

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7

Sunday, March 7

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

Monday, March 8

Preschool Closed – Spring Break		
9:30 am	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
2:00 pm	Circle 1	143 Broad

Tuesday, March 9

Preschool Closed – Spring Break		
10:00 am	Circle 4	143 Broad
12:00 pm	Circle 5	Parlor
7:00 pm	Circle 3	143 Broad

Wednesday, March 10

Preschool Closed – Spring Break		
6:30 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad

Thursday, March 11

Preschool Closed – Spring Break		
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Study	Zoom

Friday, March 12

Preschool Closed – Spring Break

Saturday, March 13

7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
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Sunday, March 14

Daylight Savings begins		
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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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

March 7, 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: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art,

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, never-more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place;

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*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 *"Be Still, My Soul"*

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to your God to order and provide- in every change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past; your hope, your confidence let nothing shake all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-26

"When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if you had been there, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him. Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again. Martha said to him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day. Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? She said to him, Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

SERMON *"Signs and Statements: I Am the Resurrection and the Life"*

Dave Rockness

*HYMN: *"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"*

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Savior may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*INVITATION

* BENECTION

*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 – Saturday mornings at 7:15 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: 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." This study, "Promised Land," focuses on how God revealed himself to his ancient people, and how the stories of the Bible reveal His mission for our lives.

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

2021 Scholarships: Applications are now available for two scholarships for First Presbyterian Church members who are graduating seniors or college students. The Agnes Neel and Cora Freeze scholarships are valued at \$2,500 each. Applications can be obtained from the church website, www.moorevillefpc.org, or from the church office (704) 664-5275. Deadline to be completed and returned to the church office is Monday, April 26.

Circle 5 will be meeting in the parlor at noon on Tuesday, March 9.

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 – Jerilyn Fair

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