

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18

Sunday, September 18

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	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting	Parlor
3:00 pm	Card Making Group	Room 300
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 19

9:00 am	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Property Meeting	143 Broad
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 20

	Newsletter Deadline	
12:30 pm	Saints Alive Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300 & 301
6:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	Choir Room

Wednesday, September 21

12:15 pm	Midweek Luncheon Service	143 Broad
1:30 pm	Prayer Meeting	Library
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Together	143 Broad
	Dinner	
5:30 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Bible Study	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, September 22

7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry	143 Broad
7:00 pm	Young Adult Group	143 Broad

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad
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Sunday, September 25

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Service Times: Starting today, our contemporary services will commence at 8:30 am and 10:00 am. Sunday school will also commence at 10:00 am followed by our traditional service at 11:15 am. Please make note of these changes and continue to pray for the growth of our church.

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

PASTOR

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis	The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates
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ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Ushering Volunteers Needed! We have resumed full ushering support for both services and need approximately 50 volunteers in addition to those already serving. Each usher will serve for one month assisting the designated Head Usher. Written instructions will be provided. If you are interested, please fill out the volunteer form or contact the Church Office or Andrew Coates (andrewcoates20@yahoo.com; 704.658.7203). Please indicate which service you would like to volunteer for, and any preference for month of service.

STEPHEN MINISTRY **Stephen Ministry:** What can Stephen Ministry mean to you? It can mean growth. It can mean life. It can mean a faith that is practiced in giving care to others, or when receiving care from a Stephen Minister. It can make a difference in your walk with Jesus. “Where two or three are gathered, there I am also,” can become real for you. September 25th is *Ask me about Stephen Ministry Sunday*. Stephen Ministers will be present in the coffee shop following the contemporary services and in the parlor after the traditional service to answer questions and to share the many resources available to you as a member of a Stephen Ministry congregation. 

Music Update: Handbells rehearse weekly on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm. Chancel Choir rehearse weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:15pm. Both groups meet in the Choir Room. Please contact Nathan Cole for further information (nathan@moorestownvillefpc.org).



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

September 18, 2022 ♦ 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 - Organist Organ, Brass
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WELCOME	Allen Brawley
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CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 24
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Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

People: For it is the Lord who founded it upon the seas and made it from upon the rivers of the deep.

Leader: Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? And who can stand in God’s holy place?

People: Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

Leader: They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation.

People: Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

INVOCATION

God of all creation, open our hearts that Christ, the King of glory, may enter and rule our lives. Give us clean hands and pure hearts, that we may stand in your presence and receive your blessing through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 529: *“For All the Saints”* Tune: Sine Nomine
(verses 1, 2, 5, 6)

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world
confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in
the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in
bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds and ocean’s farthest coast, through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia!
Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed* Jason Sentas
**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL CHOIR: *“There is a Redeemer”* by Melody Green
arr. Benjamin Harlan

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT CONFESSION
**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**

HORN SOLO: *“As the Deer”* by Martin Nystrom
Soloist: Steven Mastro arr. Stan Pethel

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:1-23
“¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from
Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were
eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees,
and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus
observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the
market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they
observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and
the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the
tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah
prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors
me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship
me, teaching human precepts as doctrines. ⁸You abandon the commandment of
God and hold to human tradition. ⁹Then he said to them, “You have a fine way
of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁰For
Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and ‘Whoever speaks evil of
father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say that if anyone tells father or
mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban’ (that is, an

offering to God) – ¹²then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or
mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you
have handed on. And you do many things like this.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd
again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is
nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, ¹⁶but the things that come
out are what defile.” ¹⁷When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his
disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸He said to them, “Then do you also fail
to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside
cannot defile, ¹⁹since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into
the sewer?”” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “It is what comes
out of a person that defiles. ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that
evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness,
deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come
from within, and they defile a person.””

SERMON: *“The Good News: Understanding Tradition”* Dave Rockness

PRAYER CHORUS 466: *“Take My Life and Let It Be”* Tune: Hendon
(verses 1 and 4)
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let
them move at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I
will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

*HYMN 66: *“To God Be the Glory”* Tune: To God Be the Glory
(all 3 verses)
To God be the glory, great things he hath done; so loved he the world that
he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened
the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the
Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through
Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise
of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a
pardon receives. *Refrain.*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our
rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain.*

POSTLUDE Greg Thompson - Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The Saints Alive group, our older adult group, will
begin meeting again at the church for a monthly luncheon on the third Tuesday
of each month. This month’s luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 20
at 12:30 pm. We will enjoy a meal, devotions and fellowship together. In
addition, we will have the opportunity to meet and learn more about our new
Director of Music, Nathan Cole. Reservations are necessary; please call or
email Ellen Auten by Monday, September 19 (ellen@moorestownlpc.org; 704-
664-5275). Cost is \$10.

Philippians Bible Study: This fall we will be offering a 10-week bible study
(Sept. 14-Nov. 30) for all ages in the 143 Building that will include dinner
(\$5/pizza & salad), guided group discussion, and pastoral insight. *Dinner will
be available 5:30-6:00 pm in the 143 Building and then will transition into
bible study which ends at 7:00 pm.* If you simply would like to attend the bible
study, we will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Those who arrive late for the dinner
portion can still grab a quick bite to eat and join the group. The study will be
led by Pastor Dave Rockness.

Sunday School Class: The leadership for our Essential Scriptures Sunday
School class is no longer able to lead the class. We are seeking to see if there is
continued interest for this class. If you are around or between the ages of 30-50
and would like to attend a class at 10 am on Sundays, please let us know by
contacting the church office or putting your name on the interest form in 143
Broad or in the parlor.

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

Members of the Church – Ezra Seyller

Mary Matheson	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Paul Winokur
John and Helen Neely	Tom Trosuk	Chuck Hunter
Addison Carpenter	Family of Janie Layton	

Friends of the Church- Dodie Minnick (friend to the Toma family)		
Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Family of Sarah Crotts
Susan Britt	Cathy Moore	Sibyl Newton
Dick and Jane Scovil	Al Daniel	Jim Maxwell
Barbara Hinson	Joe Wilkinson	Kay Burklin
Aldo Martinez	Leigh Hudson	Stephen Catanzaro
Seth Snodgrass	Brenda Biggins	Family of Maddie Taylor
Barbara & Herman Newton	Family of Sharon Waldron	

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

