

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 4

Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday	
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School Class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, April 5	Easter Monday - Preschool/Office Closed	
Tuesday, April 6		
2:00 pm	Sermon Study with Dave	143 Broad
7:00 pm	VBS Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, April 7		
4:30 pm	Confirmation Class	
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study with Dave	143 Broad
Thursday, April 8		
7:00 pm	Ephesians Book Study	Zoom
Friday, April 9		
Saturday, April 10		
7:15 am	Men's Bible Study	143 Broad
Sunday, April 11		
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

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff

dave@moorevillefpc.org

The Rev. Jason Sentas, Associate Pastor

jason@moorevillefpc.org

PASTOR EMERITI

The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Marian Dillingham, Business Administrator

marian@moorevillefpc.org

Ellen Auten, Director of Christian Education

ellen@moorevillefpc.org

Lori Stewart, Director of Preschool

lori@moorevillefpc.org

Greg Thompson, Organist

greg@moorevillefpc.org

Jerilyn Fair, Hostess

jerilyn@moorevillefpc.org



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLelland Avenue
Mooresville, North Carolina 28115
704-664-5275 www.moorevillefpc.org

Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
April 4, 2021 ♦ 11:00 A.M. EASTER SUNDAY

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:

Luke 24:5-6

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; he has risen!

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*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 *"He Lives"*

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever some may say; I see his hand of mercy; I hear his voice of cheer; and just the time I need him he's always there.

Refrain:

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me, along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. *Refrain:*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind. *Refrain:*

SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:1-9**

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead."

SERMON *"The Empty Tomb"* Dave Rockness

*HYMN: *"Lift High the Cross"*

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

All new-born servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain:*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree; your death has brought us life eternally. *Refrain:*

So shall our song of triumph ever be; praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain:

*INVITATION

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Thine Is the Glory*

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Restoration of the adornments: During the Prelude, the ushers will restore the adornments (cross, candles, and offering plates) to their place on the Lord's Table in celebration of Easter. They were removed from the Table the first Sunday in Lent.

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.

Adult Sunday School: 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:

April 4 – Easter lesson, Roll Away the Stone

April 11 – Prophets and Kings: Innocent Blood, Part 1

April 18 – Prophets and Kings: Innocent Blood, Part 2

April 25 – Who is God?

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.

Vacation Bible School Planning Committee: VBS is scheduled for July 12 – 16, using the "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls us Through" curriculum. There will be a Zoom VBS Planning meeting this Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275; ellen@moorevillefpc.org) to get the Zoom meeting information.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, April 5, for the Easter Holiday.

PYF Schedule: MS and HS PYF will not meet on Sunday, April 4. Will resume back on Sunday, April 11.

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.

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- Tom Kirkland

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

Friends of the Church – Larry Creech, brother to Chris Creech

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

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



*The Lilies are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of:*

<p>Ellen Hinson Lettie Morgan Anita Teeter Ashley Teeter Nellie Stonestreet Loved Ones Jean M. Shultz Mr. & Mrs. Walter (Budgie) Thompson</p> <p>Linda H. "Lynn" Culbreth Jasper Grady Douglas Billie Webber Shelton Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Rickards Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Daniel Frank Rader Mrs. Mae Fenn, Donald S. Piper, and Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Piper Genie Carns & loved Ones Fred & Hazel Hoke, who were members of First Presbyterian all of my life Those precious souls now with Jesus! In our hearts and minds forever!" "In honor of all our loved ones awaiting us in heaven." Harold & Margaret Waldron Jim Sheppard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Given by:</i></p> <p>Bobby Hinson Carroll Teeter Carroll Teeter Carroll Teeter Jeff Stonestreet John & Julia Grimes Russell Family Dr. & Mrs. Mike Campbell Mr. & Mrs. Rick Rudisill</p> <p>Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Judy & John Daniel John & Judy Daniel Liz Rader Bruce & Peaches Piper</p> <p>Mike & Angie Toma Teresa & Paul Trimble</p> <p>Jane & Pete Peterson</p> <p>The Rockness Family</p> <p>Rick & Rosemary Sheppard Rick & Rosemary Sheppard</p>
--	--



