

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 3

Sunday, October 3	World Communion	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service/Communion	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School	Room 322
10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 4	Preschool Closed – Parent Conferences (Virtual)	
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166 – B	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166 – G	Parlor

Tuesday, October 5		
6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300&301
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 6		
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms
5:30 pm	Wed. Night Together Dinner	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Gospel of Luke Bible Study	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 7		
7:00 pm	1 John Bible Study	Zoom

Friday, October 8

Saturday, October 9

Sunday, October 10		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School	Room 322
10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

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

Class of 2022

Carolyn Brawley
Pat King
Liz Rader
Kendall Reid
Ginny Swedenberg

Liz Rader, Associate Moderator

Class of 2023

Chet Carpenter
Laura Christman
Lucy Hastings
Cathy Irwin

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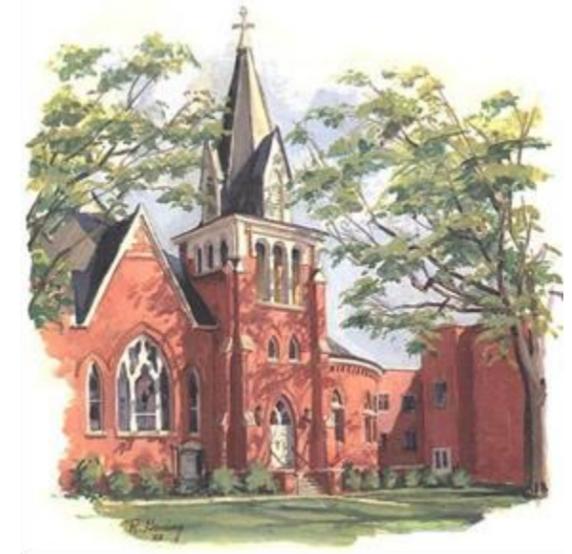
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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

October 3, 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 Mike Toma

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God’s presence with a song.

People: Know this: The Lord alone is God; we belong to the Lord, who made us, we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

People: For good is the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

INVOCATION

All: Mighty God, by your power you created us, and by your goodness you call us to be your people. Accept the offering of our worship that every race and nation may enter your courts, praising you in song; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 2: *“O Worship the King”*

O worship the king, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love. Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days; pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light. It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail. Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

*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

SONG OF WORSHIP 480: *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free.
Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth you send so clear.
And while the message sounds in my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see,
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with your children thus to share.
Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see,
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

SCRIPTURE READING Nehemiah 6:1-19 pg. 377-378

SERMON *“Restoring the Impossible: Faithful, Despite, Intimidation”*
Jason Sentas

*HYMN 580: *“We Are Called to Be God’s People”*

We are called to be God’s people, showing by our lives his grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us, and re-made us as his own,
Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God’s servants, working in his world today.
Taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God’s prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
That the world may know the blessing of the doing of God’s will.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Jason Sentas

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF BREAD

COMMUNION 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.

*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.

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall: Join us for Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 – 10:45 am. We’ll enjoy light refreshments, coffee, lemonade, and a great opportunity to visit, talk and connect with our church family.

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten age during all services and activities on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm. Nurseries are located on the second floor of the Education Building.

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.

Wednesday Night Together

Gospel of Luke Bible Study- Our fall bible study, led by Pastor Dave, is on Wednesday nights (6-7pm) in the 143 building. It includes a short video presentation, guided group discussion, and pastoral insight. Dinner is available from 5:30-6pm (\$5/per person). The study is available for all ages and does not require advance notice. However, please contact the church office if interested in dinner.

“Lost & Found” Women’s Bible study- A woman’s study will be offered as well and is entitled *What Happens When Women Say Yes to God* by Lysa Terkeurst. This study will be led by Jodi Rockness. Those attending can register for dinner as well. **Those interested in dinner-** Please register at the welcome booth after the service or through our church’s website (moorevillefpc.org). Dinner will include pizza, salad, and drinks for \$5/per person.

Online Study of 1 John - On Thursday nights the church is offering a Zoom study of the book of 1 John. With an emphasis on fellowship, Jonathon Snodgrass will walk the group through a twelve week verse by verse study of John's letter. The study is open to all. To register, please sign up on the [website](#) or send an email to jason@moorevillefpc.org.

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	Peggy Rogers
Peggy Davidson		

Members of the Church

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Adonna Dickerson
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	Jane Abernathy Family
Becky McIntyre & family	Russell Borkowsky	

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Margie Overcash,	Patti Dancoff	Tom Thetga
sister to Marilyn Beaver		
Aldo Martinez	Sibyl Newton	

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