

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 21

**Sunday, December 21**

10:00 am	Sunday School (No Kingdom Kids/Sprouts)	classrooms
11:15 am	Combined Worship – Christmas Hymns/Carols	Sanctuary
2:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Team	Parlor
6:30 pm	Combined Refresh Youth	
	Christmas Party	143 Broad

**Monday, December 22** Preschool closed – Christmas break

7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 1166-G	Parlor
7:00 pm	Scouts BSA Troop 166-B	Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, December 23** Preschool closed – Christmas break

Wednesday, December 24	Preschool closed – Christmas break	
1:30 pm	Prayer meeting	Library
5:00 pm	Family-friendly Tableau	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Candlelight service	Sanctuary
11:00 pm	Communion service	143 Broad

**Thursday, December 25** Office & Preschool closed – Christmas Day

**Friday, December 26** Office & Preschool closed – Christmas break

**Saturday, December 27** Men's Bible Study 143 Broad

**Sunday, December 28** Family Sunday  
10:00 am Sunday School (No Kingdom Kids) classrooms  
11:15 am Combined worship with Children's Sermon Sanctuary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**Stock Donation:** If you are planning to donate stock, please check with your tax advisor to be sure you handle the donation correctly. Also please call the church office (704-664-5275) and let Marian, our Business Administrator, know the specifics of the donation. To give electronically please scan the QR Code below:



**RMD Donation:** Did you know that you may be eligible to take a qualified charitable donation by using a Required Minimum Distribution? If you are age 70½ or older and make a contribution directly from your traditional IRA to the Church, you can donate up to \$100,000 without it being considered a taxable distribution. We must receive your donation by Sunday, December 28, in order to be deposited before the end of the year.

If you plan to give for the Legacy campaign and wish to write a check, please make sure to write "Legacy" in the memo line to keep campaign funds and pledges separate. Thank you.

## LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

### SESSION

**David Rockness, Moderator**

**Class of 2025**

Cathy Irwin  
Scott Lumadue  
Zach Miller  
Jayson Stutts  
Laura Wright

**Mark Auten, Clerk**

**Class of 2027**

Brent Curtis  
Philip Heilman  
David Handy  
Rachel van Harn  
Trent Newell  
Donna Welsh

### PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff  
The Rev. Moses Camacho-Greer, Associate Pastor

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### PASTOR EMERITI

The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

### PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Marian Dillingham, Business Administrator  
David Hamilton, Director of Music  
Kerri Smith, Contemporary Worship Leader  
Tracey Prochaska, Director of Preschool  
Melissa Foulke, Children's Ministry Leader  
Greg Thompson, Organist  
Zeb Nelson, Director of Youth and Young Adults  
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INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING  
FROM YOU!



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

249 West McLellan Avenue  
Mooresville, North Carolina 28115  
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**Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples**

**December 21, 2025 • 11:15 AM**

\*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** *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*  
Traditional English Carol,  
Arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski (1950-2021)

*A Christmas Triptych*

Traditional, arranged by Samuel Milligan (1932-2019)

**SONG OF CELEBRATION** *Highest Praise*  
CCLI # 7245877

Zeb Nelson

**WELCOME**

Psalm 150

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; give praise in the firmament of heaven.

**People: Praise God who is mighty in deed; give praise for God's excellent greatness.**

Leader: Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn; give praise with lyre and harp.

**People: Praise God with timbrel and dance; give praise with strings and pipe.**

Leader: Praise God with resounding cymbals; give praise with loud-clanging cymbals.

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## INVOCATION

Great and glorious God, in your wisdom you created us, in Jesus Christ you came to redeem us, and through your Holy Spirit you guide and sanctify us. Give us breath to sing of your majesty, and with all creation, praise you as the true life of all; through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God forever. Amen.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 182:  
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed* Zeb Nelson  
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.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: The Sholar Family

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Dave Rockness

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.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Holy Forever*  
CCLI # 7249209

*Oratorio de Noël*  
Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Prélude

Recitative: *There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field*  
There were shepherds at night in that same country, abiding in the fields, and silently keeping their watch by night over the sleeping flocks around them. And lo! an angel of the Lord appeared, standing there beside them: And the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid at His coming. And unto them the angel said: Fear not, oh ye shepherds! For, behold I bring unto you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born today a Savior Christ, the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall the sign be: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger low. And suddenly there was with the angel a great multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Chorus: *Glory be unto God in the highest!*  
Glory be unto God in the highest! And on earth peace, goodwill unto all men, praise the Lord!

