

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26

### Sunday, November 26

8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
9:30 am	Advent Workshop	Fellowship Hall
9:40 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	CE Meeting	Room 300
6:00 pm	Combined PYF	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Session Meeting	Room 300

### Monday, November 27

9:30 am	Lost & Found Bible Study	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, November 28

12:30 pm	Saints Alive Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, November 29

1:00 pm	Advent Concert Series	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
4:00 pm	Preschool Spirit Night	Chick-fil-A (Exit 36)
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Inquirer's Class	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Lost & Found Bible Study	143 Broad
6:15 pm	PYF Supper Club	Chick-fil-A (Exit 36)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### Thursday, November 30

7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad
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### Friday, December 1

### Saturday, December 2

7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
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### Sunday, December 3

8:30 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
9:40 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Contemporary Worship	143 Broad
11:15 am	Traditional Worship with Logos Choir	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

## LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

### SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator	Mark Auten, Clerk
<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>
Mark Auten	Allen Brawley
Chris Creech	Judy Daniel
Ross Culp	Garrett Howard
Lynda Robinson	Tom Kirkland
Scott Mauney	Karen Shore
Sue Stevens	Ken Stissel
	<b>Class of 2025</b>
	Melissa Foulke
	Cathy Irwin
	Scott Lumadue
	Ted Mikels
	Julie Morrow
	Jayson Stutts

### PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff      dave@mooresvillefpc.org

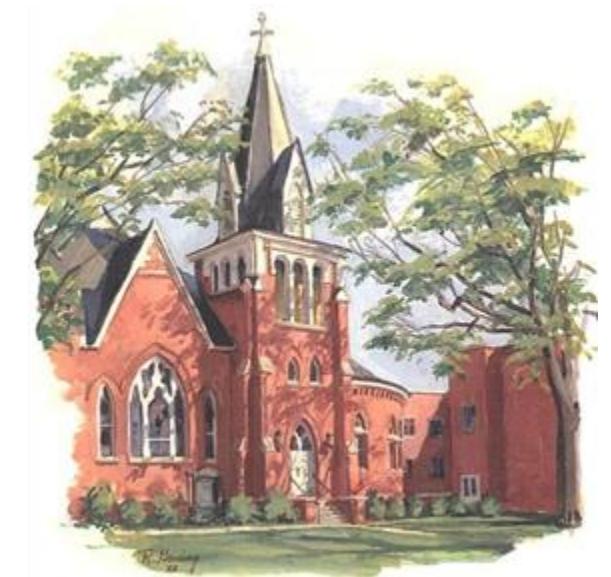
### PASTOR EMERITI

The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis      The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

### PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Marian Dillingham, Business Administrator  
 David Hamilton, Director of Music  
 Kerri Smith, Contemporary Worship Leader  
 Tracey Prochaska, Director of Preschool  
 Melissa Foulke, Interim Director of Christian Ed  
 Erika Hammons, Office Assistant  
 Greg Thompson, Organist  
 Jerilyn Fair, Hostess  
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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*

November 26, 2023 • 11:15 A.M.

\*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 - Organ

WELCOME

Judy Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

**People: Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that the Lord redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

INVOCATION

**O God, you are light to the lost, bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing to the sick, eternal vision to the dying, and harbor to every soul in peril. Gather the wanderers from every corner of the world into the community of your mercy and grace, that we may eternally praise you for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 411: "How Firm a Foundation"  
Tune: FOUNDATION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*      Dave Rockness  
**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: "Candlelight Carol"      By: John Rutter (b. 1945)

How do you capture the wind on the water?  
How do you count all the stars in the sky?  
How can you measure the love of a mother?  
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?  
(Refrain): *Candlelight, angel light, firelight, and star-glow  
Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis deo!  
Angels are singing "The Christ Child is born."*  
Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him  
Seraphim, round Him their vigil will keep  
Nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior  
But Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep. *Refrain.*  
Find Him in Bethlehem laid in a manger  
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay  
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation  
A Child with his mother that first Christmas Day. *Refrain.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:      Dave Rockness

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 123: "Fairest Lord Jesus"  
Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

SERMON: "The Lord Saves: Hope for the Anxious"      Dave Rockness

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Amen"      C.O. Beck      Chancel Choir

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

\*HYMN 317: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
Tune: DIADEMATA

\*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson - Organ

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given to the glory of God by John and Julia Grimes, and in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Flowers:** Please call the church office if you are willing to provide a sanctuary flower arrangement during the next few weeks. If every family could donate one arrangement per year, we would have flowers every week! Thank you!

