- Registration is required – go to www.moorestvillefpc.org, click on “Ministries,” then click on “Children” to find the online registration form.
- Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 23.
- There is no charge for Logos at Home.
- Participants will pick up a bag of supplies between Sunday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 30.
- Logos at Home will have pre-recorded videos on the church website (Bible lessons, music and announcements) and at-home participation (recreation and dinner). Participants will receive instructions and ideas for at-home recreation and dinner.
- Invite your friends to join the program! Everyone is welcome to participate!
- Contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorestvillefpc.org) for more information.

Fall Classes and Studies: There will be a number of classes, studies and circles that will be starting up in September for you to get involved in. Both in-person and online options are offered. These include: A weekly study of the sermon passage with Pastor Dave, a book study of Pilgrim's Progress, a men's Bible study on Monday mornings, a number of different weekly, biweekly and monthly women's groups. Please check out the websites for more details on each group and for an opportunity to register.

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH
SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</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

Andrew Coates, Moderator		Liz Rader, Associate Moderator
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</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	Madeline Morgan
Jane Peterson		
Teresa Trimble		

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff	
The Rev. Jason Sentas, Associate Pastor	jason@moorestvillefpc.org

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis	The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
September 20, 2020 ♦ 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
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WELCOME	Dave Rockness
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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, flowery 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT CONFESSION Dave Rockness

SONG OF WORSHIP *I Then Shall Live*

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven. I'll walk with joy to know
my debts are paid. I know my name is clear before my Father; I am his
child, and I am not afraid. So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another,
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too. I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges. I dare to see another's point of view. And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me, Your power and glory, let them shine through me. Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor, And may your living kingdom come in me. The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor, And may you feed a hungry world through me.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. “

SERMON *“Love For Enemies”* Bryan Cerrone

*HYMN: *Blest Be The Ties That Bind*

Blest be the ties that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of
kindred minds is like to that above

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, each other's burdens bear; And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.-

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Jason Sentas

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF BREAD

COMMUNON 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

Confirmation Class: We welcome this year's Confirmation Class to our church family this morning. Participants include: Evan Dame, Neely Davidson, Matthew Hutto, Kevin Malta, Paige Rider, Campbell Schaen, and Brem Sholar

Children's Messages: There will be a Children's Message posted on the church website (moorestownepc.org) at the end of each week. Click on Ministries tab, then Children tab.

Christian Mission Donations: In addition to our ongoing food drive for Mooresville Christian Mission, please consider donating school supplies and kid-friendly snacks for children in need in our community. Children will still need basic supplies such as spiral notebooks, pens and pencils, scissors, crayons, markers, 3 ring binders, dry erase markers and dry erase boards, glue, colored pencils, etc. In addition, school-age children also need kid-friendly snacks such as individual fruit cups, peanut butter, crackers, gummy snacks, individual cereal, pretzels, and juice boxes. Please leave donations in the boxes in the drive-through. Thank you for your generosity toward the children in our community during these difficult and challenging days.

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.

Opportunities to Serve: There are some opportunities over the next few weeks for folks with some construction and handyman skills. I am pulling a team together to build a handicap ramp for a church member, and another team together to install some shades in the church. If you have interest in either please send an email to Jason@moorevillefpc.org.

Communion: During this Sunday's service, we will have communion as a church body. We are excited to welcome our new Confirmands into the first service. Communion is a sacrament given to all believers by Jesus to remember his sacrifice for us and to symbolize the new covenant. The elements of bread and wine/juice are symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood. Communion is not a means of salvation; rather, it is a testament of a believer's faith in the atoning work of the cross. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, join us online to remember his great sacrifice. If you are not in the place where you consider Christ your Savior then sit back and enjoy the service without communion.

- Purchase Grape Juice
- Gather Bread or Baked Crackers
- Be Ready at Home with Your Elements
 - Pastor Jason will direct you through properly receiving communion. All you need to do is follow along with the service individually, or as family.
- Share With Us

Kayak Trip: The Father and Son Kayak trip has been rescheduled once again to Saturday, October 3, 2020. For details, please call the church office.

PRAAYER 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. 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	Margaret Sanders	John Westmoreland
Lecie Miller	Billie Brawley	Kathleen Bates
Pat Hunter	Mary Mason	Christy Floyd

Members of the Church

Al Culp	Bill Harris	Rosemary La Barre
Gene Harris	Glyn Powell	Amy Williams
Peggy Rogers	Sheri Mack	Tom Trosuk

Friends of the Church – Tom Castilano, friend Mike & Angie Toma

Thomas Young Family	Betty & Floyd Daniels	Jacki Rullman
Phyllis & Chester Ammons	Jill Shepherd	Raymond Belcher
Baxley Hoover	Jamie Pursley	Ashley & Jan Morrow
Thomas Joiner	Hudson Hitchcock	Bob Moore
Bob Fallgren	Sara Cain	Mason Swanson
Greg Creech	Alice Freeze	Dianne Haynes
Lois Carns	Jeff Diedrich	Connie & John Ammons
Jack Esala	Barry Davis	Patti McNeely Beamish
Nate Eidem		

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