Air: *Patiently Have I Waited*  
Patiently have I waited for the Lord. And lo! He heard my cry.

Air and chorus: *In My Heart I Believe O Lord*  
In my heart I believe, O Lord, that Thou indeed art Christ, Son of the living God. He who was to come into this world. Christ, of the living God Thou art the Son.

Duet: *Blessed Is He Who Cometh In the Name of the Lord*  
Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.. God, the Lord of Light hath shined upon us. THou alone my God art; and all my trust is in Thee. O Lord! THou art my God, I will exalt Thee and praise Thy name.

Chorus: *Wherefore Do the Heathen Clamor?*  
Wherefore do the heathen clamor? Why do the nations imagine vain and foolish things? Glory unto the Father, and unto the Son, and Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

Trio: *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*  
My soul doth magnify the Lord; my spirit hath rejoiced in God. For mine eyes have seen Thy glory.

Quartet: *Alleluia*  
Alleluia! Ye heavens sing praises, be joyful on earth. For the Lord hath poured His consolation upon His people, and He to His afflicted will be merciful.

Quintet and chorus: *Arise Now Daughter of Zion*  
Arise now, Daughter of Zion! Alleluia. Praise God in the night! Praise Him in the first watches of the night time. That Zion's true glory might be manifested, that her Savior might rise and shine before the nations. Alleluia!

Chorus: *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*  
Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing His salvation, bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house! Rejoice, ye heavens, and be joyful on earth, rejoice in the face of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia!

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 179: *Joy to the World*  
Tune: ANTIOCH

\*POSTLUDE:

## 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.

**Christmas Eve Schedule:** On Wednesday, December 24, there will be a family-friendly Tableau at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary, a candlelight service at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary, and a communion service at 11:00 pm in 143 Broad. We look forward to seeing you on Christmas Eve!

**The church office will be closed** at noon on Wednesday, December 24, through December 26, and also on Thursday, January 1.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup in the Parlor on the Welcome Desk. When you take an envelope packet, please sign your name on the envelope sheet beside that envelope number.

### Musicians

Greg Thompson, piano/organ	Kerri Smith, contemporary worship leader
Sid McCutcheon, guitar	Nick Sidorovich, guitar
JP Justice, bass/vocals	Tom Furmanek, bass/percussion/timpani
John Smith, percussion	Jess Wilson, vocals
Violet Hamilton, vocals	Melinda Whittington, soprano
Dorothy Campbell, soprano	Denise Tidball, soprano
Heather Linen, alto	Ginny White, alto
David Hamilton, tenor/conductor	Chet Carpenter, baritone
Chancel Choir	Alleluia Ringers
Galina Atanasova, violin	Amanda Colson, violin
Matthew Primm, viola	Jennifer Bassett, cello
Delaine Leonard, harp	

## 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

Joyce Johnson	John Neely	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Mary Mason	Jean Chislahi

**Bereavement – Family of Bill Harris (husband to Sandra Harris); Family of Faye Wright (mother to Janie Price); Family of Maggie Jones (wife to Walt Jones)**

### Members of the Church

Justin Foulke	Kelly Williams	Peaches Piper
Jon Putnam	Family of Joe Irwin	
Family of Joseph Cuciniello	Family of Peggy Davidson	

### Friends of the Church

Barbara Newton	Jeff Poore	Cindy Crowell
Seth Snodgrass	Sharon & Jim Veley	Barbara Weyer
Family of Jane Wright	The Chester Family	Daniel Hinkle
Terri Luchini	Family of Jacki Rullman	Family of Joyce Rosko
Barbara & Dennis Atwood	Joe Anderson	

### Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LT Dylan Powell, USN
Major Ben Peacock, USAF	Alix Davis, USN	LTC Rodney Tatum
Maj. William Matheny, Army	James Regan, USN	Karen Regan, USN
Michael Regan, Army		