**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.

**Church Membership:** If interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Dave (dave@mooresvillefpc.org) or the church office to set up an appointment. He will be meeting with prospective members in December and giving the opportunity to join as a group in January.

**Saints Alive:** Our November Saints Alive meeting has a date change. It will be on Tuesday, November 28 at 12:30 pm. David Hamilton will be teaching us a little bit about the history of the church. The cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by November 24th if you plan to attend by contacting Melissa Foulke at melissaf@mooresvillefpc.org or you can call the church office, (704)664-5275.

**Congregational Meeting:** A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the 11:15am service. This meeting will serve two purposes: 1) To approve the slate of officers from our Nominating Committee to serve on our session as elders. 2) To approve the two slates of PNC members that have already been approved by our Session and the NC Presbytery.

- Elder nominees: Robert Holman, Vic Petrenko, Susan Poore, Lynda Robinson, Johnny Robertson, Al White, and Laura Wright (2-year term)
- PNC for Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults: Phil Heilman (chair), John Daniel, Melissa Foulke, Julie Morrow, Amy Petrenko, Trish Glad, Garrett Howard, and Katherine Potts.
- PNC for Associate Pastor of Intergenerational Ministry & CE: Ted Mikels (chair), Susan Poore, Rose Sheppard, Denise Tidball, David Ramey, Chris Creech, and Connie Russell.

**Angel Tree:** We are partnering once again with the Mooresville Christian Mission to provide Christmas gifts for impoverished children this Christmas season. With each angel you choose, you will be provided a local child's age, gender, and ideas for Christmas gifts. Sign-ups will be available through a link on the church website through November 30, at the church office, or contact Jean Coates at (704)575-3954. Gifts need to be **UNWRAPPED** and brought to the church by December 3, and placed in the church office, parlor, or 143 broad. Thank you for helping us bring joy to these families this Christmas season.

**Food Gift Baskets:** You may donate a food basket through the Mooresville Christian Mission with the gift of \$50. You may take it to the church office

or put it in the offering plate in a separate envelope marked Christian Mission with "Food Basket" in the memo if you send a check.

**Logos Choir:** Sunday, December 3 the Logos children will be singing in the 11:15am service. Please arrive at 10:30am in the sanctuary to rehearse before the service.

**Logos** has 2 more weeks left in our fall semester. November 29 is Ugly sweater night and we will wrap up on December 6 with Joy to the World. The Spring semester will begin on January 10. If your 1st - 8th grader is interested in joining Logos for the spring semester please contact Valerie Mauney at 704-723-1531 or at [collanwe@gmail.com](mailto:collanwe@gmail.com)

**Handel's "Messiah":** Join us on Sunday, December 17, at 11:15 am for a combined worship service with the Choir, orchestra, FPC Praise Team, and Alleluia Ringers.

## 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

Alecia Miller	Billie Brawley	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Mary Mason	Peggy Davidson
John Neely	Helen Neely	Faye Wright
Jean Chislachi		

### Bereavement - Connie Russell and family in the passing of her aunt, Margie

### Members of the Church

Tom Trosuk	Sarah Crotts' Family	Family of Tommy Brawley
Sheri Mack	Celia Putnam	Family of Charles Sawyer
Justin Foulke	Pat Culberson	Becky McIntosh
Cathy Irwin	Family of Tom Harrell	Family of Ken Sledge

### Friends of the Church – Margaret Bradshaw (mother to Tracy Waugh)

Cecilia Parker	Trey Keesee	Jim Maxwell
Susan Britt	Cathy Moore	Jacki Rullman
Mike Lobdell	Al Daniel	Susan McNeely
Barbara Hinson	Joe Wilkinson	Dodie Minnick
Terri Sandblom	Patricia Wilkinson	Carolyn Mauney
Seth Snodgrass	Brenda Biggins	The Jackson Family
Barbara Newton	Kevin Newton	Phil Williamson
Grace Dmitash	Dick Scovil	Tommy Danner
Josiah Dillingham	Jim & Sharon Veley	Robb Parker
Barbara Weyer	John McCurdy	Ethel MacInnis

### Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LT Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF	Alix Davis, USN	LTC Rodney Tatum
Maj. William Matheny, Army	James Regan, USN	Karen Regan, USN
Michael Regan, Army		

