

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 20

Sunday, March 20		
9:30 am	Newsletter Deadline	
9:45 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:30 am	Sunday School/First Kids	Room 301 & 309
10:00 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Men’s Bible Class	Room 122
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Combined PYF	Bellingham Park
7:00 pm	Membership & Outreach	Room 301

Monday, March 21		
9:30 am	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
11:30 am	Saints Alive Lunch Bunch	Longhorn Steakhouse
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166 – B	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166 – G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Property Meeting	143 Broad

Tuesday, March 22		
6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300 & 301
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship hall

Wednesday, March 23		
12:05 pm	Lenten Luncheon Service	143 Broad
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Wed. Night Together Dinner	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Bible Study w/Dave	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad

Thursday, March 24		
7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad

Friday, March 25

Saturday, March 26		
7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad

Sunday, March 27		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School/First Kids	Room 301 & 309
10:00 am	Men’s Bible Class	Room 122
10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/Logos Choir	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms
5:00 pm	VBS Planning Committee Meeting	Room 222
6:30 pm	Stated Session Meeting	Room 300
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

Congratulations to Hunter and Elizabeth Nanney on the birth of their baby boy John Hunter Nanney, born March 3, 2022. Family members include big sister Brawley Nanney; grandfather Bradley Brawley; and great-grandmother Billie Brawley.

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Phil Heilman	Mark Auten	Allen Brawley
Zach Miller	Chris Creech	Judy Daniel
Trent Newell	Ross Culp	Garrett Howard
Bill Omohundro	Lynda Robinson	Tom Kirkland
Liz Rader	Scott Mauney	Karen Shore
Mickey Russell	Sue Stevens	Ken Stissel

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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
March 20, 2022 ♦ 11:00 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

WELCOME Jason Sentas

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 502: “*Be Thou My Vision*”
Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save
that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or
sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word, I ever with thee and thou
with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of
heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O
bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be
my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION Amy LeCount

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.

*HANDBELLS “*Ave Verum – Mozart*” arr. Sharon E. Rogers

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:25-32
“²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

SERMON “*Unity in Christ: Truth with the Right Tone*” Dave Rockness

*HYMN 447: “*Because He Lives*”
God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain

Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance: this child can face uncertain days because he lives. *Refrain*

And then one day I’ll cross the river, I’ll fight life’s final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know he lives. *Refrain*

*INVITATION Dave Rockness

*BENEDICTION

*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.

Midweek Lenten Luncheon Services - The church is hosting a luncheon service each week during lent from 12:05 until 12:50. These services include music, a short message, and an opportunity to discuss the message over a meal. The seven-week study is looking at the life of the Apostle Peter in relationship to Jesus. You are invited to bring your own lunch or register for a box lunch each week on the church website. This week's lunch is from Big Tiny’s BBQ. Cost is \$12 per meal.

Interested in becoming a member of our church? If so, please contact the main office and set up an appointment with Pastor Rockness. Our next class of new members will join the church on Sunday, April 3.

Wednesday Night Together (WNT) - Pastor Dave will be leading a 12-week Bible study on the Book of Acts in the 143 building. It will meet weekly (6-7pm) and is open to men and women of all age groups. Pizza and salad will be available for dinner (5:30-6pm) for a suggested donation of \$5 per/person. If interested in dinner, please contact the church office (704-664-5275) to register. This will give us an idea of how many people to plan for.

2022 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 25.

Spring 2022 Directories are now available in the parlor on the welcome center table and in 143 Broad building.

Saints Alive Lunch Bunch: The Saints Alive group (our “older” adult group) is planning to meet on Monday, March 21 at 11:30 am at Longhorn Steakhouse, located at 398 Talbert Road, in front of Costco. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) by Sunday, March 20 if you would like to attend.

Easter Workshop We will be making mini Easter Resurrection gardens as a special activity today during both Sunday School times.

Session #1 – 9:45 – 10:30 am

Session #2 – 10:45 – 11:30 am

We will meet in the fellowship hall to assemble the gardens. In addition to making gardens to take home, we will also be assembling ones to take to members who are in care facilities or are homebound. If you would like to assist with this project, please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org).

Vacation Bible School Planning Committee: There will be a meeting of the VBS Planning Committee next Sunday, March 27 at 5:00 pm in Room 222. VBS is scheduled for July 11-15 from 9:30 am – noon daily; registration begins May 1. This year’s theme is “Jerusalem Marketplace.” Please contact Ellen Auten if you have questions about VBS.

Mission Needs: A small group from the church is going to Kenya and Tanzania on April 18 to meet with some of our mission partners. One aspect of the trip is to deliver sound equipment to David Waako, and to bring android devices and reading glasses to the school and clinic we will be visiting in Tanzania. If you have any Android phones or tablets or reading glasses that you would like to contribute, please connect with Jason Sentas or Nathaniel Sentas. (jason@moorevillefpc.org, nathanielsentas@gmail.com)

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	Kathleen Bates
Alecia Miller	Mary Mason	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Peggy Davidson	

Bereavement: Jean Chislaghi in the death of her husband, Ron Chislaghi

Members of the Church

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Adonna Dickerson
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	Fern Alexander
Marilyn Beaver & Family	Jeff Stonestreet	Rog and Greta McCrea
Kim Streb & Family	Thomas Miller	

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Patti Dancoff	Renee Long	Sibyl Newton
Robb Parker	Cathy Moore	Tillie Coyne
Jane Scovil	Reverend Richard Galbreath	Al Daniel
Todd & Robin Gaither		

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