

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 21

Sunday, March 21

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| 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 22

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| 9:30 am | Lost and Found Bible Study | 143 Broad |
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Tuesday, March 23

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| 2:00 pm | Sermon Study with Dave | 143 Broad |
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Wednesday, March 24

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| 4:30 pm | Confirmation Class | |
| 6:30 pm | Lost and Found Bible Study | 143 Broad |
| 6:30 pm | Men's Bible Study with Dave | 143 Broad |

Thursday, March 25

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| 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Study | Zoom |
| 7:00 pm | Ephesians Study with Jason | Zoom |

Friday, March 26

Saturday, March 27

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| 7:15 am | Men's Bible Study | 143 Broad |
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Sunday, March 28

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| | Palm Sunday | |
| 9:30 am | Contemporary Service/Palm Procession | 143 Broad |
| 10:00 am | Adult Sunday School Class | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00 am | Traditional Worship/Palm Procession | Sanctuary |
| 5:00 pm | MS PYF | 143 Broad |
| 6:30 pm | Stated Session Meeting | Zoom |
| 7:00 pm | HS PYF | 143 Broad |

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT....

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. Mooresvillefpc.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.
- 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.

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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
March 21, 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: *"To God Be The Glory"*

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 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 has 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:*

*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 *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever

you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

SERMON *"Signs and Statements: I Am the Vine"* Dave Rockness

*HYMN: *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Remain forever near me, my Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; Now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you; That where you are in glory, your servant shall be too; And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

*INVITATION

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*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.

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." Upcoming class sessions include these topics:

March 21 – Promised Land: Iron of Culture

March 28 – Palm Sunday lesson, Lamb of God

April 4 – Easter lesson, Roll Away the Stone

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.

Palm Sunday Procession: All children and youth are encouraged to participate in the Palm Procession next Sunday, March 28, at the contemporary and traditional worship services. Anyone who would like to be part of the procession should meet:

- In the coffee shop area of 143 Broad for 9:30 contemporary service.
- In the parlor for the 11:00 traditional service.

We will form a procession in the worship spaces, and wave our branches, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will place coats donated in the Palm Sunday Coat Drive at the cross, and then return to our seats.

Palm Sunday Coat Drive: You are encouraged to bring your used or outgrown winter coats to church on Palm Sunday, March 28, symbolically "laying down your coat for Jesus." Bring your coats to the parlor or coffee shop area in 143 Broad next Sunday, and they will be used as part of the Palm Procession.

Easter Egg Hunt: Everyone is invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, at 10:00 am. Due to safety restrictions, the Egg Hunt will have a few differences this year, including the need to register your child with limited registration. Reservations are required by Wednesday, March 31. Go to the church website (www.moorevillefpc.org) to register. The Egg Hunt is for preschoolers – 5th grade; we also need volunteers to help with the activities. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) if you are available to help. Candy donations (individually wrapped and small enough to fit into a 2" plastic egg) are welcomed and appreciated. Please leave candy in the basket in the church office by Tuesday, March 30.

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.

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

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| Joan Gibson | Billie Brawley | John Westmoreland |
| Lecie Miller | Mary Mason | Kathleen Bates |
| Pat Hunter | Dot Nelson | Christy Floyd |
| Peggy Rogers | | |

Members of the Church – Sherri Hodge

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| Al Culp | Bill Harris | Amy Williams |
| Gene Harris | Faye Wright | Tom Trosuk |
| Sheri Mack | Lorra Lee Holshouser | Jerilyn Fair |

Friends of the Church- Patti Dancoff, friend to Harry Weyer

Jim Hemphil, friend to Tom Trosuk

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| Baxley Hoover | Jacki Rullman | Hudson Hitchcock |
| Dianne Haynes | Tom Castilano | Patty McNeely Beamish |
| Margie Overcash, sister to Marilyn Beaver | Dianne Duncan | |

Armed Forces

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| LTC David Dennison, Army | Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC | LTJG Dylan Powell, USN |
| Major Ben Peacock, USAF | Maj. William Matheny, Army | LTC Rodney Tatum |