

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22

Sunday, November 22

9:30 am Contemporary Service
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm MS PYF
7:00 pm HS PYF

Monday, November 23 Preschool Feast Days
7:00 am Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 24

Preschool Feast Days
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 25

Office/Preschool Closed
Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 26

Office/Preschool Closed
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27

Office/Preschool Closed
Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 29

9:30 am Contemporary Service
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Sunday, November 29

Contemporary Service
143 Broad
Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2021

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

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
Madeline Morgan

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The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff
The Rev. Jason Sentas, Associate Pastor

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
November 22, 2020 • 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: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**
Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied; Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield, Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear, Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home, From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away, Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home, Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, There, forever purified, in your presence to abide. Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home

*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 "Jesus! What A Friend For Sinners!"

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins.
Refrain:

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll.
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. *Refrain*

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high.
Storms about me, night o'er-takes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,
He has granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:6

"Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you."

SERMON

"Profaning the Holy"

Dave Rockness

*HYMN: "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations"

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. *Refrain*

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigns high above
Has sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. *Refrain*

*INVITATION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Greg Thompson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Messages: There will be a Children's Message posted on the church website (mooresvillefpc.org) at the end of each week. Click on Ministries tab, then Children tab.

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 a.m.
- Circle 5 - 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon.
- College Study - Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. on Zoom.
- Lost and Found Bible Study - This group meets on Mondays at 9:30 and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Current study is full but registration will reopen in spring.)
- Men's Bible Study - Monday Mornings at 7 a.m.
- Pilgrim's Progress Study - Thursday nights at 7 p.m. on Zoom
- Sermon Study with Dave - Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
- Men's Bible Study with Dave - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Advent and Christmas activities for the family: A variety of resources will be available for individuals and families to choose from as we enter the season of Advent, and look forward to Christmas celebrations. These resources are available this morning in 143 Broad and in the church parlor. Order forms are available for some of the resources, and other resources may be taken with you today. Supplies for Advent wreaths will be available from this Sunday until next Sunday, November 29. Supplies include Advent candles, pie pan with oasis, Advent wreath devotional. Please note: You will need to provide your own greenery for the wreath.

Angel Tree - We are partnering with the Mooresville Christian Mission to provide Christmas gifts for needy children, and the need is even greater this year because of the pandemic. With each angel you choose, you will be provided a local child's age, gender, Christmas wishes and/or clothing needs. Please plan to spend a minimum of \$35 on each angel gift. Sign ups will be available through a link on the website, in the coffee shop before the early service and in the parlor for the 11:00 service, there will be mission team members available to help you complete the Sign Up Genius form should you need that. You may also call the church office to sign up.

Holiday Food Gift Baskets: There is also the opportunity to give a \$50 "virtual" gift basket of food which the Christian Mission will provide for those in need. You may simply send a check to FPC (249 West McLellan Ave., Mooresville, NC 28115) with the memo line "Angel Tree Food Basket" to give a food basket. Thank you for helping us love our community together!

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.

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.

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		

Bereavement – The family of Margaret Sanders

Members of the Church		
Al Culp	Bill Harris	Rosemary La Barre
Gene Harris	Glyn Powell	Amy Williams
Carol McClure & Family	Sheri Mack	Tom Trosuk

Friends of the Church

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Hudson Hitchcock
Dianne Haynes	Barry Davis	Tom Castilano
Patti McNeely Beamish	Pastor Brian Miles	Floyd Dinkins

Armed Forces

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