*The Lilies are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of:*

<p>Ellen Hinson Lettie Morgan Anita Teeter Ashley Teeter Nellie Stonestreet Loved Ones Jean M. Shultz Mr. & Mrs. Walter (Budgie) Thompson</p> <p>Linda H. "Lynn" Culbreth Jasper Grady Douglas Billie Webber Shelton Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Rickards Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Daniel Frank Rader Mrs. Mae Fenn, Donald S. Piper, and Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Piper Genie Carns & loved Ones Fred & Hazel Hoke, who were members of First Presbyterian all of my life Those precious souls now with Jesus! In our hearts and minds forever!" "In honor of all our loved ones awaiting us in heaven." Harold & Margaret Waldron Jim Sheppard Ellen Hinson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Given by:</i></p> <p>Bobby Hinson Carroll Teeter Carroll Teeter Carroll Teeter Jeff Stonestreet John & Julia Grimes Russell Family Dr. & Mrs. Mike Campbell Mr. & Mrs. Rick Rudisill</p> <p>Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Judy & John Daniel John & Judy Daniel Liz Rader Bruce & Peaches Piper</p> <p>Mike & Angie Toma Teresa & Paul Trimble</p> <p>Jane & Pete Peterson</p> <p>The Rockness Family</p> <p>Rick & Rosemary Sheppard Rick & Rosemary Sheppard Bobby Hinson</p>
---	---



*The Lilies are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of:*

<p>Ellen Hinson Lettie Morgan Anita Teeter Ashley Teeter Nellie Stonestreet Loved Ones Jean M. Shultz Mr. & Mrs. Walter (Budgie) Thompson</p> <p>Linda H. "Lynn" Culbreth Jasper Grady Douglas Billie Webber Shelton Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Rickards Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Daniel Frank Rader Mrs. Mae Fenn, Donald S. Piper, and Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Piper Genie Carns & loved Ones Fred & Hazel Hoke, who were members of First Presbyterian all of my life Those precious souls now with Jesus! In our hearts and minds forever!" "In honor of all our loved ones awaiting us in heaven." Harold & Margaret Waldron Jim Sheppard Ellen Hinson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Given by:</i></p> <p>Bobby Hinson Carroll Teeter Carroll Teeter Carroll Teeter Jeff Stonestreet John & Julia Grimes Russell Family Dr. & Mrs. Mike Campbell Mr. & Mrs. Rick Rudisill</p> <p>Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Michael, Mabel, Carter & Cadence Culbreth Judy & John Daniel John & Judy Daniel Liz Rader Bruce & Peaches Piper</p> <p>Mike & Angie Toma Teresa & Paul Trimble</p> <p>Jane & Pete Peterson</p> <p>The Rockness Family</p> <p>Rick & Rosemary Sheppard Rick & Rosemary Sheppard Bobby Hinson</p>
---	---



*The Lilies are given to the Glory of God
and in Honor of:*

The Church Staff	Bobby Hinson
Church Family	Bobby Hinson
Mike & Angie Toma	Liz Rader
Our Church Family	John & Kim Streb
Dan & Sarita Toma	Mike & Angie Toma



*The Lilies are given to the Glory of God
and in Honor of:*

The Church Staff	Bobby Hinson
Church Family	Bobby Hinson
Mike & Angie Toma	Liz Rader
Our Church Family	John & Kim Streb
Dan & Sarita Toma	Mike & Angie Toma



*The Lilies are given to the Glory of God
and in Honor of:*

The Church Staff	Bobby Hinson
Church Family	Bobby Hinson
Mike & Angie Toma	Liz Rader
Our Church Family	John & Kim Streb
Dan & Sarita Toma	Mike & Angie Toma