

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 27

Sunday, March 27		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School/First Kids	Room 301 & 309
10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Men’s Bible Class	Room 122
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/Logos Choir	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	New Member Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms
5:00 pm	VBS Planning Committee Meeting	Room 222
6:30 pm	Session Meeting	Room 300
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms

Monday, March 28		
9:30 am	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 166 – B	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1166 – G	Parlor

Tuesday, March 29		
6:00 pm	MCM Circles	Kitchen/Room 300 & 301
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts	Fellowship hall

Wednesday, March 30		
12:20 pm	Lenten Luncheon Service	143 Broad
4:30 pm	Logos/MSM	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Wed. Night Together Dinner	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Bible Study w/Dave	143 Broad
6:00 pm	Lost and Found Bible Study	143 Broad

Thursday, March 31		
7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	143 Broad

Friday, April 1		
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Event	143 Broad

Saturday, April 2		
7:15 am	Men’s Bible Study	143 Broad
11:00 am	MSM/Logos Trip	Fearless Adventure Park

Sunday, April 3		
9:30 am	Contemporary Service	143 Broad
9:45 am	Sunday School/First Kids	Room 301 & 309
10:00 am	Men’s Bible Class	Room 122
10:30 am	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00 am	Traditional Worship/MSM Sings	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	MS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms
7:00 pm	HS PYF	Fellowship Hall/Classrooms

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

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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*  
**March 27, 2022 ♦ 11:00 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

WELCOME Jason Sentas

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 93:    *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*  
Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light. Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word. Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand. From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

**\*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.**

LOGOS CHOIR      “This Little Light of Mine”  
                              “New Name Written Down In Glory”

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 5:3-14

“<sup>3</sup>But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be associated with them. <sup>8</sup>For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

SERMON      *“Unity in Christ: Darkness and Light”*      Dave Rockness

\*HYMN 580:       *“We Are Called to Be God’s People”*  
We are called to be God’s people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own, let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicated to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

\*INVITATION Dave Rockness

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Greg Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given** to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of baby Maya Collins Brawley, great-granddaughter to Bill and Carolyn Brawley.

**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.

**Midweek Lenten Luncheon Services** - The church is hosting a luncheon service each week during lent from 12:20 until 1:10 pm. These services include music, a short message, and an opportunity to discuss the message over a meal. The seven-week study is looking at the life of the Apostle Peter in relationship to Jesus. You are invited to bring your own lunch or register for a box lunch each week on the church website. This week's lunch is from Thai Thai. Cost is \$11.00 per meal.

**Interested in becoming a member of our church?** If so, please contact the main office and set up an appointment with Pastor Rockness. Our next class of new members will join the church on Sunday, April 3.

**Wednesday Night Together (WNT)** - Pastor Dave will be leading a 12-week Bible study on the Book of Acts in the 143 building. It will meet weekly (6-7pm) and is open to men and women of all age groups. Pizza and salad will be available for dinner (5:30-6pm) for a suggested donation of \$5 per/person. If interested in dinner, please contact the church office (704-664-5275) to register. This will give us an idea of how many people to plan for.

**2022 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](http://www.moorevillefpc.org), or from the church office (704) 664-5275. Deadline to be completed and returned to the church office is Monday, April 25.

**Spring 2022 Directories** are now available in the parlor on the welcome center table and in 143 Broad building.

**Vacation Bible School Planning Committee:** There will be a meeting of the VBS Planning Committee today at 5:00 pm in Room 222. VBS is scheduled for July 11 – 15 from 9:30 am – noon daily; registration begins May 1. This year's theme is "Jerusalem Marketplace." Please contact Ellen Auten if you have questions about VBS.

**Mission Needs:** A small group from the church is going to Kenya and Tanzania on April 18 to meet with some of our mission partners. One aspect of the trip is to deliver sound equipment to David Waako, and to bring android devices and reading glasses to the school and clinic we will be visiting in Tanzania. If you have any Android phones or tablets or reading glasses that you would like to contribute, please connect with Jason Sentas or Nathaniel Sentas. (jason@moorevillefpc.org, nathanielsentas@gmail.com)

**The Property Committee** is going to host a church workday on April 9, 2022 from 8:30 am - Noon and we need your help to make it happen. Some of the projects includes cleaning, organizing, landscaping, and choir room setup. In order to properly plan how much we can get finished, we are asking people to sign up in advance through the [website](http://www.moorevillefpc.org) (www.moorevillefpc.org) or to contact the office. Hope you can join us.

## PRAAYER 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	Kathleen Bates
Alecia Miller	Mary Mason	Peggy Rogers
Dot Nelson	Peggy Davidson	

**Bereavement – Sheryl Davis, in the death of her mother, Onie Mary Sherrill Kasper**

## Members of the Church

Gene Harris	Bill Harris	Amy Williams
Sheri Mack	Faye Wright	Adonna Dickerson
Lorra Lee Holshouser	Tom Trosuk	Fern Alexander
Marilyn Beaver & Family	Jeff Stonestreet	Rog and Greta McCrea
Kim Streb & Family	Thomas Miller	Jean Chislaghi

**Friends of the Church – Jim Maxwell, friend to Karen Shore;**

### Rhonda Kendrick, friend to Nancy Davidson

Baxley Hoover	Jacki Rullman	Patty McNeely Beamish
Cecilia Parker	Tom Castilano	Bill & Connie Kruse
Patti Dancoff	Cathy Moore	Sibyl Newton
Robb Parker	Al Daniel	Tillie Coyne
Jane Scovil	Reverend Richard Galbreath	Todd & Robin Gaither

## 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